

The Bookish* Newsletter!

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



✨4.95 STARS ✨

[Latest ARC Review] How to Survive A Horror Story

Thank you to Net Galley and Poisoned Pen Press for the advanced copy of this title.

I knew I would enjoy this title after the first ten pages because it reads like a locked-door Agatha Christie mystery or a good movie. Reminiscent of The Last of Sheila or Murder on the Orient Express.

Mortimer Queen, a famous horror author, has died and invited several other well-known horror authors to his home for the reading of his will. The invited can't think of why they are named, but all turn up eager to receive (what they believe) is a piece of Mortimer's massive wealth.

All the authors have had experiences with Mortimer (on some level), and all have something salacious to hide. What they don't realize is that they would get more than what they bargained for.

They have all been named recipients, but what they get will surprise them all. Solve the riddle corresponding to everyone invited, survive Mortimer's house of horrors, and get out alive.

This is such a great mystery, and learning about everyone's backstory lends itself to the reason they were brought to the house. To think that their successes were built on the back of Mortimer Queen is despicable. What's more interesting is that they thought they'd gotten away with it.

Sooner or later, everyone would get their comeuppance, as Mortimer has other plans to ensure debts are paid in full.

This title ended a little too perfectly for me, but I can't be mad at whom that end was intended for. In conclusion, this is a title that keeps the pace, has a great story, and the characters have a great chemistry (good and bad). So, if you're searching for a locked-door Summer mystery read, this is the one.

TITLES MENTIONED: 🎁📚👤

✨ The Last of Sheila ✨

✨ Murder on the Orient Express ✨

More Updates & Progress!

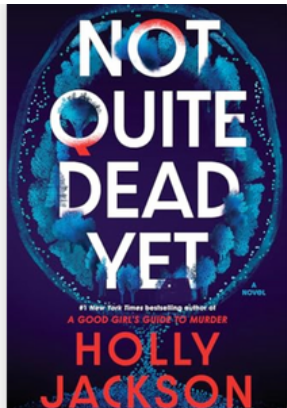
Upcoming Summer Thriller

NOT QUITE DEAD YET

By Holly Jackson

(July 22, 2025)

MYSTERY 🍷 THRILLER 🍷 SUSPENSE



In seven days Jet Mason will be dead.



Jet is the daughter of one of the wealthiest families in Woodstock, Vermont. Twenty-seven years old, she's still waiting for her life to begin. I'll do it later, she always says. She has time.

Until Halloween night, when Jet is violently attacked by an unseen intruder.



COMPLETED TILES FOR JUNE!

Credenza, Edgar Cantero
Ninth House, Leigh Bardugo
The Devil & Mrs. Davenport, Paulette Kennedy
So Thirsty, Rachel Harrison

✨ *Currently Reading* ✨

📖 The Broken Girls, Simone St. James

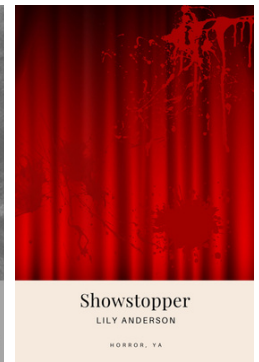
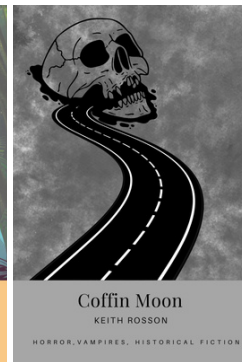
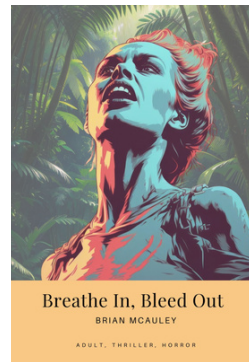
📖 The House That Horror Built, Christina Henry

Good Reads Challenge Progress

June has been a month for reading. Good Reads Challenge aside, I've gotten through more titles than anticipated. I've shaken that Summer slump, and I can't wait to finish more in my ARC queue. 🌟

50% {19/28}

ARC TITLES IN THE QUEUE



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June Reading Challenge!

"Read a spooky atmospheric mystery."

Stay tuned for more
reading updates.

