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When TK dies in a car accident, the Grim Reaper offers him a second chance at life, but he says it's more fun being a ghost. As he haunts his small Iowa town, his sleek shell of sarcasm cracks to a terrified lonely inner self. Find out why he'd rather be dead.

Eidolons Details

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Array042 says

For what it's worth, I enjoyed this book even though this isn't my usual genre. I usually read books where the back blurb will tell you the first quarter of the book and set up the general plot. Eidolons isn't so much a mystery story as much as it is a character study. TK is a young man in the transformative years of college who is dealing with his place in life confounded by his sudden lack of it. I wouldn't quite state it is one of the existential type stories from high school because at its heart the book deals with how we connect with one each other.

As such, expect to spend time slowly becoming acquainted with the background of the protagonist and the main characters. You get to learn their connections in a more intimate way that helps you feel invested. If you are patient with the slower and intermittent pace of the story, you'll be rewarded with a rich and complex resolution that develops not from the supernatural elements of the plot line, but the very human problems with relationships, vulnerability, and loss. You will likely still have some questions lingering as you finish, some about the plot line but hopefully others about yourself.

Moirra says

It's been a while since I've written a book review. I lagged in reading a bit at one point, but mostly it was because I forgot Goodreads existed. Oops. Hi.

EIDOLONS. Right.

So this is a book about ghosts and the Grim Reaper but I honestly had to remind myself to mention that in the review, because while the paranormal stuff is obviously a big part of it, it's not really the POINT of it, as I understood it. I didn't close the book thinking about what a splendid romp through the afterlife I just took. [I closed the book thinking, "crap, that's the only book I brought with me and I'm only halfway through my work day" but I digress]

Eidolons is about grief, loneliness, coping, moving on. It's about emotions, though more often the lack of them. This is shown in the way it describes the minute details and nagging flaws of the world and people around TK, which the book describes best. *"Depression was a survival instinct so we'd be aware of every danger in the striping on venomous spiders and in this modern era and probably before, too, there was no outlet and no use so we noticed everything wrong but they're insignificant, unfixable, and even if they were, we'd still be irate. So why talk about it? Why let everyone label you whiny?"*

While obviously dealing with heavy themes and flawed people, this book did something I'm not sure I've ever seen done this way in fiction before (???) and that is to highlight emotional self-care, and show how difficult but rewarding it can be to reach out. Often these types of books can leave you feeling either somewhat melancholic or annoyed at an obviously manufactured happy ending but Eidolons struck a good middle ground that I AIN'T GONNA SPOIL, EVERYONE RELAX

Anyway, yah. It's good. Git it.

Harrison says

I wrote it so clearly I think it's pretty good.

Majanka says

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One afternoon, TK woke up dead. Rather than returning for a second chance at life, he decided to stay a ghost, and haunt the living in his small Iowa town. There's a lot more to TK and his life than you can guess at first, and as the story unravels, you find yourself more and more invested in his life.

TK died during a car accident. Then we're taken back to the days before his accident, and what brought TK to that scene in the first place. TK is a very realistic, compelling character, well-crafted, sense of humor, and for a book heavy on characterization, that's a plus. As a ghost, he meets other ghosts, each with their own life story and background that make them unique.

The plot was entertaining and different from what I expected, with a lot of twists I didn't see coming. The supernatural elements were refreshing and original, and I really enjoyed this book – so much that I read it in on sitting.
