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Winner of the Paranormal Romance Guild's Reviewer's Choice Award for Best Young Adult Novel of 2012!

Sometimes small towns and their secrets are better left alone.

Even after moving from the big city to a small town, Scott still has it all. He's got a starting spot as a defensive safety on his high school football team, good grades, an almost new SUV, and his choice of a host of cute girls to date. Then Gwen catches his eye, and everything gets strange fast. Suddenly, people start doubting his judgment, warning him to stay away from the attractive, yet painfully shy girl with the dark past; a girl nobody likes. But Scott was a stubborn guy who didn't take no for an answer.

Read what happens when things go from strange to worse!

Gwen Reaper...a paranormal romance with a dark edge that cuts deep.

Gwen Reaper Details

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Jessica Martin says

I loved this book! The storyline was something new and fresh. The book is very well written. It was a fairly quick and easy read, yet it kept me intrigued and entertained, I couldn't put it down! I liked that the story was written from a male point of view as you don't come across that often in this genre. I really liked the twists in this book. The only thing I didn't like was that it ended too soon lol. I would have liked to learn more about Gwen's abilities and how her relationship with Scott progressed. Hopefully the author will write more books about these characters!

Ressa Empbra says

5-stars for this fantastic and ironically realistic story of the unbelievable, penned by Jaz Primo. It will have you staying awake till - let me check - yep, it's almost 2:00 am and I just finished reading it. :)

Enter our young couple, Scott and Gwen, for whom I was pulling from the get-go.

A horrible and somewhat mysterious family tragedy a few years ago leaves Gwen a very reserved and withdrawn teenager. Living with her mom who is a doctor, Gwen has opted for homeschooling due to her strong desire for seclusion, and to be at home where she feels safe without other kids to ridicule and bully her. She's highly misunderstood, smart as a whip, and doesn't even realize that she's most definitely love-worthy.

Scott, not real thrilled about having to move to a small town after his dad inherits a couple businesses that he must keep open, doesn't think there could possibly be any real redeeming qualities in their new hometown, regarding his own life as a teen boy. But once he begins attending the small town high school, he quickly makes new friends and ends up on the football team. His teammates seemingly accept him without preamble, and before he knows it, they're all tight buddies. Strangely enough, I was totally pulled into the football action, even though I'm not a huge sports fan. It was the way in which Jaz relayed the details of the game and all the players as they played, that actually had my adrenalin pumping as I quickly read on to see the outcome.

You'll find that life can, indeed, be fickle as you journey through some of your typical high school drama, a good amount of suspicious activity, some stalking, and plenty of other goings on to satisfy most readers and keep you reading - as I did - into the wee hours, to know what happens next.

Jaz has managed to pull everyone and everything together in a surprisingly pleasant way. Now it's up to you to get your own copy and enjoy this light yet busy and exciting read as much as I did.

The only thing left to say is that Jaz Primo has once again written a fabulous story in this, his first YA Paranormal novel. I can't wait to see what he comes up with next!

Wee Shubba's World says

I have been a massive fan of Jaz's novels since the very beginning and I have been in love with everything he

writes. His first series , The Sunset Vampires is amazing so I knew that his first step in YA would be nothing short of outstanding. And like his previous books, it didn't disappoint at all! It was 100% amazing.

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Loves To Dive says

4.5 stars

Scott Blackstone is sure life could get worse, but he's not sure how, since after his grandmother's death his father has decided to move the family from Springfield, Illinois, to Custer, North Dakota, in order to run the family businesses. Moving just a month before starting his junior year and a spot as a starting safety on the football team is just "craptastic" in Scott's opinion.

After arriving in Custer and enrolling in school, Scott discovers the football team has had losing seasons the last two years, so at least he should have no problems getting on the team. Classes seem to be in order, and he even managed to enroll in advanced on line classes in geometry and American literature at Black Hills State University, so maybe things aren't going to be so bad after all.

Scott takes off on a drive to check out the local lakes to find some good fishing spots for him and his father, when he spots a beautiful teenage girl seemingly controlling an alligator! Now you don't see that every day. Scott is intrigued. A series of events lead Scott to meet the girl, Gwen Webber, and despite her best efforts, he manages to gain her friendship. Scott's life becomes anything but boring as he gets involved in Gwen's families heritage and learns that, as his father likes to say, "life is just fickle sometimes."

