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Reviewed Optimal Living 360: Smart Decision Making for a Balanced Life ...

Not Something I found Useful

November 04, 2014

There is a little of everything covered in this book. A short basic outline for life. How to watch your health, your time, your nutrition, your religions an investment. The author has you constantly check you ROI, Return on Investment. I did not like the way it was presented, it felt like a business course and had very little person touch. It was a bit too simplistic and formulated for me to want to review back to it. This might be something a High school student might find useful but for most adults I think the answers here are obvious.

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Reviewed Sinner (The Wolves of Mercy Falls Book 4) ...

Too Much Teenage Drama Not Enough Wolf

October 26, 2014

What a depressing read. Sad depressing thoughts, unhappy lives, dark perceptions, out of nowhere ending that tried to make LA seem like a cesspool of the world.

Cole, the suicidal addict werwolf rock star and now TV reality star, is not a very interesting character. He fell flat for this reader. He had so much drama, he was so unhappy, and most of it was his doing. He was also rude, mean, and quick to slit the throats of innocents who thought him special. He enjoyed upsetting the balance of others, watching their discomfort. I disliked him completely.

Isabel was immature, spoiled, and a bitch. She stormed around spewing her thoughts about her parents situation like she was the Queen of all. She treated her parents, her family with disgust. The chip on her shoulder told her the world owed her and she should know that. Wow, I really wanted to shake her hard. Then there was the whole let's see if I can tweak-a jerk with the bosses HUSBAND, yes the husband. She had temper tantrums when things weren't as she wanted, she snapped at people, and she was just a little snit. She never got her own head out of her bum. Oh, then after all that stomping and roaring about how she was not... she did that in the end ? What ???

The ending was so ridiculous, the whole book was a waste of time. The sudden and unbuilt ending was a slam out of left field with nobody throwing the ball ? Why did this happen, what happened between calling Baby and that final return of the item ? WHAT !!!!!!!!!!!

Was there a wolf in this ? I heard about it but it wasn't added in it was silly teenage love-justo drama with abusive tendencies. I guess you can see that I did not enjoy this book. I really liked the others in the series this one was so different it didn't work for me.

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Reviewed Confinement: A Novella of Horror ...

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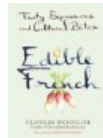
This One Had Me Hiding Under the Sheets

October 24, 2014

Oh my, I finished this late last night while alone in my living room with only my little book light on. Holy Crispy Nuts it's was dark in the house. I swear the saw something in the shadow there, oh no that one moved ! SQUEEEEEK ! I did the scared little mouse impersonation and ran into my bedroom jumped on the bed woke the hubby and covered up where I am safe from all harm because of super duper sheet protections ?!?! I have no idea where that came from but it's in my head so I believe. (So much for being a grown woman) I hid there breathing as quietly as I could waiting for something to move, touch me or..... Yes, that is what this little quick read left me with.

If you are afraid of the shadows, of someone waiting in the dark to end you, of not knowing when or where he will be, this is your book. Enjoy and remember never let them lock you in without a weapon !

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Reviewed *Edible French: Tasty Expressions and Cultural Bites ...* by Clotilde Dusoulier

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Beautiful Edible Words have Meanings

October 09, 2014

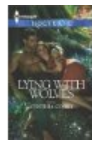
I expected to hear some common French phrases I've heard over the years but I got some really unknown ones. I think I've heard maybe three of all these. The French language is so beautiful you can say the nastiest thing and make it sound like a love poem. Knowing these little phrases should be fun. "Etre tout sucre tout miel" = being all sugar and honey. Which basically means somebody who is being all fake, overly nice, and sweet when they don't really feel that way. One of the weirdest to me was " Pedelar dans la choucroute"= Peddling in Sauerkraut - LOL to means being in over one's head.

I found myself really enjoying these little phrases after I got a bit into the book. There is the brief description and a fun little way to use it in conversation at the bottom. I can see my snarky self using many of these in the future. I love commenting something that really only hits home with me.

There are even recipes included that tie in with some of the phrases. Bonus ! beautiful water colors and color slashes make the page bright and pleasant to look at. After you finish the book there is a little quiz you can take to see what you remember.

I plan on buying a copy of this for my son who travels to France and is a major foodie. It is a perfect gift for the French student, traveler, or food enthusiast.

