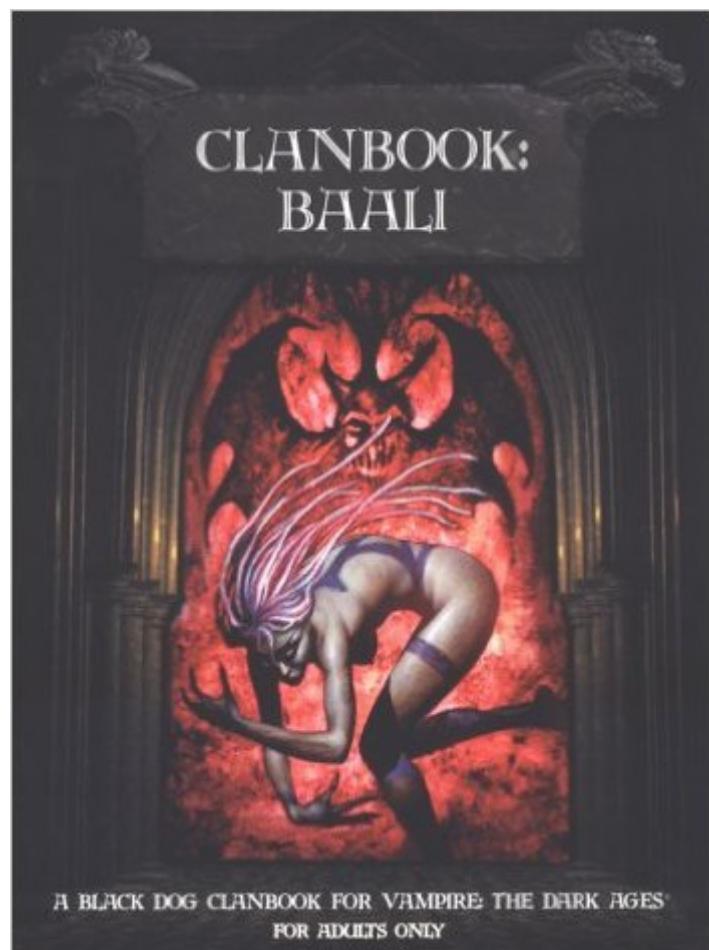


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Customer Reviews

This book was so interesting, that I had to finish it in a single take. All Vampire material should be like this (the excess is highly overrated, I don't what the fuss is all about). If some people find this sick or disturbing, they should quit playing games about characters who have to kill and drink blood just to survive :-). I'm a VtDA ST, and this book has great value for my chronicle. Just reading it opened a well of ideas and story plot in my mind. I have used no Baali until now, I thought they represented all the boring and cliche aspects of evil. Clanbook Baali changed all that, there are so many different and subtle ways they could creep into a chronicle... (I'll stop here as not to spoil the fun) Closing statement: A must for ST's, a good read for all VtDA fans, and a new bloodline to play for mature and experienced roleplayers only.

I bought this clanbook in the hope that it would have basic info on the Baali. What I got was advanced disciplines and very interesting history of the Baali (which made this a Five-Star book.) What I didn't know, and this is from my ignorance of how the Clanbooks were organized in the Old World of Darkness, is that the "clanbooks" are oriented towards advanced players or those who want to play as/have NPC Elders in their chronicles. I didn't know this, and so I was expecting a full discussion of the Baali and their Discipline. Even though I was blown away by the history and by what Elder Baali can do, I was very disappointed that the majority of the book was so focused on the Elders of Clan Baali. To summarize: Baali History- 5 Stars Baali Discipline listings- 3 Stars

(Nothing below level 5 on Daimoinon?!?!? Come on!)Over all- 4 Stars

As is printed on the cover, Clanbook: Baali is not suited for children. Its pictures might offend people as may its content. So if you are religious you shouldn't buy it. But to put it right the Baali are not all satanists! They worship old evil beings called the Children (of darkness) called names of old babylonian and assyrian gods. They are cruel, sadistic, perverted, spread diseases via insects and perform rituals resembling satanic rites what leads to their image as worshipers of Satan. After some time the weak Baali started to think of themselves as servants of Satan because of the other clans. That's a very short summary of their history. So if you feel offended by anything stated here don't buy the book otherwise buy it and enjoy an Chronicle enhanced with pure EVIL.

The Baali book is great for storytellers. It gives great (and sick) details on their background. Yes, the book is quite graphic, but they're EVIL! Evil people aren't nice. There is more info on the Baali in the Dark Ages Companion. It talks about Shaitan and his decent into madness. And for players, in the Baali book it says multiple times and I quote "Baali are for storyteller use only". And to the people who are offended by this book, grow up! If you don't want to know what evil vampires do or where they come from, don't buy the book. Simple. The book is great. Hooray for White Wolf. Keep it going guys!

Having read the other reviews, I must agree that Clanbook: Ba'ali is quite graphic and it obviously offends some people. They shouldn't use it! Personally I feel that a Storyteller can use the book to really flesh out his Dark Ages story. I must agree with another "reviewer"...I can't see a player having a Ba'ali character, but as a plot element, story hook, etc.--YES! I was actually somewhat horrified by the content--GUESS WHAT!--it served its purpose!!!! Is this item shrink wrapped with parental advisory, etc? I can't remember...it should be.

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i know that a lot of people who read this book was offended by it. it certainly isn't for everyone. the baali doesnt have to exist in each and every soryteller's game setting but, if it does, then this book is a great help. it gives in-depth information about the baali in an intelligent, three dimensional manner. not an "evil for the sake of evil" but gives real reasons why the baali do what they do and what they are. my only problem is that the book does not give enough daimoinon powers but it is rich in historical content and the philosophies of the baali. for me, i don't regret purchasing this book.

The most disturbing of the clan series. It provides a darker insight into this clan of the dark ages. Very richly detailed and provides plenty of info for anyone willing to dive into a more "adult" side of Vampire. I highly recommend this to all mature minded Vampire fans...but come on an empty stomach.

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