I've read Mr. Primo's Sunset series, and was a little apprehensive about whether he could switch gears from mature adult to young adult, and not lose his slightly offbeat style that I loved. I shouldn't have worried. While maintaining the essence of what is Jaz Primo, he has translated it into a wonderful story full of the beauty of the Black Hills, mixed with small town life with all it's wrinkles and added a twist of paranormal. We meet the wonderful characters that make up small town life – the local sheriff, the gossiping cheerleaders, the macho jock football players, the kind-hearted doctor, and visit the small café where you can get the best chocolate pie ever made.

Leading the team of characters is young Scott, one heck of a good guy. He is a darn good safety on the football team, makes good grades, is liked by all and totally intrigued by Gwen from the moment he sees her. He will not be deterred by her stubborn refusal to let him in, and goes after her with a tenacity that would make any young girl's heart flutter. Gwen resists him as long as she can, but he slowly works on her until she drops her shields.

When we first meet Gwen we know her as a shy, sarcastic, beautiful, broken young girl. We soon learn to there is more to Gwen than the public sees, and just like Scott, we become intrigued with her. Any parent would be busting at the seams with pride to have either one of these kids as their own.

Mature readers, (old people to teenagers) should not be put off by the fact that this is listed as "YA". I'm a number of years past young adult, and I enjoyed every minute of it. Mr. Primo not only gives us a glimpse into the lives of Scott and Gwen, he gives us some suspense, some laughter and for those paranormal lovers out there, some "woowoo" as well.

My one little issue, was that there are a lot of detailed football scenes and I'm not sure your average

teenager, or even adult, female is going to appreciate them. I'm the only girl with five older brothers, my only child is a boy, I live in a small southern town that happens to have a major SEC University in it, and I've been to a football game or two in my life. I appreciate a good football scene, but eventually I started thinking enough was enough with the play by play. It actually confused me as to how to rate the book. Is the audience young men? If so, 5 stars, they will love the football. If the audience is young women, they may find the football a bit much, I would have to go 4.5 stars for them. Given I'm neither of the above; I just had to go with my gut, so thus my rating.

Any way you look at it, I think anyone is going to find this a good book; Mr. Primo scored a touchdown with this one (I couldn't resist).

Member of The Paranormal Romance Guild Dual Review Team

JeanBookNerd says

Gwen Reaper by Jaz Primo tells the engaging story of Scott Blackstone's life and how it all changed when he moved from Springfield, Illinois to Custer, North Dakota. His father decided to move the family in order to run the family business after his grandmother's death. The move came right before the start of his junior year where he had a starting position on the football team. Things seem to be going sour but he learns that the new school's football is in need of players and he has no problems enrolling in advanced classes. His eyes are attracted to the beautiful and very mysterious Gwen Webber and he is highly intrigued by her presence. They eventually become friends and Scott gets heavily involved with Gwen's peculiar family heritage.

The male point of view of this amazing paranormal story is a nice shift from the abundance of female viewpoints available. The characters of this small town provided much spark into the story. Scott Blackstone is your typical good guy teenage boy. He makes good grade, plays football and like many boys his age, eyes the pretty girls that intrigues him. Beneath Gwen's beauty, it is obvious that she is broken but has something captivating that wants to reach the surface. Readers will have the same level of interest Scott has for Gwen.

Jaz's writing style continues to shine in this book. He provides rich and crisp description of not just the environment, but also the personalities of each character. The breath-taking storytelling will make readers want to be a part of the book. It travels through an array of emotions making readers laugh and cry. This is one of those stories that will have readers flipping through the pages quick so that they will be able to find out what will happen next. Gwen Reaper is a highly interesting paranormal story that will absolutely satisfy any reader and leave them wanting for more.

Terri says

I have followed Jaz since I bought my kindle back in 2010. I purchased his first book Sunrise @ Sunset at .99. I have since then read his following books for that series and was thrilled that he allowed me to read this book! I loved Gwen Reaper as much as I have his other books. I can't wait to see what Jaz has in store for Gwen & Scott next and I am also looking forward to his new read that will be out in December Along with the new Sunset Vampire book scheduled for next year! Jaz keeps me in the stories he tells even when I had to put down the book for a couple weeks so I could deal with a loss close to me in my family. I loved that I was able to pick back up right where I left off & fell right back into the story line like nothing had happened

in my life. I will continue to follow Jaz & his books.