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Reviewed *Lying with Wolves ...*

A Wonderful Fresh Werewolf Tale

October 09, 2014

A very enjoyable read with wonderful characters, second chances, danger, wolf shifters and mysterious forces.

Celia Lawson just wanted her freedom, and to heal her heartache. She ran from her packs home to the desert of Arizona to start a new life. She had a shop some family and yet she was still basically a prisoner. She couldn't step outside without great fear, the shadows whispered and screamed at her. Her use of crystals the only thing that kept her safe hidden behind the glass doors. She heard them even with her protection. It was still better than what she would have had to face at home, watching the man she loved married to another.

Malcom had tracked her across the country. He had to bring her back to the pack, they would die without her ability to rejuvenate the crystals and keep them all hidden. He had to bring her back, face the unforgivable truth of what he had done and try to win her back. What he had done was so awful he knew once he told her the truth, she would hate him forever. He had to save his pack, to give something what what he had taken.

Things are complicated by a stalker, two wild cousins, and some very stuff old geezers who are hell bent on keeping to the rules no matter what. The town is stuck in an old pattern which may be their doom.

I really liked this author pacing and especially the way she wrote the woman. These women had some serious reasons to be catty to each other. I expected them to hate, screech, and tear at each other. I expected it because it is so common in books, not this one. Ms. Cooke wrote them respectful, intelligent and believable. Bravo ! Finally a romance that didn't read like a cheesy TV reality show. I have my eye out for more work from her she is an artist to watch for this reader.

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Reviewed The Girl With All the Gifts ...

Dark Twisted and Fabulous

October 02, 2014

I don't know what to say without spoiling the effect of this story for you. I was struck down to my knees on this one. I went into it totally blind which is how I think it would be best read. It is not a pretty happy read, it is dark twisted filled with heart-wrenching emotional bursts. It is a dystopian horror novel with a unique twist and some very difficult moments. If you need to know before you take the plunge there are many reviews with spoilers, I hope you don't and allow yourself to watch this story unfold through blind eyes.

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Reviewed Buried Bones (Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery Book 2) ...

Twisted Small Town Southern Mystery

September 27, 2014

Twisted !

When local world traveling author/artist Lawrence comes home stirs the pot with his tell all book that he has written. He warns about secrets that are all going to come out and the people should prepare. Worried stares, whispers and scrambling surround his presence. When he goes belly up at after his whoop to do dinner party the fun begins.

Sarah Booth is paid by her electric dance teacher and friend to find the murder. The players all peek their heads into her view. The quirky, jerky, sexual, smooth and bitchy, that make up this small town are almost all suspects. She wanders into something so deep her boots may not save her from getting touched by the muck. Her life once again may be ended early with her inability to stick her nose in her own business only.

Her love life is still a mess. The man who has been a perfect gentleman has sipped into something ugly. He gives her a sweet cuddly puppy one minute and completely shuts her off another. He can go from hot to freezing so fast even I got whiplash. Yes, here is another man who could use a basic class in communication 101. His lack of ability to share might just cost him any chance with Sarah Booth. Then there is the fact that even his is a suspect.

Sweetie Pie was the hero of this story. She wore her super dog cape and wore it well, so well the 4 legged male population visited her regularly. It's tough being a sex symbol and a hero at the same time.

I had a good time reading this second book in the series. I love the quirky side characters they each hold so much attention they could go off on their own stories. I've already ordered the next book and can't wait to see where the ending went. I can't tell you without spoilers but Sarah Booth was in a very happy moment in the arms of....

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Reviewed Memory Zero: The Spook Squad 1 ...

Wahooo, want more of this !

September 14, 2014

An urban fantasy, action packed, a spritz of a possible romance with one smart, take no prisoners female main character and a stubborn emotionally scarred man. Shifters, changers, vampires, clones and others fill in the gaps between the humans and things are going to get bloody. I really liked this one.

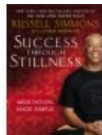
Sam is a mystery to everyone including herself, who is she, what is she and where did she come from is the question many want to know. Her evil nemesis uses her, tempts her with bits of the big secret. It seems somebody may know her history but getting it might be more difficult and costly than she is willing to pay. Her whole career might be thrown in the toilet. There is no doubt she is more than a simple human, she is a changing. Everyone wants her to sit back and be a good victim, but that is not her style.

