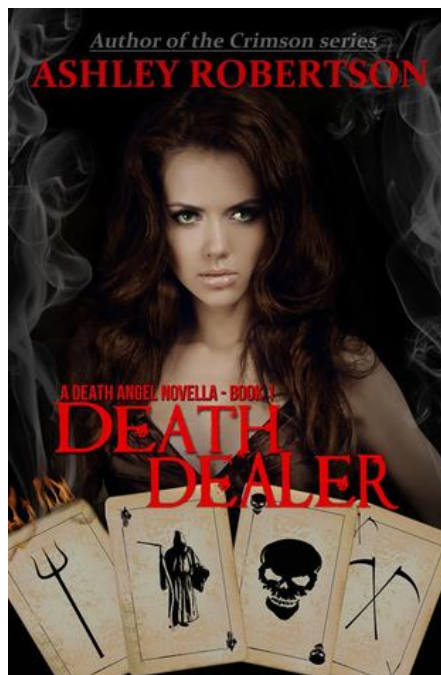




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Death: a word Mia Baron was all too familiar with since the murder of her parents when she was a young girl. Her drive for vengeance was the reason she became a Death Dealer—a soul guide through the spirit realm—signing her life away in her own blood. Pain forged a concrete wall around her heart and no one or nothing would ever penetrate it...until she got what she desired most—revenge.

Deacon Gage craves justice for his own horrific tragedy that forced him into the same life Mia chose, with the same promise of vengeance dangling just out of reach. His expert training makes him an Elite—one of the few Death Dealers to ever achieve such a status—and no one can shift his focus from the blood he seeks.

But when the two are partnered for yet another job and a heart-shattering case rips open Mia's heart, Deacon realizes he's the only one who can save her...at a price that might be too much to pay: opening his heart to her. The clock is ticking and her life hangs on the balance of whether he can truly let go or will hold onto his desire for blood.

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Rae Ryans says

Death Dealer is a quick read, perfect for a rainy or lazy day.

It shows two points of view, Deacon and Mia, as their story unfolds. Both are death dealers, or as I like to call them, reapers. Both have had people they loved murdered, and are in this service for revenge. But what is a reaper? Ah, they usher the souls of the dead between the gates of heaven or hell, while trying to survive against the deviants attempting to kill you.

So what happens when you finally get your revenge?

I really like the idea of the death dealer and will follow this series just to see how Ashley Robertson builds the world and characters. I have a very morbid streak, but it's nice to see death in a book, and have it not be another vampire (or zombie!) The relationship between Deacon and Mia was quite believable and I like how neither set out looking for this relationship. It just kind of happens, but they'd known and annoyed each other for awhile.

Things I would of liked more of, or a better explanation on is how Mia found the death dealers. Maybe this will be addressed later on in the series, or perhaps I did over look it, but I like to know about these things. This one part is all that stands between me giving it a five star rating. I'll keep on reading it regardless.

If you're an adult and like reapers, death, and love stories then check out Death Dealer

Amber says

I absolutely love Death Dealer. Of course I love anything written by Ashley Robertson, however, this one was a little out of the norm for genre when it comes to Ashley but she still didn't disappoint. The world and story Ashley brought with Death Dealer was EPIC! The characters seemed so much more real than most even if it was Paranormal, they still were dealing with things that would hit home with a lot of people in today's society and I think that's what made this story that more awesome. I think I have been waiting for a book to blow me away, I haven't read one in a while, I've read some really good books and even some that deserved 5 stars but its been a while since I have read a book that leaves me with a book high and wanting more. I love that there was no big cliff hanger but you still knew there was more to come. I cant wait to read the next in this series.

Mia Baron and Deacon Gage have been working as partners for a while now, however, they never really knew one another outside of work. That is til Mia was handed the one thing she had been waiting for, her own Justice for her parents murder. She soon finds out that she wasn't the only Death Dealer given the same deal or that has lost loved ones however she soon finds out the Justice she seeks may not be as satisfying as she imagined. As if that's not hard enough she has to fight off all kinds of monsters in order to perform her job and that could cost her, her life.

