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The dead have risen and they are evolving. A small group of survivors struggles with constant threats, from both the dead and the living. Not everyone will survive. Hopes will be crushed, strengths and weaknesses will be tested, and bonds will be broken.

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Niki says

I was actually a little conflicted with this book. Which is not to say that I didn't love every minute of it, because I did. Much like its predecessor, Tainted Grace was filled with action, romance, and characters that have come to feel like family to me. My confusion comes from a major plot twist that happened about seventy-percent into the book. I don't want to give anything away, which means I basically can't talk about it at all, but I will say that I was half-and-half on what happened. A part of me was pretty pissed, I'm not going to lie. But then this whole other side of me started rooting for it to keep happening. I never saw it coming, but once it was there, I kind of liked it. And as you're reading this, if you haven't already read Tainted Grace, you're probably pretty confused. Sorry for that.

Anyways, back to things I am allowed to talk about...I love Gus! This is not surprising, as he's been my favorite character since he first stepped foot into the pages of Grace Lost, but in this second edition, my love for him grew almost to that of worship. He's amazing. I love the way he holds everyone together. I get butterflies in my stomach every time he says darlin'. The other characters were all great as well, but in my opinion, Gus is the true hero of this series. I also enjoyed the addition of new characters. Nathan was awesome. I loved how well he fit into the group. Plus, Susan totally needed to get laid, proven by how much nicer she was after Nathan came around. Speaking of people getting laid, Zoe does, quite a few times. This book was even more geared toward adults than the last, which is good since I am one. There were a few detailed sex scenes, in fact the book opened with a pretty saucy one. Not that I mind that sort of thing ;) but I wouldn't recommend this book to anyone under the age of seventeen. And the gore! Oh, man, it was so gross at times! The descriptions were so detailed that I found myself wanting to gag...it was awesome! This series is what a zombie-apocalypse book should be, and coming from someone who loves all things zombie, this is high praise. Good work, M! You've written a phenomenal series! I can't wait to see what comes next!

Kylee says

This is the next book in the series. When I enjoyed this book, it had a lot of twists in the series. Really good book. I thought it was a bit better than the first one that is for sure. It was really good. I would recommend anyone who is in the mood for zombies to read the book.

Overall, A good book! One I really enjoyed!

Shanna Tidwell says

I love this series and I can't get these characters out of my head. Great writing and characters have a way of sticking with you. Zoe, Emily, Boggs & Gus continue on their adventure. There's some love mess in this one too, not a triangle more like a square. Lol

I didn't enjoy his narrator as much as the first book but she did a great job. Her country boy accent made Gus sound stupid and her own accent sometimes got in the way but all in all she still did a great job. I just tend to hate it when a series changes narrators after one has been established. I already downloaded book 3 to start today. Love the zombie genre and this one has a few new ideas and that doesn't happen very often.

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Janice Colbert says

Once again, Lauryl Lewis has delivered another amazing book! I am frustrated at the fact that I am breezing through the books. You just can't put the book down!

The twists and turns in this story leaves my jaw dropping more times than I can count! I was heartbroken over Kelsey. I was really angry with Zoe for not being able to sense a Runner by Kelsey. I'm assuming the pregnancy is messing with her being able to sense the "walking dead".

I really like Boggs but I am rooting for Gus and Zoe. Zoe's character is a bit annoying at times. The way she acts/reacts, you'd guess her to be about 5 years old. All the other female characters are much more mature than Zoe. It's nice having other female characters because if Zoe was the only one, I would have lost my mind a long time ago. Susan annoyed me at first because she was so rude and out of line but as I read on, I really like her as well as Emilie. Nathan's character fits so well with the others. He is amazing with Abbey and Jane!

When the story is in a climactic moment. I am right there with it, then all of a sudden at times, I have lost that moment due to typos or an incorrect word placed within the sentence. It breaks me out of that amazing zone I'm in because it makes no sense then I have to go back and read the sentence again to realize what it should have said. The book is amazing! It really is! I just wish when I am so deep into the story, that it isn't broken due to typos, etc.