Gabriel, Spook Squad lone ranger and "stay away from me" man is going never going to be the same after this case. It all starts when he watches as a young female cop outruns something she should have never seen in the first place and makes her his project. Oh his mission leads him all the places he doesn't want to go, like working with somebody, and watching those he cares about in danger.

The world is filled with cool laser guns, cloning, special technologies, and super secret agencies, mysteries, back stabbing, power struggles and so much more. I thought it had the perfect amount to keep me interested on every page and have me pick

up book two seconds after finishing this one.

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Reviewed Success Through Stillness: Meditation Made Simple ...

A Nice Surprise

September 07, 2014

I got much more out of this little book than I expected to at the 50 % point. I was a bit underwhelmed by the first half, it was very analytical of the reason to meditate and the stories of those who do practice it. Please, I didn't need all that I just need the golden ticket, magic mirror. I wasn't interested in hearing about that how it helped other stuff, I wanted instant gratification ! Ha ! Mr Simmons made me wait, and slow down to his pace before he gave out the very short, very simple and yet very impressive method. Captain Sparrow would find it perfect that is all comes down to the "rum." Read the book, you'll find out. Some of my favorite quotes from the book:

"The bad news is that s*** happens.

The good news is that each and everyone of you has the power to control and change your experience of this s*** when it happens"- Hedy Kober

"You have control over your work alone, never the fruit."-Bhagavad Gita

"You will not be punished for your anger. You will be punished by your anger" Lord Buddha

" My religion is compassion":- Russell Simmons

"If you want others to be happy practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."- The Dalai Lama

"the irony is, when I look around at a lot of so-called religious leaders today, I don't see a lot of compassion. I see a lot of judgement and even hatred, but not so much empathy."- Russell Simmons

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Reviewed The \$100 Startup: Reinvent the Way You Make a Living, Do What You Love, and Create a New Future ...

Great Stories of Exceptional Ordinary People Doing More With their Lives with Advice

August 20, 2014

One of my favorite things to read about is a success story. I love watching how the underdog made good on his adventures in life. I want to hear about the struggles the failures, the fighting spirit that kept them going even when everyone said "quit." This book was filled with these and plenty of hints to help me, or you the independent spirit push through with a bit more knowledge to help survive the journey however it goes.

The author is not shy about sharing knowledge, he gives it freely and offers more on his website. There are easy charts for figuring out your business passion, your plan simplified, promotion and much more. A talk about the what if I fail is here too because if it was a sure thing everyone would be doing it, so deal with it and keep moving. (My words not his.)I do plan on continuing with him on his site.

I have started many businesses failed many, sold a couple and drifted away from others. I went through all the detailed business plans, bank loan officers, and leases, I admit that killed my love for the business right away. I like the challenge of building a business without the hassle of the selling my should part of the deal. I wish I'd had this book in my hands 30 years ago, I would have had more fun in my quests.

It's all about KISS and dedication. If you really want your freedom, it costs. Not all of us are willing to pay the price, or are we willing to give up what an "traditional" job gives us. We all have our own paths. I thought this book was an excellent read for the small start up and I am passing it down to my children who have all started their own small businesses.

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Reviewed Fireborn: A Souls of Fire Novel ...

Phoenixes, Fire Fae and Vampires Oh My

August 14, 2014

I found this while shelf surfing my local library. I was a bit taken back when it was marked "romance" I'm not a romance fan usually. Well, somebody in the department of genre marking screwed up, there is no romance in this book. There is heartbreak, an old one that keeps stabbing her in the back, jerk. There is sex, KA likes to give her characters sexual freedom without going over the line. (IMHO) Her female characters are allowed to be who they want to be and feel what they want without worrying about societal issues with it. They are smart, self sufficient, respectful, likable and honest, and I like it.

Emberly's boss is killed and his notes are stolen from her normally dull job. There are people trying to get a hold of his notes that she may have, bad people and worse people. More bodies start showing up all tied to this research her boss was working on, some kind of cure for and illness that is spreading across the city. She is forced contact with her ex while trying to save her new friend a Fire Fae from sure death. (The Fire Fae is lip smacking yummy.) Mysteries, lies, backstabbing tricks, and brutal beatings are in their future.