Phaedra Seabolt says

A fast paced book about a new paranormal being, at least in my opinion. Mia and Deacon are Death Dealers. The best way I can describe them is to think of them as Reapers, but they aren't angels. These are people who have signed up to transport souls to the gates of their deserved afterlife. After they achieve a certain amount of control over their powers, they can become members of the Elite. From the Elite, if they survive, they can become a Death Angel, an actual reaper if I understand it right. Their life isn't simple. They are responsible for pulling souls out of some bodies and just catching them when they pop out of others. Delivering them to their gate (light of dark) is a challenge itself. They transport souls to the ghostly realm, but have to walk to the gate. On the way, demons just may attack to try to steal souls for the Abyss (i.e. Hell) in order to disrupt the balance between light and dark.

This story is about Mia's past human life combined with her very reason for turning into a Death Dealer. Deacon has been her partner for the difficult cases, but recently she has discovered an unusual feeling about him. Deacon has noticed the same feeling, but neither has confessed it. After a terrible battle with a demon, feelings come to light. I am not going to say anything more than that because I would ruin the entire story. It's a really good story. I really liked how the characters develop. It's well worth reading and a great example of Ashley Robertson's writing.

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Valerie says

Mia is out for a vengeance. After her parents were brutally murdered(which she dint find out for awhile) she signed on to be a death dealer with the promise of collected the murderer soul and sending him to hell. I totally feel for Mia if this happened to me I would be out for major vengeance also. However I think this has allowed walls being put up that she needs to put down especially with Deacon.

Deacon clearly has a crush on Mia. They have been working together on some cases since she became a death dealer and he has teased her the entire time. Come on an obvious giveaway to him liking her even if he has been doing nothing but denying it. Deacon is an Elite Death Dealer and he signed on for pretty much the same reasons as Mia except for it wasn't his parents it was his younger sister.

Right from the start of this book I noticed these two had a connection, from their vengeance, to reasons they signed up to be Death Dealers in the beginning. They clearly are meant for each other. The good thing is sparks finally start to fly for these two and they finally realize they are meant to be when he helps her deliver her grandmother to heaven and is also there for her when she collects the soul of her parents killer.

There are many twists and turns in this story for it being a novella which i loved. I love when a novella can be written and still have you on the edge of your seat. However i feel it was also lacking some stuff. Yes we know why they became death dealers but that's pretty much it. We know that they eventually fall for each other and even though there was spark i feel it could have had more. Also maybe a romance scene or something. I felt that it was just lacking a bit and that why I gave this book a 4 star rating.

Other than that it was a good short read and I had it read in one night, like i said many twists and turns that make it suspenseful. If your looking for a short supernatural read then this is your book!

Anna says

Excellent story. I found the idea of this novella really intriguing. Death Dealer is a fast read. A story that is death and vengeance, but a sweet romance as well. Having lost a parent at a young age, it was easy to relate to Mia and many of her emotions. Mia and Deacon are both strong characters - bent on their missions. But their attraction for each other slowly seeps into their conscious. The reaction the two characters have to their mutual attraction is delicious and worded beautifully by Robertson. A great beginning to a new series. I definitely recommend reading this one.

Becca says

Death Dealer is just the first novella in the series. I have to say that I normally do not read novellas because I get so wrapped up in the characters and then POOF they book is over. This one was not at all like that. There was so much story and detail packed into a 140 page novella. Deacon and Mia are both death dealers. I am not quite positive what a death dealer would look like but they would be a dark figure, maybe like the reaper. I just imagine them as being terrifying even though one of them is a girl. A death dealer goes around and collects souls and brings them to either the dark or light gate. Some souls are more stubborn than others in wanting to leave the body. The job is dangerous but both Deacon and Mia choose it after loved ones of theirs have been murdered.

They want revenge. They want to escort the souls of the people that killed their loved ones. Even though this novella was short it was packed with information and suspense. If I were to go into some of the more surprising spots, I would have to mark this review as a spoiler and I don't want to have to do that!

