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You're dead, Summer Dawn Rae.

When Summer Rae is stolen from the moment of her own death and taken to a future where mankind is dying, it is with the hope that she, and other teenagers like her, can save it. But after only a short time in the future, Summer discovers a darker side to the altruistic reasons behind her abduction. She is determined to fulfill her purpose in a world gone literally mad, but can an ordinary girl save a whole world when she only cares about saving one person?

Death Thieves Details

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From Reader Review Death Thieves for online ebook

Heather Green says

This one started out really slow. I couldn't fall in love with the characters. Plus, the cover didn't grab me. I wasn't sure if I would keep with it. It was heading toward any other dystopian book where one man is trying to rule a broken world and help it rise to greatness again through corrupt and self-serving acts. But I like this author and her previous books, so I kept plugging through. I'm glad I did. After the car accident, it picked up and I couldn't catch my breath. I couldn't put it down. I loved the characters and the setting. I didn't know who to trust or how things could possibly work out. It had action, betrayal, suspense, mystery, and a little romance. I would recommend this one for older teens on up because it does touch on sensitive topics such as assault, STD's, and "making 'crack babies'". Ingenious and thought provoking ideas for a story. I would read this one again. I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

Lillian says

I received an eARC of this book from I Am a Reader. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of this review.

Death Thieves by Julie Wright is an interesting and unique take on the dystopian trope. Summer Dawn Rae living her life one day at a time in foster care with her twin sister when she is ripped from a car accident that should have killed her and taken to save an unknown future.

Summer is an easy to like character. While she makes rash decisions, she ultimately puts her sister's needs first. She describes herself as the heat to Winter's cool. Their names really reflect their personalities. Summer is outgoing, rebellious, and doesn't take orders well. When a soldier from the future saves her from her death, she fights him. She wants to stay in her own time stream and live with the only family she knows. You have to admire her for that. She's great at causing trouble.

The story revolves around this unknown future, a future where the human population is dying off due to a mutated STI/STD that causes them to be sterile. Summer is taken at the moment of her death so as not to disrupt the past and brought to the future to be a "New Youth." Basically her and many others are there to breed and repopulate without the mutated infection. Obviously rebellious Summer is all for helping....NOT. It's interesting story, yet the plot moves at a very slow pace until about the 60% mark. Don't get me wrong. It's still an interesting read, just takes a little while to get into the story.

Overall I enjoyed this unique take on time travel and dystopia. Summer is an interesting character as she tries to fit into this new society and get back to her sister. If you enjoy science fiction and dystopia, I recommend you pick up a copy for yourself!

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

Sometimes you come across a book that makes you think. It makes you think about your actions and the difference that one person can make. This book did that for me.

Summer is a teen who is dealing with some hard things. She and her twin sister, Winter, live with a relative.

Their father has not been a part of their lives and their mother has passed away. They are different in personality, but bonded and there for each other.

Summer is a little rebellious. She does not take things at face value. She questions. She follows her conscience. She pushes the limits. Her personality makes a very interesting story. I love that she is a strong character with high morals. She doesn't give in or up when faced with hard choices. She takes the difficult road to make things better for society, instead of thinking of just herself. She looks beneath the surface of a problem and tries to find solutions.

The book deals with some tough issues. The world of the future is infertile. Everyone has been exposed to an STD and babies are born infected. The disease has both mental and physical complications. Summer and about 150 others are brought from the scene of their deaths into the future to populate society. They are put in an optimal environment to date, fall in love, get married, and then procreate.

As you can guess, this is a dystopian novel, the situation is not perfect. Below the surface the deal is rotten. People from the past may not fall in love with others that were born during that time frame, because EVERYONE is infected. Her role is to fall in love with someone from the past. Unfortunately, she has feelings for the soldier that pulled save her from her accident and brought her to the future.

This book has elements of romance, political corruption, suspense, time travel, and a strong heroine. It consider it a clean read. There is some violence, kissing, and innuendo.

Julie Carpenter says

I'm between a 3 and a 4 star rating for this one. After letting it sit for a few days I'm going to stick with a 3.5 star rating. I kept putting off reading this one in my list. I've read a few other books by Julie Wright and really enjoyed them and the synopsis sounded really intriguing but I'd go to grab it and just wasn't quite in the mood for it. I'm sure you all understand that very well. I kept sticking other books in place of this one and put it off until the last possible moment for getting my review up that I could (since this is one that I agreed to review) because of other books that were calling me. Well I think I can honestly say that I enjoyed it more than I thought I would. I love YA books, not sure if it's the kid in me that refuses to go away or just because they're great, or because of my own kids being in that reading age, or just because. Add to that dystopian and well, yeah, I'm hooked. Ha!