Emberly, is a Phoenix half of a mated pair. Rory is her mate fated to be forever together but never in love. They are cursed to never really be happy in love outside of each other either. Then there is the they can't not live without the other issue. They have travels through many lifetimes together.

Sam is Emberly's Ex love in this life. He is the jerk with the twisting knife in her back. He shows up in one of her prophetic dream and she saves his miserable life which puts her in range for that dang knife twisting a bit more. Oh I love to hate this man !

I loved the pacing, the action, the strong spirit and the mythos. I can't wait to get book 2. One thing irked me, and it happened a lot. I got tired of Emberly's pinning after super duper jerk wad Sam. He was such a jerk and not worth more than a brief back thought. It did not fit in with what I thought she was and felt out of character.

So here is to Sam dieting a terrible death in book 2 :D

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Reviewed Prayers for the Stolen ...

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A Look At the Cost OF The Drug Trade Through a Young Girls Eyes

July 25, 2014

I read this at the request of my daughter. It is not something I would ever had read otherwise. It was a beautifully written book about a horrible life. I will never think about illegal immigrants the same way again. I've heard the tales of them coming here to avoid their horrible lives but I could not relate and still can't really. I was born here in the USA and dang grateful for it. Living through these nightmares with this young girl, even if made up has shown me how horrible the horrors could be.

The book is about a young girl living in the mountains outside of Acapulco. It is a very remote village, where there are no men only women and children. The men are off working in another city or country or have run off for good. The woman struggle to make do, and to hide their pretty daughters. There are no female children here only little boys till puberty, little girls are stolen. Pretty girls are owned by the cartels that use them sell them or kill them. The mothers make their girls ugly, bury them in dirt holes and pray. We follow this girl while she watches the horrors of her life stumble and crash.

This is not a pretty book, there are no dances, no happy smily faces, no rainbows. Reality, the dark side of corruption and the drug trade in Mexico.

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Reviewed Midnight Crossroad (A Novel of Midnight, Texas Book 1) ...

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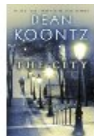
Slow and Easy with an Extra Side Of Quirky

July 17, 2014

3.5- it was slow, it was not exciting, and yet it was a pleasurable experience. I enjoyed the relaxed small town feel of the story. The pacing was easy, how life happens in a one gas station country town. A place where everybody knows your business and keeps to theirs for the most part. This is the kind of community that reveals their steal bonds in times of trouble. It is also a place where many beings have come to hide away from the outside world. Not much happens no, but the characters introduced were just the way I like them, quirky, magical, nerdy and extremely different, not a "normal" in the bunch.

I enjoyed the previous paranormal mysteries from Ms. Harris and I loved that she brought a few of her old characters into this story and gave us some more, finally, on Manfred. I like her writing it brings me happiness. I will continue the series.

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Reviewed The City: A Novel ...

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Not As Good as I Expected

July 04, 2014

A young boy encounters a woman who tells him she is "The City" she arrives with terrible nightmares of death. She tells him he must remember the names. He does, what nearly ten year old boy wouldn't after vivid visions of death. He is an unusual boy, given a long name made up of musical masters he carries the love of music deep in his soul and feels the need to live up to his many names. His life takes a major turn when one of the faces in his dreams shows up in his apartment building. There is danger and he searches out another tenant for help in the matter. The tenant, a survivor of American Japanese encampment is the most interesting character in the story in my opinion, starts a long and fruitful friendship that will lead them through many dark nights and memories.

The first half of the book dragged on for me. There was little momentum in the story. It covered daily struggles, domestic upheavals, and history. This is all done in a first person POV from mostly the boy.

The second half started to have some momentum but just as I thought it was going somewhere it drifted off into back stories again. Only one interested on the Japanese encampment histories, and that didn't go far enough. We got hints and peeks into what had happened but it never fully came to be. Many of the started side stories had no resolution they just drifted into nothing. There was a lot of history on bands and musicians which just held nothing for me. It was not a bad read I just don't enjoy this style of writing I need more momentum, less recounting. It was too slow of a build up with a less than expected ending.

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Reviewed City of Heavenly Fire (The Mortal Instruments Book 6) ...

