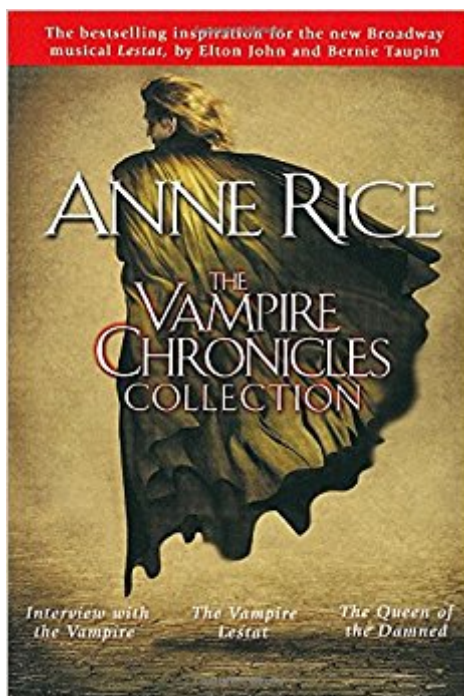


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First read this book the month it was first released. Read it in 10 hours, it was that good. Couldn't put it down, it was like binging on a box of the best chocolates in the world. I have read it countless times since then and it never, ever gets old. EVER! I consider Anne Rice to be one of a small handful of writers to be truly gifted. One of the best writers of this century. I truly consider her books to be thought provoking, allowing the reader to follow the character as they examine their natures, souls and the concepts of right, wrong, good, and evil. I know that I continue to examine mine every time I read this series.

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