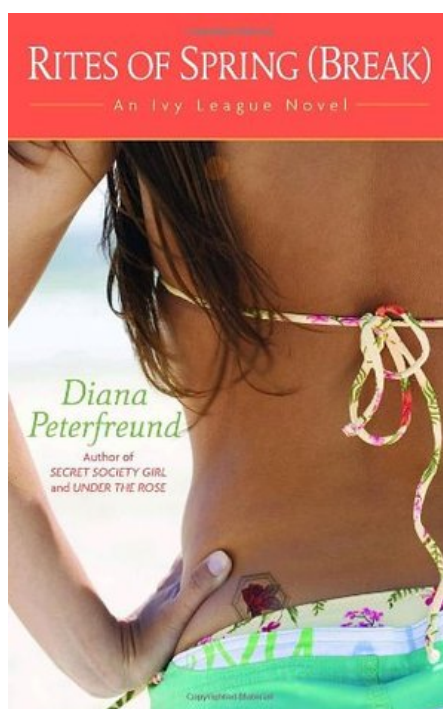




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From “witty and endearing” to “impossible to put down,” the critics have given elite marks to Diana Peterfreund’s *Secret Society Girl* and *Under the Rose*. Now, in a wildly captivating new novel, Amy “Bugaboo” Haskell and her fellow Rose & Grave knights are trading cold, gray, hyperintellectual New Haven for an annual rite of spring (well, early March) in Florida.

For Amy, a week of R&R on her secret society’s private island should be all fun in the sun—and an escape from an on-campus feud with a rival society that’s turned disturbingly personal. But along with her SPF 30 and a bikini, Amy is bringing a suitcase full of issues to remote Cavador Key. Graduation from Eli University looms, not to mention buckets of unfinished business with a former flame and—most pressing of all—the sudden, startling transformation of a mysterious Rose & Grave patriarch from sheerly evil to utterly ... appealing?

Just when Amy thinks Spring Break can’t get any less relaxing, a wacky “accident” puts everyone on edge. And that’s only the beginning, as Amy starts to suspect that someone has infiltrated the island. With some major Rose & Grave secrets to be exposed, and the potential fallout enough to take down one of America’s most loathsome figureheads, what she can’t know is that the party crasher is deadly serious about making sure “Bugaboo” doesn’t get back to Eli alive...

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Norah Una Sumner says

I hereby confess: I'm dying because of this series.

I DON'T THINK I CAN BREATHE RIGHT NOW.I'm smiling so hard,my mom just asked me if I'm okay.And the thing is...I'm sooo not okay,This series ruined my life,I swear.DIANA!I LOVE YOU!
I'm not even going to say anything,let these gifs show you how I feel after finishing this one.

Favourite quotes:

“P—Jamie!” I called.

He waded back toward me. **“I’m starting to think my name is Pajamie.”**

“Your name should be Pajerky. You said it wasn’t deep.”

“Pajerky?” He gave me a skeptical look. “That’s Pathetic.”

“We’ll see how smug you are once I’m on dry land.”

"But right then, one room away, there were people in love, and **I’d never felt so alone in my life.**"

“I really wish your boyfriend would stay out of my love life.”

“Funny. I bet Felicity wishes her boyfriend would stay out of it, too.”

“Do you...want to grab a slice of pizza or something?” I blurted out.

He hesitated. “You want to be seen in public with...” a microsecond pause, “...your face looking like that?” I cocked my head to the side.

“The real question is, do you want to be seen in public with a face like this?”

“I’d consider it.” He stood, his expression still wary."

“I have a question for you, but it’s kind of...um, personal.”

“Yes, I’m gay.”

“You really are a fan of saying that, aren’t you?”

“Once you start, you just can’t stop.”

“So, fill me in, what’s been going on here?”

“All kinds of scandal,” Clarissa said. **“Amy almost drowned, Demetria is going to beat up a patriarch’s wife, our room was trashed by conspiracy theorists, Dragon’s Head broke into the tomb in**

Connecticut, and Jenny has a crush on Harun.”

“Do not!” Jenny said.

“In other words,” said Demetria. “**The usual.**”

Odile laughed. “Man, I love this society.”

Tori says

Reread September 21 2015

Reread August 28 2013

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA SHOWER SCENE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tegan says

I HAVE THINGS I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THIS BOOK SO REVIEW FORTHCOMING. I'm going to review the entire series at the end but as this one is a) my favorite in the series so far, and b) the one I think I have the most to talk about, I'm going to do a review for this one by itself, and then an overall series review once I finish Tap & Gown. :D

Jess says

STILL AMAZING. WILL ALWAYS BE AMAZING.