I thought from the synopsis that the main character Summer Rae would become one of the death thieves, in the sense that she was taken from the time of her death and saved, brought to the future and taught to take others from their deaths as well. But no it was not quite that way. Summer and Winter, twin sisters, sisters who mean the world to each other, sisters who protect and take care of each other, sisters who would do anything for the other. That is one of the main aspects of this book and comes into play throughout the whole storyline. I loved reading about their relationship and seeing how Summer refused to just forget about her sister even though she jumped through time hundreds of years and Winter was no longer living, she had a desire to protect her and hope that her life was good and all that it should have been.

As Summer is pulled from her death, she meets Tagger, or Tag, a soldier from the future who is to rescue the elite and bring them to save the world. We find that the world is on the brink of ruin due to an infection that has caused mental instability to course through most everyone. Those infected should not have more children because it causes further instability, or craziness. Saying crazy is a bit touchy when in the future so be careful, yes Summer I'm talking to you. Dr. Reik has figured out a way to save the world and Summer is part of that. All the elite(those stolen from their deaths) need to do is interact with other elite, marry one of them

and have babies and the world is saved. Ta da! The elite are not carriers of the disease and will not pass it on to their children. The people in the future who are healthy are afraid to have children(not going to go into why because it's part of the story that you have to read) so the only way is to bring clean, healthy people from the past to fix everything.

Well this being a YA dystopian, we must have a character who will not take the normal off the cuff answers and just follow along like a mindless drone. She will search and discover and do all that she does in the name of those she loves. I liked Summer, although there were moments where I was frustrated with her. But I might have done some of the same things that she did because hello, who wouldn't want to get back and prove to your family that you're really alive and not dead and save them the suffering?

I enjoyed the research info that was shared throughout as Summer threw herself into her studies. The premise was very intriguing as I said earlier and it was not a slow paced book. I actually got to the point that I was turning pages faster to figure it out. My guesses didn't all pan out for the ending of the book but I liked how the author wrapped everything up and answered questions for the reader throughout.

I loved Tag. He was the perfect gentleman, he made Summer think and gave her the needed push to keep searching and fighting. It felt to me that he was stuck where he was and not able to push the limits in noticeable ways but in little ways. I know, that's vague but hey I can't spoil the adventure of you jumping in and reading the book yourself. I don't want to prejudice you completely with my thoughts from reading it. Tag was just great!!!! Summer took a little warming up to but once she started to realize her situation and how she could help I didn't mind her. Definite character growth that happened.

Last group I want to mention...the elite. With so many of them, I was grateful for the characters that the author brought out into the spotlight for the reader to know and connect with. A good combination of different personalities, some you'll love and some you'll loath, yes loath. Kathleen, loved her(she's not an elite-you'll have to find her yourself)!!!

Stolen moments, hidden notes, time jumping, books, Moon and Stars, heartache, love, babies, kidnapping, marriages, hidden identities, craziness, selfishness, selflessness, rings, a volcano, disease, hope, protection, and much more lies within the pages of this novel.

Content disclosure time...I think this might be where I was between a 3, 4 star rating. This might be a little spoilerish, so fair warning...the disease that causes the craziness is caused by STDs. Although it wasn't graphic or done crudely, or even talked about a lot, that is where the stem of the disease comes from. The author shows that certain diseases left unchecked or allowed to perpetuate could cause this futuristic world. It was a crucial part of the story and yet it wasn't, it was very underlying as much as it was crucial. Hopefully that makes sense. Feel free to message me for specific questions if you want. Other than that for content, and even with that for content I would say this was a clean read. There were a few kisses but nothing more than that. I would recommend for the older age range of YA readers due to the cause of the craziness.

I received a copy from ebooks in exchange for an honest review.

Happy Reading!!!

Taffy says

Opening line:

"I stumbled in the dark, trying to get out without alerting anyone to my escape."