The one thing that I enjoy about novellas is that you can most of the time read them in one sitting. It is not always in the back of your mind while you are doing other things that you want to go back and read your novel that you were into. I would give this novella a FOUR STAR rating just because I was wanting a little more, but I know that this is only book one and that there is more to come. Thank goodness for that!

Ashley says

Nose Graze — Young Adult book reviews

I have to say right off the bat that I don't normally read novellas. I usually find them unsatisfying because the length doesn't allow for a lot of character/plot/relationship development. But I adore Ashley Robertson, and when she gave me the chance to read **Death Dealer** I jumped on it! I absolutely love her and it helps that the book sounded amazing... which I can now confirm that it was!

This is a tough review to write because what I think is the most interesting part of **Death Dealer** happens at around the 50-60% mark, which I would officially consider a spoiler. ARGH! I hate it when I can't talk about my favourite parts! :D Because it's seriously so freaking interesting! I guess I'll have to give you a brief intro, and then I'll put the super cool part in spoiler tags.

Basically, Mia is still dealing with her parents' brutal murder. The big thing that keeps her going is the promise that she will be able to escort the murderer to hell when he finally dies. It will be like her way of taking revenge and saying, "*Screw you, douchebag! I'm sending your ass to hell!*" But, when the time comes

to collect the bastard's soul and send him on his way to hell, (view spoiler)

Above all else, this story will make you think, and that's one of the best things EVER in a book. At one point can you forgive someone for what they've done? Who deserves to go to heaven? To hell? I love that Ashley Robertson has given me a crazy topic to think about. It's almost weird because this thing seriously makes me antsy. It's like I can't sit still. I need to go sit in a corner and compulsively shred bits of paper while I mull this over. (Is that weird?—Absolutely.)

And on top of all that, we have a hot and heavy romance. **There is a bit of explicit content in this book, and oh my goodness it is divine!** Deacon is a drop dead sexy beast, but he's also a killer Death Dealer so he knows how to kick some ass! But I adored him. Even though he's totally awesome at his job, he still seemed like a really nice guy. He's not an arrogant douchebag who just happens to be hot, like is so common in books these days (that drives me nuts!).

Overall I enjoyed *Death Dealer* a lot, although I still did have some trouble dealing with the whole novella thing. Because the book was so short, I found myself wanting to learn even more about the angel system. There are Death Dealers, Elite Death Dealers, and Death Angels. Although I got the gist of it, it sounded like there's a pretty interesting hierarchy and political system and I was eager to learn more about it! And similarly, the relationship was great, but I would have preferred to see it develop more slowly, over the course of a full-length book. Even though it wasn't insta-love, because Mia and Deacon have known each other for years, it still felt like it was a little bit, just because the book was so short. **But ultimately, I think my gripes all come down to me just not handling novellas very well because I always want more more.**

Death Dealer is a book that will have you questioning the afterlife, soaking up a fascinating hierarchy of angels, and drooling over a sexy ass-kicking Death Dealer. **It is a novella that you're sure to be thinking about long after you're done!** It may be a quick read, but I still can't stop thinking about (view spoiler) You rocked this hard, Ashley Robertson!

The Verdict:

Bianca says

*Originally Reviewed on Pages Of Forbidden Love

Death Dealer was such a short story but those 140 pages still contained an interesting story filled with action and emotion. Both Mia and Deacon lost people close to them in a horrible way and became Death Dealers in exchange for some revenge in the future. They now spend their lives delivering souls to their proper gates but that is no piece of cake. Their journey's from point A to point B is filled with crazy sounding creatures/demons (Ashley Robertson gave some pretty great descriptions) trying to keep them from completing their task. It seems not one job can go off without a glitch. These problems bring some action to this story and you get to see exactly what Mia and Deacon are made of. Mia isn't a total badass but she can definitely put up a hell of a fight. With some more time who knows what she could do.

It's on Mia's first job of the book that Deacon pops up and it is obvious that those two have a connection. Typically the second a character mentions how crazy the other makes them it's like a lightbulb going off. The two should probably just find a room. Now I wasn't completely sold on their romance but that is usually the

case with shorter stories. Everything is cut short and to the point so you don't get too much build which is a little disappointing but to be expected. They were still likable together and Deacon was there for Mia when she needed him. I hope to see her returning the favor in the future.