Looking forward to book 3 in the series. When you think that a book, written in a series would lose its excitement, think again. I find so far that Lauryl will not disappoint.

Karen says

[So, this book picks up from the first one with Zoe trying to deal with the fact that she's now pregnant cause once the world has gone to hell in a hand-basket we forget ourselves and have unprotected sex. Like we had no clue where that would go. The groups daily life gets interrupted by one(or a group) of people who

S.T. Williams says

Tainted Grace is the second novel in M. Lauryl Lewis' Grace series.

Going into reading this novel I knew that I didn't like the main character Zoe, she had kind of rubbed me the wrong way throughout the first novel Grace Lost and honestly if it wasn't for Ms. Lewis' unique take on the zombie apocalypse I probably wouldn't have even continued on in this series because of how annoying I found Zoe...but continue I did and here I am at the end of the second installment still loving the concept and the world building...but really fucking hating Zoe...seriously in the course of a few chapters I went from being mildly irritated by her to absolutely not being able to stand her!! In the first book I thought she was whiny and annoying I kept waiting for her to grow some balls to step up and become a bad ass, because that is what is required to live through the apocalypse...well maybe she did find a little back bone but she did it at the cost of loyalty and respect...seriously... I feel bad for Boggs and Emelie for devoting parts of their hearts to such a lying weak little witch. And the worst part...she dragged Gus down with her, he was my favorite character in the first book but now I just want to punch him too.

The good part is the story is still interesting despite the character flaws, the world building is superb and the origins of this unique zombie infection is still a mystery that I have yet to figure out. I think for those reasons I will probably go ahead and check out the next book in the series...but seriously Zoe needs to either redeem herself quickly and hugely or become less of a focal point because I'm not sure how much more of her shit I can take.

Kcecil17 says

How many ways can I say I loved this book!!!!i can't freakin wait until the next one..

NormaCenva says

Actual Raiting 3.5 Stars

P diddy says

Seems like most sequels pale in comparison to the original but NOT T HIS ONE! Even better than the first book. A++++ to this writer. Plot twists kept it real. The gore is beyond just fantastic. Adult scenes are hot. Not the best to read alone at night cuz its pretty freaky scary. Waiting anxiously for the next one ~ BRAVO!

Kami says

For me this book was a step up from the 1st novel in this series. The writing and dialogue are better, and just overall a better book. I think the author has grown since her last book, and it shows in this book.

We get the more mature Zoe in this book. She is struggling with her new life and circumstances all while dealing with those wacky pregnancy hormones. She is scared about having a baby in this zombie infested world.

I love how the group functions. Everyone has different roles, and they all work together to make the best of the life they have. Zoe comments on how maybe people will look down on the girls since they have taken on the roles of keeping house and cooking, while the guys take on the more manly tasks like hunting and keeping everyone safe. I think that with technology taken out of the picture, most of society would fall back to these general roles.

I wanted to cry along with Zoe when their house burnt down. They had all worked so hard to fortify that house and had made a nice little home for themselves, it was heartbreaking to see it go.

As far as relationships go, I for one was taken completely by surprise by this turn of events. I was not expecting that at all. I wont spoil it for anyone, but wow are we in for some drama in the next book!

Will I read the next book in the series? Absolutly!

Will I recommend this book? Yes, it is a nice quick read!

Carys Wiggans says

I didn't know I'd love a zombie book this much, but oh I do. Absolutely amazing series!!

Robin Wings says

I'm sort of at a loss about how highly rated these books are, mostly because there are a horde of other zombie-fiction type series that are FAR better written, with equal to, or much lower scores. I mean, I see potential in Lewis as a storyteller that I could really enjoy, but so far that potential is being unmet. That being said, I now find myself at a bit of a crossroads...

None of the issues I found with the first book were improved. As for the character development I was hoping for, nada. I still find the cast pretty one dimensional and almost impossible to care about. If anything, I'd say my initial complaints have about doubled at this point.

Zoe is still one of the weakest, most annoying female leads I've ever taken a journey with. She's starting to make Bella Swan seem tough and rational. Oh, as for her relationship with Boggs... we've all heard that adage, "Still a better love story than Twilight", but I'm thinking Meyer deserves the point here. I was thinking that even before Zoe's little tryst with Gus began, but now... yikes. As for that deviation from the original plan? Ha! Okay, look...