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Not My Favorite of The Series

June 25, 2014

I finished, phew ! That was my first thought as I turned to the last page. It wasn't that I didn't like it, it was a very good read. I was just tired of this story. It was like the house guest that stayed a week too long and drank all the coffee. Dang they had to go, yesterday. I'd had enough fun and games with Jace, Clary, Simon, Mangus, Alec and others a few books ago. I felt relief at the end, not for the characters but for me gaining my freedom from it. It really does sound like I didn't like it. The book was too long, IMHO.

The ending, well it was action packed, it was intense at times, good vs. evil war, truths revealed, hearts broken and then mended (somewhat too easy on the latter), useless adults, and even some brief fade to black sex. The main characters all got their nice shiny endings wrapped in a pretty package. The bad, well they had coming what happens to bad things.

I had some issues with some changes in character traits to Magnus. He as just such a whiny wimp in this one. He's afraid, he's can deal with pain, he crumples, he offers himself up, he hide away, he hides from feelings. What happened did somebody steal his testosterone treatments ? His little Honey Boo Boo moments just didn't fit with my image of him from past books.

What did I like ? I like that it's over. (Omg, there it is again) I'm glad there was a resolution with all of them. It was nice that even with all the horrors that took place the gang all came out semi okay. I loved the wedding decorations, and the flowers. Ha ! read the book if you want t know who got married. I'm not telling. I liked the last minute of life for a certain nasty who deserved to die books ago.

At the end was a peek at a new series from the author. I didn't read it. I was afraid it would be yet another spin off from this one. Someday I may go back and read it. but I need a break after so many days reading this

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Reviewed The Winter King ...

This Author Won My Heart Again

November 02, 2014

I tried to think of a way to review this book I tried and failed. How do you review something that left your heart thumping, your brow sweating, and your soul singing ? There are no words worthy of this feeling. I loved this book, I loved the world, the characters and even the villains. I hated the villains one completely, true unwavering hate for a certain father figure. It was so nice to have a completely evil force to focus on without those wavering good deeds mixed in. Do not judge this book by the cover or the blurb on the back, they are so off from the reality of what is on the pages. This is a WOW, high fantasy, mystery, action packed, romantic tale. The writing is so vivid so detailed I could read each page twice and pick up different things each time.

I recommend this book and her Tairen Soul series already published -read them

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Reviewed Sweet Peril (The Sweet Trilogy Book 2) ...

Better then the First But Still Not Grabbing Me

November 02, 2014

So much better, no hyper-drug glorifying, no near rapes, no serious brainless high school cliquish moments, mostly. I hated book 1. It was terrible covering just about every subject I have no interest in reading about for entertainment. Why did I move on ? Someone I respect found something they liked in this series and challenged me to continue. So, being the easy sort I did. It was so much better, there was a plot, there was intrigue and there was unresolved feelings.

The big bad evil Dukes are still the back stabbing evil ones but some of their charges are starting to rebel. Whisperers are watching, spilling secrets, everyone is in danger. They defile the world's innocence and twist it till it is as tarnished as they are. Their children are their servants and not much more, easily killed or tossed away.

Anna is a special snowflake among them and may be the sword that sets them all free. This was a bit annoying, I found her telling about her prophecy of greatness tedious after the second time. She travels around in this book her duty is to sway others to see her gloriousness and follow. Her purity, oh gawd, please just stop telling us how pure you must be.... I really don't like Anna. I don't believe her as a character. She's so sickening in her "goodness" and kind thoughts and then like a light switch she's reaching for the drugs/alcohol. Her love for Ky is weird. Her watching him make out with another, her "it's okay if you work" so not believable. She is the big flaw in this story for me.

I am intrigued by the other Nefs. I like their stories, their flaws, their evil tendencies. They are troubled by their addictions, and don't know how to fit outside the mold they have been folded into. Watching them discover another side of themselves is keeping me going. I want to see where they go, who they end up with. I want them to be free.

So I'm downloading the last book now. I still have not fallen for this series, I could not recommend it, that says it all right there.

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Reviewed Made for You ...