I do have to say what I felt was going to be the biggest part of the story (Mia's revenge) didn't seem so huge. I felt like it was a tiny part of the story and couldn't see how Mia found her closure with it all. I like what Ashley Robertson did with it though. It was very clever but I felt like it needed at least a tad more time. It so hard to be completely satisfied with novellas but Death Dealer was still an enjoyable read. It took me way too long to read but that was only because work got in the way and I had to read it in small sections. I am looking forward to reading some more in the series and hopefully getting more of a connection between the two characters. I'm sure those two will have quite the treacherous adventure in the future.

Lily says

Death Dealer came as a surprise from Ashley Robertson's other series, because as humans we get trapped into taking matters into our hands and forget who we truly are and how we even got to our current position. Mia Baron, the main character, takes it a step further when she sells her soul to revenge her parents death, little does she know about the surprises coming her way, even falling in love with the last person she dreamed about. Don't allow this novella get in the way of reading a romance story due to its short length, it just means the continuations are on its way with a mind-blowing plot.

Lauren (Northern Plunder) says

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I have been lucky enough to receive an ecopy of Death Dealer as part of a book tour hosted by IMR Blog Tours, which does in no way reflect my opinion of the book.

Death Dealer is only 140 pages so like with all novella's I'll try not to give too much away.

What I first noted and loved throughout the whole of the book was the world building, because whilst it's set on Earth as we know it, the characters spend a lot of their time in the Spirit Realm which is obviously something we have no knowledge of. I love the description for this world, the dangers it held and how spirits reacted to being here.

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Also I really loved the whole concept of Death Dealers, they're regular people like you and I who are approached to become a Death Dealer who after training is allowed to collect the souls of the dead, transport them to the Spirit Realm and guide them to the correct gate - Heaven or Hell - but of course its not always that easy, some spirits aren't happy with the decision and well there are other dangers in the Spirit Realm.

Demons attack Mia and Deacon at every opportunity in the Spirit Realm and this is great because not only is it interesting to see how the spirits react but also to see them fighting, I love fight scenes especially when the fighter *cough*Deacon*cough* has to prioritise his fighting over checking that someone *cough*Mia*cough* is okay - his internal struggle was lovely.

The only thing I didn't like about this book was some of the "romancy-er" (I know this isn't a word) scenes were at really awkward times, like you know over the dead body of a murderer. It just felt a little out of place. But seeing their relationship grow - at none awkward times - was great. I just wish characters weren't as oblivious to their own feelings.

I'm looking forward to the sequel, now that their relationship has been established there shouldn't be any of that awkward "why do I feel this way?" and we got a teaser of Blood Promise (A Death Angel Novella #2) at the end of the book which was a nice way to make us eager.

Lori says

Mia Baron is a Death Dealer. A life she choose to live when revenge against her parents murderer was offered. Being a soul Taxi is not an easy job. She often needs the assistance of her partner Deacon an elite Death Dealer. When the scum that killed her parents is finally on her to die list she is relieved until the unexpected happens. To say that this case was her hardest is an understatement.

Death Dealer was a cool read it really was. The world that Ashley built was amazing. I loved it. The heroine was kick butt, but flawed. She made mistakes, and had a great sense of humor all things that I love. The hero of the story Deacon was all part equal to Mia, he didn't over shadow her at all even though he is a higher rank than her.

The story was fun, and fast paced. It was a great quick read that kept me entertained. However, I think that because it was a novella instead of a full length novel the romance aspect outweighed the action side of the story. And I like for those to be balanced in these sorts of books. Which needless to say, means this book will appeal to a lot of readers. A lot! Because the romance is smoking hot, I just wanted a bit more action. It seemed like we were going strong, and then BOOM romance took over. Again, this is me personally. However, that being said, I will continue on with the series because it was such a fun read.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

Death Dealer what to say about this book..... well first of all this book is really really good and I surprised myself by actually reading it in one sitting. I have to say that the cover scared the bejesus out of me because it is totally creepy but after the first chapter I was hooked.