The beginning of this book drew me until about the time Summer was kidnapped by a guy from the future named Tag and basically told she would be an Eve in a dying world. I wasn't that excited to keep reading but I'm so glad I did! Ms. Wright has written a unputdownable story about time travel, greedy world leaders, adventure and romance.

The main story of the world slowly dying and the adventure to save it was awesome and kept me reading, wondering how this story could possibly end on a happy note.

The romance was tense and surprising and I loved the way it built up.

And the twists and turns and the ending! Awesome.

Keep up the good work, Julie Wright!!

?Stephanie? says

Title: Death Thieves

Author: Julie Wright

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I received a copy of this book free from Ebooksforreview.com and the author in exchange for an honest review

This review can be found on my Blog, TeacherofYA's Tumblr, or my Goodreads page

My Review:

So I requested this title from Ebooksforreview back in August, and I have to admit, I love the amount of time they give you to review a book! I get busy and forgetful and I have lots going on, but having 90 days to review a book is incredibly generous. So I go back to the time and time again. And I have yet to be disappointed!

Summer Dawn Rae and her sister Winter are twins: Winter is the achiever and Summer is the one who performs under the radar. Unfortunately, Winter isn't the one who dies...Summer is. Well, she is *supposed* to die, but Tag saves her. He comes from the future to bring her with him, and leaves a body in her place. Since she's supposed to die, history is not altered. The only problem is that Summer doesn't go anywhere without her twin.

She fights Tag and ends up screwing up the window of time for them to return to 2112: Tag's time. He wants to bring her to the future because infertility is preventing new births, and civilization will die out if it continues. Summer's been picked to be a New Youth...essentially one of a couple hundred people who are not infected with infertility from mutated STDs. The mutation has led to a race of Crazy people, and once a child turns three, if they don't pass an evaluation, they are euthanized.

Summer doesn't want to be a New Youth; she just wants her sister. She already lost her boyfriend in the car accident that supposedly claimed her life, and Winter is her other half. But after spending some time with

Tag, she realizes that she can't go back...because all of her loved ones think she is dead. While waiting to return to Tag's time, Summer slowly realizes that Tag isn't that bad...but he is infected, keeping him off-limits as anything even remotely friendly.

Will 2112 be the wonderful future that Tag has described? How can it be if babies are being put to death? Where does a chronic underperformed belong in a future world? And can she share her future with Tag, even though she could get him killed for fraternizing with a New Youth?

Is It Classroom-Appropriate?

Yes. It really is. I love finding standalone books that can be used in a classroom! This one has a great structure: moral implications, well-developed characters, and time travel (who doesn't love a good time travel story?)...I can see so many fun prompts for this one already. Tag's future has benefits and drawbacks, and though it appears they are trying to create a utopic world with the New Youth, there are people in the future separated by class and wealth. The government controls everything (just like a good dystopian world) and babies are born in public nurseries to try to prevent this "crazy" disease.

I can imagine discussing the class system, the idea of thieving people from their natural deaths, the moral quandary of killing children...the text is rich with options. I am definitely keeping this one on my list for classroom-use!

Age Range:

Though the book isn't "popular" enough to warrant a Lexile score, I would estimate a good age range at 12 and up. There's no sex, no swearing...the protagonist is very relatable (she has habits like saying, "Stupid!" to herself when making a mistake, she accidentally calls people crazy in a world where calling someone crazy is like accusing them of being a witch, she has natural insecurities that most young people have), and the story is fun and imaginative. I really enjoyed this one and would give it to my niece to read. I think she'd like it.

Here's the author, Julie Wright:

End Result:

I give *Death Thieves* ★★★★★. I would actually give it four and a half but of course there's no half-stars in my world. Maybe in the future? Lol. But seriously, I would recommend this to fans of dystopian lit that like standalones (I was satisfied but I'd be happy with more!) or like something easy to get into. *Death Thieves* was a truly fun read and it stuck with me. I'm going to read more of Julie Wright's books and see if I can find another winner: I already subscribed to her blog!

Happy Reading, everyone! Check out an indie book ASAP and help self-published writers out! So many good stories get left by the wayside because they aren't published by huge publishing houses...I say give em a chance!

InD'tale Magazine says

Cherry-picking young adults from the past to populate the future is an intriguing concept with far-reaching effects and Ms. Wright does an excellent job of making the reader carefully consider all angles of the dilemma.