Creepy Twisted YA Mystery

October 20, 2014

I found this while shelf surfing my library's audiobooks, I had never heard of it but I know and like the author, so why not. I like reading books blind, I have no expectations and it's all a surprise. Well, what a good find ! The narration on this was fabulous, read by three different people. This make it so easy to get lost in the story. The characters were layered in life's muck making me love/hate them. The who done it, had me guessing till near the end. Oh my, the psycho was so sick and twisted I was on the edge the whole time. The part I enjoyed the most was the MC she was not the meek, stupid spoiled little rich girl, not the quiet mouse, this girl was honest, level headed and ready to fight.

A thriller, with YA levels and a light romance. There is a slight para-twist but is mostly a contemporary YA thriller. There is

murder with fairly vivid details, drugs, sex and violence.

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Reviewed Generation 18: The Spook Squad 2 ...

Want More !

October 09, 2014

This second book in the series picks up right where Memory Zero left off. Sam is partnered with a reluctant Gabriel, who is making the partnership a living bore-fest. His theory, that she will get tired of working as a paper pusher and will request a transfer. Too bad for him she is not going down as easy and he wished, she can out stubborn him and maybe out maneuver him too. Their banter and power plays are fun to witness, and I love that fact that she usually wins the battle with her brains, strength and determination.

Sam is developing some very interesting powers. There are still so many unknowns going on in her life, she finds few if any real answers. There are her dreams, where she meets with a mysterious man who seems to have all the knowledge of her past but only wants to play word games with her. She is on the edge of something, it's there just out of reach.

Gabriel, the self imposed loner wants nothing to do with a partner, he'll just watch them die and he's had enough of that. He has feelings, and these he keeps under his veil of indifference, he will not go there again. When his family is endangered some of his shell cracks and we get to see a little more of the inner Gabriel.

During the story Sam is attacked by an angry Budgie, yes the cute little bird. It was so funny I almost sprayed my coffee all over my Kindle. The vision was hilarious. There are some not so funny intense attacks and some very nasty evil doers.

I enjoyed this story as much as the first book. We got closer to the answers and further away from a possible romance. I like that is not easy, so this is perfect for my taste. The author centers the story on the dangers not the love interest, that is the cherry on the top of the cake still waiting to be devoured. Now where is book 3 ?

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Reviewed Flour and Water: Pasta ...

6 of 10 people found this review helpful

Not The Pasta Book For This Chef

October 09, 2014

Pasta by the season. Handmade pasta season by season is the way to go. If you have ever had it you know how much better it is when you made it fresh. My family has been making our own pasta for a couple years now. We started with a pasta machine and quickly threw that out in favor of hand kneading and a manual roller. I was excited when I saw the book come up for review I always need new recipes. Unfortunately, I found this book to be complicated and not for me.

There are a lot of recipes that are not practical in my opinion. How many of us have access to or cook with abalone, rabbit sausages, sea urchin, squid ink, squash blossoms ? If you are in California they are easier to find but not for many of us living in other places. I had problems with other ingredients too, some of the cheeses would be near impossible for me to find where I know live. I love the taste combination of some of these but the time involved making them and the ingredients needed would make it too difficult to bother with. These are the dishes I go to a restaurant to eat not something I want to tackle at home.

The positive of this the flavor combinations are amazing. I found some bits of recipes and sauces I plan to incorporate into other dishes. I would love to go to a dinner party and have any of these dishes served to me if my friends happen to be reading this.

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Reviewed Ovenly: Sweet and Salty Recipes from New York's Most Creative Bakery ...

10 of 11 people found this review helpful

Roll out the Elastic Waistbands

October 09, 2014

Two women meet at a book club and end up developing one of the best sweet shops in the country. Sounds unreal but that is how these two began. They worked, baked, and honed their dishes until they felt it was time to start selling. One of them loves salty the other sweet, the mixing of the two perfection in your mouth. They started out as home cooks and fumbled along the

steep learning curve known as the restaurant industry, which is not known for its successes. Their story is amazing and fun to read, their food a delight to share. I was lucky to have been able to try some of their baked items when I was in NY and so happy to see they finished a book so everyone can try their recipes.

The first chapter- Scones, wonderful butter absorbent treats for the soul. Then can easily go wrong and end up as dry hockey pucks. I have experience with this type. I had many flavored and plain recipes to choose from but the Bloody Mary Scones won. I loved them, they were flavorful and the horseradish made it for me. I have plans to try the other flavors maybe even the plain one.