What would you do to get revenge on the person or persons who have murdered your parents? Would you sell your soul to the devil? Would you make a deal to be a death dealer? Well Mia had to make that choice because her parents were murdered and she wanted revenge. In order to get revenge she decided she would be a death dealer and bring souls through the spirit realm. The anger and the hurt has ruled Mia's heart and she will stop at nothing to get her pay back. Then she meets someone who holds the same feelings she does and that is Deacon Gage.

Deacon Gage is a man on a mission and I mean a revenge hate filled mission. He wants revenge so bad that he has become an elite death dealer and he is sent on a mission with Mia. While on this mission Mia gets hurt and her heart is once again ripped right open and the only person who can save her is Deacon. But what if Deacon can't save her? He will have to open up his heart and his heart has been closed for so long that he might not be able to save Mia. What will Deacon do? Will he save Mia or will he let her deal with this mission alone?

This is a MUST MUST read! I mean there were so many twists and turns and lord do I love my bad boy extraordinaire Deacon! He is the man with a master plan and you have to read this book to see what it is.

Amy says

There are very few novellas I will read and actually enjoy. I can honestly count on one finger how many there are. I might have to start using my other hand so I can add this one to it. In the beginning of Death Dealer, I was worried because there seemed to be a lot of back story to go along with the current story. Since novellas are generally 100 pages or less, would Ashley be able to bring the past and the current times together to understand the characters and what was going on. Well, she did it and did it brilliantly so that I wanted it to be so much longer. This paranormal fantasy is so intriguing and exciting all in one. For me, the ending was worth it. Ugh, I love hot endings... makes it so much better and the anticipation was built perfectly. Deacon is one of those characters that has the hard bad ass exterior but the soul and heart of a man that we all long for. Mia, such a strong female lead and determination that we can all admire. Both characters are driven for revenge but ultimately will that drive cost them each other. Written with true meaning and a underlying message that we all can learn from. I look forward to the next installment. Enjoy!

Sabrina says

This is the first book I have read by Ashley and it defiantly will not be my last. I absolutely loved this book.

Mia is no stranger to death since her parents were murdered when she was four years old. Later in her life she is approached to become a Death Dealer she only agrees so that she can be the one to take the murder's spirit to the dark gate. But when Mia gets the case she has always wanted but to ensure she follows the rules her partner Deacon who has his own reasons for becoming a Death Dealer is assigned to work with her again. But things don't go as planned and the one case that has the ability to shatter Mia's heart also has the ability to heal Deacon's heart if he can past the fact he has to give his heart and love to his fellow Death Dealer to do it.

I loved Mia for the minute she came on the page. She is so strong but underneath her tuff exterior lays a heart of gold even though it's broken. I couldn't imagine going through what she has in her life but if I was given the choice she made I would do the same thing. Deacon is just so cocky but oh he also so very sexy. And when it really mattered the most he comes through for Mia and saves her but in doing so she saves him as well. The chemistry between them will burn right through the pages it's that HOT! I can't wait to read the next book just so I can have more of them. 4/5 Bloody Fangs

Claire Taylor says

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For a novella, this book has a shocking amount of detail and context, and felt like it was much more. A fairly unique concept, people are hired to become Death Dealers and tasked with collecting people's souls when they die and safely deliver them to either the Light or Dark Gate. Revenge fuels Mia on, but is it also what is holding her back?

I soon found myself completely engrossed, turning page after page, wanting to see what was in store for Mia next and what else was going to be thrown her way. The emotional turmoil Mia goes through would be enough to push anyone over the edge, but her strength shines through and somehow, with the help of Deacon, she survives what was possibly some of the worst days of her life. The chemistry between Mia and Deacon is sizzling, though you can tell they care deeply for each other when they finally admit to themselves what they are feeling. I can't wait to see how this relationship is going to develop, given what they do on a daily basis.

This book was the perfect opening for the series, with enough back story and description to leave no unanswered questions. Although this novella ended, there is still so much more to come from this story and I will eagerly be waiting for more.

I received an e-copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.