JoLee says

In this third installment Amy has a pretty dismal beginning to her last semester of collage. She becomes the scapegoat in a society battle, and, more importantly, she's dealing with some pretty heart-wrenching confusion thanks to Brandon. Luckily, she has the chance to escape all of that(or so she hopes) when the Diggers go to Cavador Key over Spring Break. Where, of course, things don't exactly turn out as planned. (Nope not at all. Although, in one case, in particular, they turn out much, much better.)

This book is much more about Amy rather than the capers of Rose and Grave. And I, for one, couldn't be happier about that. Amy's whole situation with Brandon felt so very real to me. And Poe? How I love Poe. I love the swimming lessons, the fights, the stares. Hooray for the preview to the next book. I was so happy that it began right where the 3rd book left off.

Oh yes, and I love the title of the book.

Chev E says

Life is never quite for a Digger, especially Amy Haskel. Amy, or Bugaboo, as her brothers call her is up to

her usually antics, getting in trouble with guys and being the new target for the pranks of a rival secret society. When spring break comes around, Amy is ecstatic to escape from Eli campus and go to a private island off the coast of Florida occupied only by fellow Diggers and their families. However, life does not calm down in the slightest when she arrives on Cavador Key. Instead it gets more excited as unaccidental accidents keep happening and once again, Amy is the target. Put this together with what may be a new romance with a guy Amy had always hated until she didn't (though I totally predicted it-just look at my review of Under the Rose) and this vacation is bound to be Amy's most exciting adventure yet.

This book was INCREDIBLE!!!! You know a series is good when the middle books are just as good as the first and last books (like Harry Potter or Percy Jackson) and strangely enough, Secret Society Girl is like that too. I loved this book so much that I ordered Tap and Gown a second after I finished it because my library doesn't have it. Just thinking about this book is getting my thoughts to give little girlish squeaks.

(view spoiler)

Tiff at Mostly YA Lit says

Re-read. Spoilers abound.

I loved this one. 4.5 stars for properly looking at the different facets of romance in a realistic college way, and for introducing the theme of violence and sexual assault in context and how it can get messy and complicated. An extra half star for the amazing romance that I've been waiting for - it doesn't get old even after multiple readings, and it's one of the only "bad boy" romances I approve of. ROS(B) is the book that made me completely fall in love with Diana Peterfreund's work, and I'm so glad it holds up after a re-read.

Maria Angelica says

Esse foi o meu favorito até o momento, mas achei que a Amy ficou um pouco estagnada como personagem. Ela tem momentos em que fica na dúvida sobre o que vai fazer da sua vida, mas o foco foi o mistério dos acontecimentos e o romance que está se desenvolvendo com um dos outros personagens.

Também vou reclamar um pouco que os outros personagens tem ficado um pouco de plano de fundo. Gostaria de ver mais deles e seus problemas.

Super rapidinho de ler! Amo isso em livros em série.

Angie says

In this third installment of the Ivy League Novels, Our Girl Amy finds herself sludging through the gloom that is New Haven in late winter/early spring, wondering who named her whipping girl in the latest intercollegiate secret society rumble. Meanwhile, her ex-friend-with-benefits makes a sudden reappearance in her life and the already nigh unto crippling confusion factor gets ratcheted up a dozen or so notches. Fortunately, the annual Rose & Grave spring break excursion to Cavador Key looms on the horizon and Amy is given a chance to escape and recoup. Her only problem now is avoiding getting in the water while living on an island for an entire week. Natch.

This book...how I loved this book. I loved the increasingly mature way Amy deals with her friends. Her experiences with Jenny in the previous volume have made her more sensitive, I think, to the delicate emotions and motivations at work among her fellow Diggers. Despite their rank, wealth, brains, looks, or attitude. I loved how the class of D177 coalesces in this book. They stand up for each other. They notice things. They're not so quick to judge. And I loved that Poe takes it upon himself to give Amy swimming lessons. Because the swimming lessons? They are top notch. And the sneak peak at the first chapter of the fourth and final Ivy League Novel? It is *tinglingly* good. If only it wasn't a year till it comes out. Ah, well. Either way, Diana Peterfreund is now on my automatic buy list.

I hereby confess: I find myself with a sudden craving for Life Savers.

Jazmin says

HE TAUGHT HER HOW TO SWIM AND HAS BEEN IN LOVE WITH HER SINCE FOREVER. THIS IS FIIIIINE.

Lulufrances says

What can I say?!

Third book.

Great book.

Also great, lovely, relatable Amy.

Still love Diana Peterfreund's writing to the max.

Read previous books' reviews for more fangirling on the same.

Not brave enough to start the last volume in the series yet, I love this world so much and am not ready for the imminent farewell :(

Alix says

Reread September 2015

SHOWER SCENE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Just that part deserves 5 stars but overall still an awesome book and my fav in the series.

Brittany says

How I Came To Own This Book: I randomly picked up two books at Barnes & Noble last fall (November) in the series, and enjoyed them enough to order this third one.