Read full review in the 2016 December issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Sheila says

I was so excited to finally read *Death Thieves* by Julie Wright. I've read many books by this author, but not in this genre, a first for her. Frankly, this story was amazing! It had so many of the elements that I love in a YA Science Fiction/Dystopian novel. The time travel involved is so fascinating, and the how and why it's done will leave you stunned. Sassy lead character, Summer, is rescued from the jaws of death by a young soldier, Tag, who's from the future. This future is cold, scary, and somewhat heartless. The population is dying because of a blood disease that causes difficulty being able to get pregnant and have healthy babies. Future leaders rule unscrupulously and leave you uneasy as you read about how many people are left in the dark about what is really happening.

The character growth in the main character is huge from when we first meet Summer and her twin sister Winter, until the end of the book where she shows such selflessness and concern for others. I also liked how at a point in the story she applies her brainpower and really starts making a difference in society. Honestly, she's a great example to all teens who read this book about how life and circumstances can change if you work hard.

The romance in the story is low-key, but enough that makes the ending sweet. I wish that there had been more, but when you read *Death Thieves* you'll understand why it was saved for the end. Some moments and revelations in this story can be harsh and horrifying, along with some violence but were vital to the plot of the story. With great suspense, intrigue, and other elements make this story move along at a good pace. *Death Thieves* will keep you reading as the truth unfolds in a climactic ending leaving you breathless.

This story is for older teens and adults and gets 5 stars from me.
I received a copy of this book from Kindlescout.

Sarah says

(I received an advance copy of this book for free. Thanks to Kindle Scout.)

“You’re dead, Summer Dawn Rae.”

This was a YA sci-fi story featuring time travel.

Summer was an okay character although she sure liked to cause trouble. It was nice to see how much she cared for her twin sister though, and it was clear that she would do anything to protect her.

The storyline in this was about Summer being taken just moments before her death in a car accident, and taken to the future where humans were infertile. The pace in this was pretty slow though, and the book dragged because of it. We did get a bit of romance, but only a very small bit, and right at the end.

The ending to this was okay, and things ended happily enough.

6 out of 10

Montzalee Wittmann says

Death Thieves by Julie Wright is such an wonderful sci-fi book, I was total surprised! I am very tired of reading dystopia books and time travel books are not my favorite so I am not sure what possessed me to ask for this book from the woman I review for a blog for but I did. I am sooooo glad I did! This book had so much in it that swept me away. The main characters were so well developed, the concepts were thought provoking, the author put a lot of time in creating and thinking through this future world and what it would take to make it to this place, the emotions, the intrigue, the action, the consequences of our actions today, the touch of romance (I don't normally like romance but it worked well here), and the well planned plot and surprises. The book may have started slower than the rest of the book but the author had to introduce the characters and the love she had for her sister and family. Something that comes into play later. Everything the author did was important when you look back, a very thought out book. Well done! I am so glad I was having a weak moment and picked this book or I would have missed a wonderful book!!! It was a book I thought about long after reading it. I received a review copy of this book, a review was not required, all opinions are my own.

Aimee (Getting Your Read On) says

3.5 stars rounding up

The concept for this book is so interesting. It's sort of a mashup of time travel and dystopian with a light smattering of romance thrown in. Actually, the romance is more of an underlying current for most of the book. I voted for this book in the kindle scout program because I have read other books by Julie Wright and was really looking forward to reading a book in this genre by her. I do believe this is her first step into this genre. I got an advance copy of this book when it won and I'm sorry it's taken me this long to get around to reading it! It always feels refreshing to step outside my usual go-to genre to read books like this that I also enjoy.

The book started off a bit slow for me but it picks up and the pacing becomes a bit faster. Maybe it was just that the story really needed Tag. Once he came into the story, everything seemed a bit better. Summer is smart and has spunk but she is also pretty selfish in the beginning. It was hard to really like her. When she starts thinking past just herself, Summer becomes more likable to me as a character. I kind of wish I could have seen more of this story from Tag's point of view. I felt like I was missing out on knowing him better.

It would appear that this book is a stand alone, which is really unusual for this genre. I was actually glad to have resolution at the end. Sometimes it's just a relief to have a book come to a conclusion and not have to wait what seems like forever to have the next book. :)

Content: Some mild violence but clean otherwise

- I received a copy of this book through the Kindle Scout program. All opinions expressed are my own.

