
The Bookish* Newsletter!

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Check out updates on my good reads progress, upcoming titles, lists, and reviews.



[Latest Review] The Summer I Ate The Rich

Thank you to NetGalley and Macmillan Children's Publishing Group for this title.

I didn't think that there would be a twist on that when I saw "Haitian Zombie Lore" in the synopsis. However, Brielle is a zombie, but not the mad-flesh-craving, brain-eating, slow-moving kind. Well, not so much because she does crave raw meat at times.

♪ ♪ ♪ They want to steal your brains 🧠 and eat your knowledge ♪ ♪ ♪...yeah, not that. (LOL)

In Haitian lore, it's different. In this story, we learned that Brielle is a zombie, but not of her own doing, and not of a reanimated corpse brought back to life through the supernatural powers of a bokor. Brielle is a smart, and I love YA novels that show young people in this light. You can be poor in finances but rich in life.

3.89 STARS ✨

Her only goal is to take care of her family, especially her Mom, who has chronic pain. Brielle wants to be a cook, and at just 17, she's a genius in the kitchen. Everyone loves her cooking, even though it has a "special" ingredient.

Brielle was beginning to grow her supper club when an opportunity came to help her community and those less fortunate. Although Bre did what she could for the greater good, it was illegal. Instead of being arrested, her repayment for that incident was to intern for a big pharma firm in Miami. Brielle (while she didn't like it) figured this would be an excellent opportunity to help her family. She could make money and add her mother to her medical plan.

Her mother has always been apprehensive towards her, but Bre is used to this coldness, and she knows it's because she's a zombie. Brielle would learn a lot this summer and make friends she didn't count on.

Through family and allies, Bre would do more than grow her supper club. She would also take an axe to big pharma and how they prey on people's needs by having them addicted to a drug to survive, but making it unaffordable for the masses.

This is a great YA novel that's mystery, light on the horror and not graphic. I think it's a great read.

More Updates & Progress!

Upcoming Horror Debut

WHEN THE WOLF COMES HOME

By Nat Cassidy

(April 22, 2025)

SCIENCE FICTION, HORROR, THRILLER

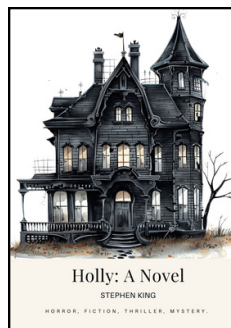


One night, Jess, a struggling actress, finds a five-year-old runaway hiding in the bushes outside her apartment. After a violent, bloody encounter with the boy's father, she and the boy find themselves running for their lives.

As they attempt to evade the boy's increasingly desperate father, horrifying incidents of butchery follow them. At first, Jess thinks she understands what they're up against, but she's about to learn there's more to these surreal and grisly events than she could've ever imagined.

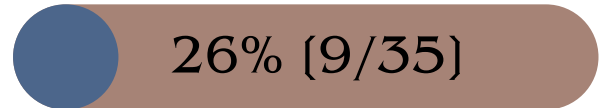
And that's when the wolf finally comes home, none will be spared.

Currently Reading



Good Reads Challenge Progress

I'm making great progress on my challenge. I do have a hard time getting through physical books so I switch back and forth with this perfect Summer pastime.



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Books I Got In March

The Devil and Mrs. Davenport, Paulette Kennedy

Great Book Sources

- BookTrib [<https://booktrib.com/>]
- Good Reads [<https://www.goodreads.com/>]
- Book Riot [<https://bookriot.com/>]
- NPR [<https://www.npr.org/books/>]
- Literary Hub [<https://lithub.com/>]

March's Reading Challenge!

"Read the last book on your bookshelf"



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