Ravenz Reviews says

I fell in love with this story right away! It's not often you get a story told from the male POV. Jaz managed to not only pull it off but got me hooked and begging for more! I loved watching each character struggle with their own insecurities and trying to get past their internal demons. The progression of the story was constant and the descriptions were spot on. I felt like I was there seeing exactly what the characters were experiencing! The relationship between Gwen and Scott is pretty much spot on in how they typically advance in high school and I adore both of them just as they are! I really hope there is a book 2 coming soon because I loved this one so much!

This book has been read and reviewed by Kerry Erickson and posted with consent on Ravenz Reviews. The opinions are my own and do not reflect on Ravenz Reviews in any way.

Jennifer Treviño says

Seriously...what's not to love about this book?!? It's unlike any other I've read so far! Jaz is amazing at balancing action, fun, love, surprise, laughs, & mystery! If you're looking for something completely different & exciting this would be for you!

Truly terrific! It was so not what I expected (in a good way)! Not to mention a gorgeous cover!!!!

Scott Blackstone is just a normal teen trying to deal with what life throws at him....or is he??? I'd say most certainly not! This is one outstanding mature young man who refuses to let the craziness around him decide his final outcome! His POV made for a wonderful story! He's uprooted to a new home, new school, new town where he finds much more than he ever expected proving that life is indeed fickle! :) There are lots of great characters throughout the story, but I really liked Gwen & her Mom too! They are sure to have more awesome stories to come! ;)•) I look forward to reading more soon!

Jeannette says

I wish you could give half stars on the ratings. I'd give this book a 3.7 actually. First, I like that it's from a male's POV and the one without the supernatural powers, too. So, I really liked that aspect. The story is original and well written. I would have liked to see a little more history about the reapers. I liked Scott, but had a hard time feeling connected to him. I think it was because he didn't seem to think like a typical teenage boy. His inner dialogue lacked just a little snark, maybe. Gwen was a great character. It was easy to ascertain why she was the way she was and her reactions to the events in her life were realistic. I really liked the relationship between Scott and Gwen as well.

There are some good lessons in this book too. Teaching kids to think before they act. The music references add a great touch of pop culture. Over all I'd say this book is a great read for both girls AND boys. The football lingo helps balance out the romance. The ending was satisfying. I'm not sure if there will be a sequel; this story could stand alone or open up for another.

Kerry Erickson says

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S. Policar says

Where to start, where to start... I loved this book. I think I enjoyed it more than most other YA since it wasn't written in 3rd person, or by the girl's pov it was written entirely from the male perspective.

If there are other books in this genre out there written in the male pov, I haven't seen them and there need to be more. It was a refreshing twist to see the world through the boy's eyes. This story, like all of Jaz's works thus far that I've read, is well written. You easily fall into the world he creates for his characters and heave a sorrowful sigh when you have to return to reality.

All I have to say really is Chewie is the man! Sorta. This book will amaze and entertain fans of the genre young and old.

I give this book 5 of 5 paws

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Grammy 1 says

5*****Stars

Jaz Primo has been a favorite of mine since I started reading his Sunset Vampire series years ago. His ideas are always one step ahead, with a different take on the vampire stories. His Alpha in that series is a woman, Katerina Rawlings, who has a human love interest integral to the storyline. It is definitely Not YA, so I was really surprised (in a good way) to see another choice added to his repertoire, a YA story with a male POV. Hmmm interesting.

We meet Scott Blackstone, teenager, just about to enter into his junior year of high school. His family has made a not so unanimous decision to leave Springfield, Illinois, and move to a very small (population 3000)

town of Custer, North Dakota. The decision was made with the passing of Scott's paternal grand parents, leaving the business that has been in the Blackstone family for generations. Scott was not too happy. He had a girl, was a member of the football team, to him "this was craptastic."

Arriving in Custer, he enrolls at the local high school. To Scott's chagrin, he finds that there is a football team, but not a good one, not like the team or the league in Springfield. The good news is, with his experience, he is a shoe in for being a starter. His classes are good and he even has two classes online that give him credits to Black Hills State University. His Dad comes through with the keys to a vehicle, so things might be looking up.

