

# Horoscopes

## AQUARIUS



I encourage you to keep your career stable and seek excitement in extracurricular activities. Work and play hard and you will feel great satisfaction. This intensifies the passion you demonstrate in every aspect of your life. You will also benefit from spending some time on concentration.

## ARIES



Passion in relationships, a lust for life, and inspiration in pursuing your goals will be very much in evidence. There will be secrecy, confidentiality, and intimacy woven into the tapestry of your world.

## CANCER



Take the high road and be sure to thank all those who have been supporting your progress over this past month. Intensity in making sure that others keep their promises and agreements with you is seen. Agreements not honored at this time will result in compromise.

## CAPRICORN



You are finally achieving what you have worked so hard for. The static tension actually engages your will in some very positive ways. Those in authority, on the job, or experts you seek out will naturally commune with you. You will be choosing where your true sense of responsibility lies at this time.

## GEMINI



Protect parents and your position in the workplace with peacekeeping and persuasiveness in order to make assured progress. Any arguments or challenges you have been facing will propel you to drop it completely.

## LEO



Enjoy a bit of peaceful sociability. There will be a strong desire for you to have the last word. Confusion can reign if documentation is not available. Rules and regulations can be a saving grace. Make sure you know how to approach your challenges in a direct manner.

## LIBRA



This is a valuable time to reinvest in joint ventures with someone you trust. It is easy to accept those different from yourself at this time and give them insights to move toward their goals. Doing an inner review of yourself can be remarkably fulfilling.

## PISCES



This is a deeply personal time for you to fill up the empty spaces in your life. Laugh and dance, take a new look at a healthy lifestyle or sport, and remove yourself from the conflict of others. Renew yourself!

## SAGITTARIUS



Your value system will be challenged at this time. You will be weeding out the old to make room for the new – both within yourself and all around you. Fall cleaning will take on a whole new meaning and a deeper understanding of system management is seen.

## SCORPIO



Your desire to become part of something greater than yourself will be intense and personally driven. You will be promoting charitable events and becoming more active in politics. The cry for help in the World calls you!

## TAURUS



This is a time when you may need to re-evaluate your relationships with others - friends or lovers, acquaintances, co-workers or your lover-to-be. It is a powerful time for you to be able to see more clearly the motives of others.

## VIRGO



Careful and thorough judgment is advised. Your ability to see both sides of the question can put you in the winner's circle as a negotiator. Keep all confidences behind closed doors.

# Book Review: The Sookie Stackhouse Novels

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The bestselling author Charlaine Harris published the first Sookie Stackhouse novel, *Dead Until Dark*, in May 2001 starting her rise to fame.

*Dead Until Dark* is about the telepathic protagonist, Sookie Stackhouse, who is a cocktail waitress at the bar and grill called "Merlottes". Sookie was born a telepath and through out her life always had social problems with her friends and family. Her parents died in a flash flood when she was five, leaving her and her brother Jason Stackhouse to live with their grandmother Gran.

When the Japanese create a synthetic blood that can satisfy vampires' nutritional needs so that vampires will not have to feed from humans, the vampires decide to come out of the coffin and try to receive equal rights between vampires and humans. Some people on both sides of the equal right movement have problems with the amendment and try to wage war.

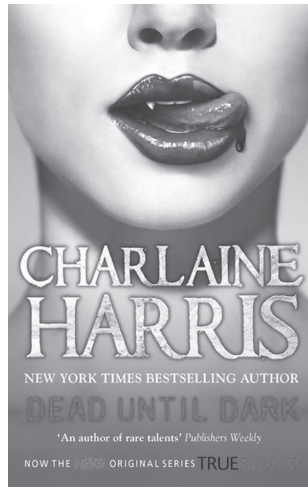
One night, while

Everybody is looking for that special someone to love and to love them back. But does that special someone really exist, and if they are how do we find them? There are people who have met that special person, yet others are still waiting for them to appear in their life. To the ones still waiting, my advice is to be patient and never give up. That special someone will find their way into your life.

Movies like *Titanic*, *The Notebook*, and *A Walk to Remember* are filled with love and romance. In other words, a chick flick. Those looking for love are probably thinking that there are not anyone like Jack and Rose from *Titanic*, or Noah and Allie from *The Notebook*.

I say that there are; they have not made themselves visible to you yet.

There could be several reasons that a special person has not appeared into your life. Those looking for love, try being yourself and do not act any differently when you are around



Sookie is working the night shift at Merlottes, a vampire named Bill Compton get attacked by drug addicts who try to drain his blood in the parking lot. Sookie saves him and realizes that she cannot read a vampires mind. The relationship between Bill Compton and Sookie Stackhouse becomes exciting and mysterious as Bill find that Sookie has no blood type and tastes completely different from other humans.

Charlaine Harris is one of those people with a rare writing talent to keep a story going with interest, mystery, and suspense. The Sookie Stackhouse novels are recommended to all of those who like vampires, werewolves, shape shifters, and other mythical monsters.

# Love Struck

your friends as you would be around the person you are romantically interested. It is like you are wearing a mask hiding the true you. Someone may never see what your true character is behind your mask.

Another reason is fear. If you are waiting for love and have not made a connection to a person of interest, maybe it is fear holding you back. Being in love with someone from afar is quite lonely. Take that step and make that connection. You might be surprised and find that special someone. And remember, being loved back is not something that comes everyday.

Follow your heart; it knows the right answer. Remember it is easy to fall in love, but hard part is to find someone who is long term. Sometimes it does not work out. If that happens, take a step back and try to find out why it did not work. Maybe, you were not compatible with each other. Sure you stumbled, but do not be afraid to take the risk to try

# Fiction Corner

## The Empty Room Chapter 1

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"Vampires do not sparkle," I yelled as I threw the dreaded book across the room. "Why would we sparkle? If I were to walk out into the sunlight I would burst into flames! Not sparkle!"

John Tucker smiled as he looked at the blazing fire, "I think you got your point across Bekah."

I turned on my heels and stomped out the door, only to run into my brother, Ryan. He smiled at me then ruffled my hair, "What's up small fry?"

I smacked his hand away and stomped up the stair case, "I am suing the person who wrote the dreaded book called *Twilight*."

Ryan followed me up the stairs, "May I ask why?" His voice was hollow and empty bringing back a horrible nightmare, one that had sat and gnawed at the back of my mind for years. The one

thing I wish I could take back and man did I wish it never happened! That night my world had shattered. And now I felt salty tears run down my face.

I heard my sister close her bedroom door. Her calm voice ringing in my ears, "Sister what happened?" She placed her hand on my shoulder and I pulled away. No one needed to know...no one should ever know.

I pushed past Ryan and my little sister, Susan. I ran down the hall, tears flying off my face. I swung open my door and slammed it shut immediately behind me. I hit the floor with a thud, tears now pouring out like an ongoing flood. I was a monster a horrible monster. I dragged my inhuman carcass to my bed and tried to stop my tears.

Then a soft knock came at the door, "Sister we need to talk..."

To be continued...

# Poetry

## My Broken Prince

In the rain, you stand alone.

A broken dream, shattered and blown.

There's a light, yet you never see

How much you actually mean to me.

For once, I wish, you'd let me in

And show you how to look within.

Because, you may think you're second best

But to me, you're greater than the rest.

I love you with all my heart and soul,

And if I could, I would take all your tolls.

Deep inside, I know you're in pain,

But please let me take all your shame.

Oh! My broken prince, you may think I don't understand.

But I know greater than you'll ever comprehend.

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