The Plot: Amy Haskel and her fellow Diggers (that's the spoiler for you if you haven't read the first two) are off for a Spring Break vacation at the Rose & Grave's private island - Cavador Key. Of course, nothing is quite that simple as Amy juggles a variety of love quandaries, as well as the usual (and not so usual) society dramas including a feud with another rival society, a scandal that hits a big time patriarch hard, and a series of mysterious incidents on the island that get increasingly threatening for Amy and her friends.

The Good & The Bad: This book is definitely my fave in the Ivy League series to date (it'll end next summer and I'm actually a bit sad about it...). It balanced the elements of mystery, camaraderie, and girly love stories perfectly - something the previous two books struggled with. Some people might complain there wasn't enough 'secret society insight' going on here, but I thought it was just fine. I also liked the main character a bit more this book, her, and the author, both seemed like they weren't trying so damn hard to impress me with their intelligence. The other characters took a backseat in this book to Amy and her love plots, which made it harder to keep them all straight, but it wasn't necessarily a bad thing.

The Bottom Line: The best in the Ivy League series to date.

Anything Memorable?: I had gum surgery around the day I finished this book.

50-Book Challenge?: Book #39 in 2008.

Maggie says

I basically read this book like this:

Basically.

This is what this series has turned me into. I can't believe there's only one more book.

Ellen says

I kind of love the *Secret Society Girl* series (the other one being *Under the Rose*). The story is about the first class of female taps in fictional Eli University (a thinly-veiled Yale)'s fictional secret society Rose & Grave (a thinly-veiled Skull & Bones). I keep referring to the series as my "trashy YA secret society books," but they're actually neither trashy nor YA. I just can't quite explain why I like them so much, and I've been getting no end of weird looks due to my plot descriptions and the unfortunate decapitated girl covers.

The series has been described by others as "*The Da Vinci Code* meets *Bridget Jones*," which might be an apt description if *The Da Vinci Code* didn't suck and Bridget were less obsessed about... well, everything except

men. Romance! Intrigue! Term papers! The writing's great (there are some shaky bits in the first book, but the others are much smoother), the characters are quirky, the plots aren't especially deep but they don't have gaping holes and they do occasionally offer up food for thought. I think the real reason I love the books so much is that they're just so much fun, which is a hard thing to articulate, especially if you're intellectual and over-analytical about everything (cough, cough).

If this series sounds remotely like something you'd be interested in, go forth and read.

Caitlin Wyatt says

Oh man I just read it in one sitting, all I can say is I am so happy.

Charity says

I confess: I think she's terrific.

The 'she' I refer to could be applied to both the author of Rites of Spring (Break), the phenomenal Diana Peterfreund, and to her lead character, Amy "Bugaboo" Haskell. In the third installment of the Ivy League Novels, RoS(b) continues to dish out the intrigue, the developing romance, and a side helping of humor to make a rather satisfying read.

The first two novels in the series, Secret Society Girl and Under the Rose, were both masterfully written and plotted. Diana's writing style grips the reader from page one, and refuses to lessen its grip until you've reached the conclusion. One of her strengths is her voice. She plants you in Amy's head, and you feel like you're running alongside her as each new experience comes.

In RoS(b), Amy confronts her inner demons about an earlier relationship and attempts to figure out her own emotions on the matter while balancing out her life attempting to protect herself from a rival society's pranks. When she goes in search of some escape during Spring Break on Rose & Grave's exclusive island, she finds that pranks follow her and the other Diggirls. As others attempt to unravel the secrets of who's responsible for the attacks against D177, Amy starts to keep some of her own secrets.

Not to give anything away or anything, but I was totally rooting for the 'hero'... since book one.

I'd recommend the series to anyone who loves stories filled with secrets and intrigue. And anyone who's a member of a secret society, fraternity, or sorority. The bond between brothers (or sisters, as it were) can never be broken.

I should know - and so should my sisters. *wink*

Jennifer Johnson says

My favorite of the series. There is a scene, in the shower- and that's all I'm saying. When you read the scene in the shower, you'll stop breathing for about 10 minutes. More of those please!

cloudyskye says

I'm still totally immersed in Amy's world, and this, the penultimate volume of the series, was sooooo good! After some past experiences with other authors I should be scared that vol. 4 could be a disappointment, but I'm not - so far, Diana Peterfreund (what a cool name, my etymology-obsessed brain rejoices) has absolutely delivered the goods. To stay spoiler-free, let me just say I'm so crushing on P./J.O., .and the romance thing is really nicely done without boring love triangles or stupid misunderstandings. I don't even mind that I spotted the story's villain the minute he or she was introduced. Bring on "Tap and Gown"! And the HEA, of course!!!

Katie says

Re-read September 2015

Pajamie! SHOWER SCENE!

Original Review

My favorite so far! The romance in this is just wonderful!