Scott decides to take a spin and check out the tow, stopping by one of the lakes to check out the fishing he and his Dad plan to do. Walking around he sees a very pretty teenage girl, seeming to be talking to a log. It moves and he realizes it looks like an alligator. Feeling this is too strange, he puts it out of his mind. At school he looks for the pretty girl, with no sign of her. Fate intervenes when his Mother, who is a nurse, gets a job with the local Doctor... Who could have guessed that the doctor was the pretty girl's mother? ...See what the fickle hand of fate does?

Scott finds out Gwen is home schooled and by asking questions of his classmates, he finds out there is quite a mystery surrounding pretty Gwen, which peaks his interest even more! Jaz Primo has an easy story telling voice, and spins a story of a really nice, open, sincere Scott Blackstone. We meet him every Friday night, playing the game he loves, football, as he and his team mates work together to put together a rather outstanding team.

Scott also works gently at another thing on his agenda, the winning of Gwen Webber. From the moment he saw her he liked her. From what he heard about her he was intrigued. She was skittish as a colt, and he wormed his way into her heart by his calm demeanor and his no nonsense attitude. Gwen trusts him more and more, and tells him things she has never told another. The love story is quiet, trusting and beautiful.

The other characters are also from another world. Small town folks with good moral fiber and living a simpler life. This does not mean it is boring, there is always work for the small town sheriff, and we need him for the mysterious turn the story takes. I loved the story, and I am never too old to read a good YA book.

I am a football couch potato, and my only thought as I read this story, was that by the third Friday night football game, as Scott and his team ground down the field, with all the play by play, I wondered if a teenager, especially a girl, would appreciate this. It did not detract for me, and I wondered if Mr Primo was living vicariously through Scott Blackstone...

Review by Gloria Lakritz

Sr Reviewer and Review Chair for the Paranormal Romance Guild Review Team

Jennifer Moody says

Scott Blackstone was forced to move back to his childhood town after his grandparents die. He thinks it's going to be nothing but boring and will meet no friends. Scott enrolls at high school as a junior, then joins the football team. When he goes into town one day he meets a beautiful keep to yourself girl reading in the

local coffee shop. He walks up to her and ask to sit at her table, not knowing who she was or what she was. He finally learns her name, Gwen who is what you would call a loner in their town because of a terrible accident a while back. Scott is amazed by her.

When weird stuff starts happening is when Scott starts to wonder what is going on with Gwen, it's not til then that she starts opening up to him on what she is and her family history. You start to wonder if he will stick by her knowing what she is and what she can do or will he leave her behind?

I loved this book!! Then again I love anything by this author he is truly gifted author. His writing is breath-taking and just amazing!!! He makes you want to be in that book and always leaves you wanting more. I was laughing at the parts that were funny and I was crying at the end (you will find out why if you read the book) and I was on the edge of my seat reading as fast as I can to find out what was going to happen. Trust me read the book and you will know what I am talking about! You won't be disappointed!!

Devyn Dawson says

This is my first book of Mr. Primo's to read. I'm not going to write a synopsis of the story.

Why haven't I read his work prior to this book? I must be crazy, because he is a talented writer. I loved that the story was a male POV - I could have done without all of the football talk...but guys talk about stuff like that. I thought the characters were believable and well developed. I started the book earlier in the fall but had to put it aside until recently. I found the story very creative and I'll be reading Mr. Primo's vampire series next!

If you're tired of vampires & werewolves, this is a great YA book to read. Did I mention the cover? Love it! The title is very creative!

I had the pleasure to do a signing with Jaz last Feb in Oklahoma City. He is a nice guy and I hope one day I'll make it back to OKC - I'm a total fangirl now!

Jaz Primo says

In my humble opinion, Gwen Reaper (A Young Adult Paranormal Romance) is an engaging and unique YA paranormal romance that captures readers' imaginations while also offering them something unique. For example, the novel is written from the young male's perspective, Scott, who is pursuing the captivating and mysterious Gwen. The story unfolds in the quite-real, small town community of Custer, South Dakota. I hope that readers will enjoy Gwen Reaper!
