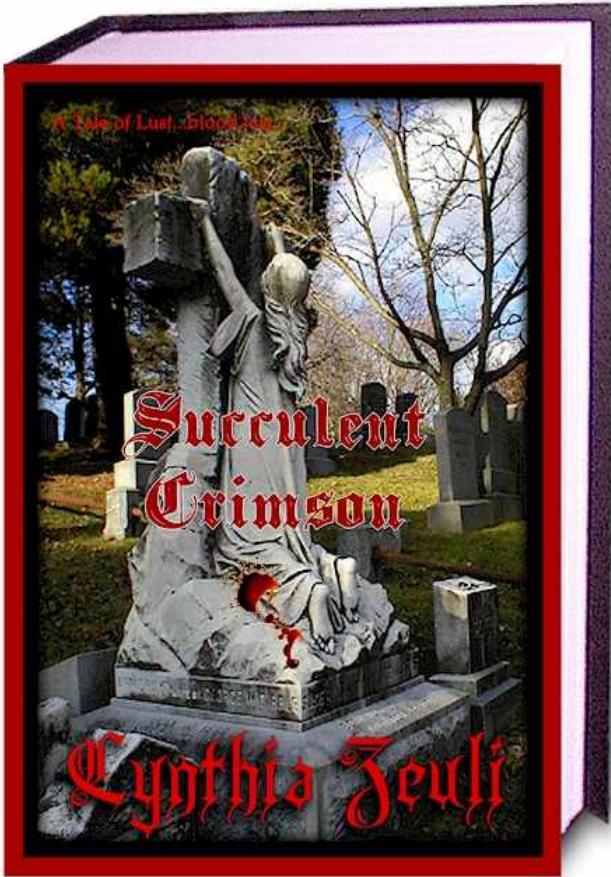


# Succulent Crimson

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Christopher Chagny, a famous horror writer's son, has been obsessed with vampires since the death of his father, a tragic and unexplained event he was too young even to recall.

His adoring childhood friend in glasses, Olivia Figaro, can't get Christopher to see her as anything but a kid. His obsession is all he notices. *Especially* now, because Christopher's mother has a publicity stunt in mind that will finally put her son in contact with a genuine vampire. Countess Della Luna, murdered in Italy nearly four-hundred years ago, is an unsolved mystery and fabulous legend among the truest connoisseurs of vampire lore. Christopher is slated to pose for cameras digging up her grave.

Years later, L.A. life and an interest in police work land Olivia in a great job as bodyguard to famed teenage TV star Taylor Stockton. Taylor has an obsession with vampires that plunges Olivia straight back into the forgotten morass she'd shared with her childhood love, Christopher Chagny. But young Taylor's obsession is based in fear, not rapture. No one believes Taylor was kidnapped a year ago by a real vampire, Olivia included. But as a powerful bond develops between these two, Olivia determines to

protect Taylor at any cost, even if it means hunting vampires.

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