Nicola Picken says

I was given a copy of Death Thieves via Goodreads in exchange for an honest review.

The story was a little slow starting, but I was glad I carried on reading.

I really enjoyed this book; I finished it in one sitting, it held my attention and kept me turning the pages.

I loved the twists and turns along the way which I didn't see coming.

The ending was perfect, though I felt was a tiny bit rushed. It did happily conclude though (I think I just wanted more!).

I would recommend :)

Caprice says

Death Thieves by Julie Shaw is the story of Summer Rae. Summer Dawn Rae and her twin sister Winter Eve Rae have very different personalities. They grow up in the foster care system until the age of 12 when a relative named Theresa takes them in. At the beginning of this book they are 17. While Winter aspires to be an actress and to get good enough grades to get a scholarship, Summer's grades are so so, and she gets into trouble more often. She has been known to sneak out of the house with her boyfriend and at the time the book opens is finishing up a three month grounding. However, she has had the feeling she is being watched and followed for a week. A few days following her sneaking out at night to help clean up a cave, she gets an invitation from her boyfriend to cut classes and go out to lunch. She tells her sister about it and asks her to join them, but Winter declines and begs Summer not to go because she has a bad feeling about it. On the way back from lunch, Summer sees a truck coming straight for her boyfriend's car. Suddenly, the person she has seen watching her is in front of her, and the next thing she knows is that she is watching the accident from a distance. That's where the person who got her out tells her she died in the accident, but he can take her to a future time where she will be highly treasured because she isn't infected with the disease that makes people sterile and unable to have children in the future.

What follows is a good story of a new world with action, humor, fright, and a lot of things that make you think. This isn't the best book I've read this year, but it's by no means the worst. It has a science fiction element to it especially in describing the future. I enjoyed reading this book. Summer's character was easy to relate to, especially her desire to find the cure for the disease that is causing the population to die off. I liked Tag, the soldier who pulled Summer out of the wreck, because he struggled so hard with his identity in light of the events of his past. A few of the other characters had less development but played a major role in the book. This book had twists that I didn't expect, and the moral dilemma made it interesting. It's not the typical YA Fantasy, and for that reason I gave it 4 stars.

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jenna W says

I've been reading a lot of books in the romance genre lately, but I've been missing some adventure and fantasy in my life. When I came across *Death Thieves* by Julie Wright on the Amazon Lending Library I knew I had to give it a shot. I'm glad I did!

This book has the right amount of ingredients to keep me turning the pages:

- ✓ Time Travel
- ✓ Believable Futuristic Cities
- ✓ Strong and Smart Female Lead Character
- ✓ Believable Love Interest
- ✓ Life Threatening Circumstances
- ✓ A Civilization in Danger of Extinction
- ✓ An Unexpected Villain

All these elements are present in this book in a way that's very digestible and believable. As far as the world Wright has created, I liked that the technologies that were considered 'perfect' were left unchanged while some things were improved upon in a way that would normally occur through advancements in technology and science. Also, some of the new technologies that were present in the book didn't seem so far fetched, because the concepts are alive today. For example, starting your car without a key and paying at the store without handing over cash or a credit card. All these little details made the story much more believable in my mind.

Summer as the strong female lead was exactly what I was looking for. She's not without her vulnerabilities but she's smart, a quick thinker and a survivor. Summer's not afraid to go down her own path. And, she's incredibly motivated by what she feels is right and moral, which is all you can ask for as the heroine of this story.

I thought this book had a few strong messages: 1) Summer's strong bond with her sister Winter, 2) the reason in which civilization is in danger of extinction and how that course is changed and 3) the importance of learning from our past to guide the future.

This book is no *Hunger Games*, but I enjoyed it for what it was. I only wish there was more. I want to hear more about Tag and Summer because I know they are going to accomplish many great things in their future!

(Find more of my thoughts on *Death Thieves* on my blog - SimplyJustJenna)

M. says

This was a well-thought story.

With small details, easily overlooked, that made for important turns in the plot after all.

With a believable futuristic, dystopian society, where all was not what it seemed.

And with interesting characters and relationships I liked to see growing -- at least the ones capable of doing so -- and developing.

It started out a bit slow, but that pace ended up making sense. It served to 'show' Summer's life pre-accident, thus enhancing her later growth as a character, as well as plant some of the above-mentioned small details.

Twin powers... Activate!