The rest of the cookbook has Quick Breads, Strawberry Basil Loaf, Banana Nutella bread, just to name a couple. There is a chapter on muffins, with recipes for Harvest Muffins, Jelly Doughnut Muffins and more. Cookies and Shortbreads, how about Salted Chocolate Chip Cookies (vegan), or Mustard Spice Cookies. I made the Stumptown Shorty Cookies an Espresso flavored Shortbread like cookie from the gods ! I also learned how to burn sugar, a useful ingredient I never knew existed. The Pies and Tarts section had some very tempting looking recipes, Blue Cheese Apple Pie with Toasted Walnuts and Pear Sour Cream and Cardamom pie are on my list to try. There are brownies, I am not a brownie fan but the Cinnamon Ancho Chili recipe got me interested. Cakes and Cupcakes anyone ? I found the I want eat it all by my self cake recipe- Black Chocolate Stout Cake with Salted Caramel Cream Cheese Buttercream- Oh MY GAWD ! Just fit me in my elastic band pants and leave me alone while I enjoy this beauty. There is a nice holiday selection of different goodies that I've never heard of but they all look fabulous. Something new to bring to the table sounds good. Oh we have the Fillings Frostings and Sauces recipes, everything you need to pump up your dessert into the WOW level. Salted Dark Chocolate Pudding- yes that is now on my to make list too. Lastly we have Bar Snacks, yes bar snacks in a baking book and they sound scrumptious- Savory Rosemary Popcorn, or Peppery Pistachio Brittle, they would go very well with a nice cold drink.

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Reviewed Blood Crime (Graphic Novel) (The Hollows) ...

The Illustrations Ruined it For this Reader

September 27, 2014

Rachel, Ivy, Piscary, and Kisten all looked so ugly. The faces drawn so rough with ugly features. Where was Jenks ? How is it possible that Jenks would miss any of this ? This was a failure for me as a huge fan of the series. It was the art that was wrong, it took me out of the story and into some world that I didn't relate to.

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Reviewed Magic Breaks (Kate Daniels Book 7) ...

Fast Times In Atlanta, Hold on to Your Seat

September 24, 2014

Short little love note on this one, it doesn't need another review-

I love these authors, they always seem to reach everything I want in a great read. Fun, dangerous, sexy and riveting. It has it all. I love the new twist on the story and can't wait to see where they go from here. Curran was even better, Kate pulled some serious mojo and the rest of the gang, well they swung low and hard ! Interesting Interesting Interesting Yep, that was it was

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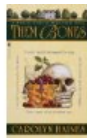
Reviewed If I Ever Get Out of Here ...

Heartfelt, Bittersweet and Realistic

September 13, 2014

A very good read, realistic in its peek at Rez life. I found it sometimes funny sometimes sweet, sometimes heartbreaking and more often than not I found it bittersweet. I got a great look at the other side of the coin from the other side's viewpoint

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Reviewed Them Bones: A Mystery from the Mississippi Delta (Sarah Booth Delaney Mystery Book 1) ...

A Southern Woman with Brains

August 28, 2014

A Southern Woman with Brains

Sarah Booth was raised in the South as a Daddy's Girl. She was to be a wife, a society player, a pretty arm piece for her husband. You don't always end up on the same path you start on, and Sarah Booth's life took a sharp left turn. Her parents died early, her finances cut short she is reduced to poverty and the possible loss of her family estate if she can't find some major cash soon. Her ghostly advisor comes up with an idea to dognap one of her old rich acquaintances little dog Chablis. This devious act starts Sarah Booth on a road that will make her or kill her, at the least it will stir up a lot of trouble for this small town.

What did I like about this story-

- 1) Sarah Booth, a Daddy's Girl who thinks, she manipulates, she considers her options, and this girl is willing to kick a bad guy when he's down and do it again because she wants to make sure he's down ! (about dang time a character did that)
- 2) Chablis- a vicious ball of fur that maybe weighs two pounds but the heart of a Lion.
- 3) The dim witted Southern Belles, who weren't as dim witted as they pretended to be.
- 4) Jitty- the ghost with the most fun. She has the best lines and knows how to whip her words into action.
- 5) the mystery, well thought out, interesting, I did not see it coming

What I didn't like

- 1) Womb
- 2) womb
- 3) womb
- 4) womb

omg my womb tingled, my womb twinges, my womb wanted something..... just not working for me. Enough with the "womb"

What is up with this authors obsession with this term ?