In the first book I found myself often shaking my head over the absurdity of frequent and unnecessary sex scenes. Not that I'm a prude in any way, shape or form, but I find sex for sex's sake rather weak. If it makes sense, if there's actual passion, if helps to propel the story forward--if it's an erotic novel--then Great! But.. Here we are, stranded in the middle of a zombie apocalypse with our characters; danger to the left of them, danger to the right, and, "Oh! Hey! Let's go set out on that lake and have ourselves a little afternoon delight!" Though there seems to be far fewer of these scenes in the second book, I can't help but find them increasingly ridiculous. Now we got a car full of survivors up on the road, resting after fleeing (and fleeing) for their lives, but let's follow Zoe and Gus down to the water's edge so they can not only risk their lives in the stupidest way possible to give us another outrageously unnecessary sex scene--while, I should add, the father of Zoe's unborn baby waits oblivious up above--but also destroy what little character development there's been so far. I mean, jebus! First, Zoe's telling us how Boggs is like a brother, and then the next thing we know she's falling into bed with him. Fair enough; sometimes friendship unexpectedly becomes more. It happens. So then, when the guy nearly twice her age (and coupled with the redhead she constantly refers to as being like her sister) suddenly makes a play for her, we're asked to forget that the (weak, but there) character arc on Gus up to this point has been to present him as a stand up guy; a wiser, older man looking over Zoe almost like a daughter or younger sister. He's well aware that she's naïve (sometimes outright stupid) and immature, that she likely was in no way mentally or emotionally prepared for an adult relationship with her one-time best friend, and yet he's not too busy trying to survive (and keep everyone else alive) to take the time getting into Zoe's pants. Really? Okay, if you say so.

Take all that, add in the fact that the stereotypical male/female roles here (I MAN--I hunt, I kill, I protect! You woman--You cook, you clean, you cower but don't ever listen when I tell you to stay put!) are almost sickening, and you got what I would generally call a spectacular crapfest.

Yet...

(And here's where I get back to that crossroads I mentioned.)

Though I did nearly give up on the book right after Zoe's riverside 'checkup' (I actually snorted, shook my head and walked away from the book for the night, thinking I wouldn't bother going back to it), there is something compelling me to move forward to 'Dark Grace'. I don't know if I'm just a masochist, or if I'm Zoe-level naïve to think that things will turn around... maybe I just hope that by book three, Lewis will really start finding her groove. I don't know, but I'm just curious enough about whatever might be growing in Zoe's belly, and our now communicating zombies, to embark on the third leg of the journey. I do so cautiously, and with much lower expectations than I had going into this series initially.

May god have mercy on my soul.

Petra Garcia says

HOLY SHIT!

I am so scared. I am so a little bitch I had to skim on some paragraphs cause I was soo scared. These books are better then any zombie movies I have seen. I super anxious the whole time while it was reading it. The best part of these books it that they dont lagg and are pretty quick reads that get the point across. Plus these Zombies were original and smart to top it off.

SPOILER* *Spoiler

And I still cannot believe what the refugee camp did to those remaining survivors!!!! WTF...arent to supposed to be helping them.

The whole this with Gus I did not see that coming....

Jennifer Nigh says

Spoiler alert.

I really enjoyed reading this book. I am still trying to figure out why the author felt it was necessary to have Boggs abuse Zoe and then break em up so to speak. I can understand why Zoe felt the way she did with what Boggs did to her, but to have Gus and Zoe betray Boggs and Em by sleeping together? That wasnt right.

I am liking the direction about the runner zombies and how Zoe can read there mind or sense them most of the time. It gives this book a twist from normal zombies that just eat brains. The roamers are the slow normal ones who are led by the runners.

Overall, I highly recommend this book as well as all the others in this series. If you are a zombie fan or fanatic, I think you will really like this. It has some romance, a little violence, and some passionate scenes.

Jorra says

I loved this series & can't wait for the third book to come out!!