That was my only issue, I can't wait to get book 2.

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Reviewed Cress (The Lunar Chronicles Book 3) ...

Getting Better and Better With Each New Book

August 15, 2014

Well dang it, that couldn't have been it ! But, I checked my player to see if my battery died or I didn't download all of it ? No such luck that was the end, cliffhanger madness ! I am hanging here, right in the middle of Earth and Luna wondering how this smack down will go , will Wolf ever smile again, is the princess really crazy and hazy, does Cress get her love, and Cinder will she be the revolution ? Come on MM, I NEED TO KNOW !

I loved the book. I really liked how all the characters slowly came together and wound around each other. Each books get just slightly more intense than the last.

The narrator was fabulous, I never doubted that these people were talking. It was so natural I never thought about the it being the same person.

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Reviewed If I Stay ...

I Just Didn't Feel It at All

August 07, 2014

2.4 I just didn't get the emotional whirl I expected. There was a very disconnected feeling throughout the whole story. I found no connection to the main character or her ordeal. This was not a book for my taste

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Reviewed Pet to the Tentacle Monsters! ...

Squiggles and Squirming

July 17, 2014

My first walk into tentacle monster loving. It was so touchy feely so tactile so, ah um different. So we have this young man who on his eighteenth birthday does something totally stupid and wrecks his colonies food source. The Alien's have the humans in camps and control everything. This young guy is taken away thinking his death is near. He is surprised when he wakes up in a white room and meets the big bad monsters, who turns out to be a cute pink tentacle girl monster about the size of a cat. Ah how cute right ? Then Black appears, he's big black and has a lot of control methods he puts into place. Our boy quickly learns to obey or he gets that arse of his slapped. Has he been a bad boy ! Just when he learns his lessons from Black when a new more dominating squiggle guy takes over and he likes it when our bad boy cries.... Holy Calamari, that was a squiggly book to read, I squirmed. I am not an erotic, BDSM, MM reader normally so I can't compare. I didn't find it that interesting, and I was less shocked than I expected to be.

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Reviewed Boondocks Fantasy ...

Fun Quick and Fresh Fantasy

July 11, 2014

I picked this book up for the cover and title. I made a deal with myself that I would go to the library and shelf surf for one book a month that was just too much uniqueness for me to pass up. I have been looking at this one for months it was calling to me daring me. I had to take it home.

I read it, and I liked all the stories except maybe three. They where just not my style of read at all. Many of these authors are not even seasoned writers, they are gaming programers, grandmothers, bird wranglers... a very mixed bunch with some very interesting little tales. Most were tales of county mysteries with otherworldly woo hoo. One story stood out different form the others. It was a heartbreaking read of lose and recovery after, Black Rider, It was very well done.

I am not a fan of anthologies at all but this one gave me a nice break from the popular authors and a fresh playing field for my mind to wander into.

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Reviewed Skin Game: A Novel of the Dresden Files ...

2 of 3 people found this review helpful

Just Keeps Climbing the Impossible Odds And Getting Better Each Time

June 30, 2014

How to explain this book ? WOW ! There that is it, now you understand. Every book is one step better front he last, better when you didn't think it could get better. More intense when you already pulled out all your hair in the last book. There is nothing I can say without spoiling the adventure, it needs to be a surprise, you need to feel the booms and not expect them. Good luck keeping your hair and enjoy Harry and his wild life.

Favorite Quotes:

" I remember very little of my father, but one thing I do remember is him telling me to be polite. It costs you nothing but breath, and can buy you as much as your life.

What, don't look at me like that. I'm only a wiseass to monsters. And people who really need it. And when it suits me to be so...."

LOL- Got to love you Harry !

One favorite new character on Harry's world, I can't give a name but he's a very dark guy who really loves his doggie. This dark evil thing is just so dang cute I wanted more of him. Jim Butcher turned him into a hard not to like wicked man. What does th ultimate evil guy name his doggie ? "Spot" LOL ! How doe she tok to his wicked little doggie ? " Who's a good dog ? Spot is. Yes, he is " Mwhahahahahahahahaa

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