
The Bookish* Newsletter!

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

[ARC Review] Wayward Souls (Harker & Moriarty #2)

Susan J. Morris [FANTASY, HISTORICAL, FICTION, LGBT]

First, THANK YOU to NetGalley and Bindery Books for the advance copy of this title.

With Wayward Souls, I probably should have read the first book to get better acquainted with the characters. There are so many moving parts and storylines that figuring out how everyone connects was a little confusing at times. I'm assuming the first book in the series would have cleared much of that up. Also, judging by the way this one ends, it's clear another installment is right on its heels.

We have Samantha Harker, daughter of Mina and Jonathan Harker (yes, that Jonathan Harker-Dracula's killer). Her Aunt Lucy visits her as a ghost who drinks blood. Then there's Dr. Helena Moriarty (daughter of Moriarty... yes, that Moriarty), whose precision and fighting skills are second to none. And of course, Jakob Van Helsing, who really needs no introduction.

All of these players are members of the Royal Society and are sent to Ireland to investigate the disappearance of two of its members.

Now let's add in the Wild Hunt-which I only recognized from another TV show I've watched-along with crows' feathers emerging from limbs and bodies, a silent song that only one person can hear, characters seeing the dead, witches, people with second sight... and suddenly you've got a whole grab bag of eerie elements to latch onto.

What I also found interesting was Samantha's journey in this part of the series. She's constantly being told to return home, yet she proves again and again that she's smart, cunning, and more than capable of handling the task at hand. After all, she's the one who ultimately puts the pieces together.



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More Updates & Reading Progress!

Review Cont'

Despite the action and tension, this still felt like a cozy kind of story. There's a brewing love story, strong friendships, betrayal, and men who believe they have the power to control and possess what isn't theirs. Honestly—what more could you ask for?

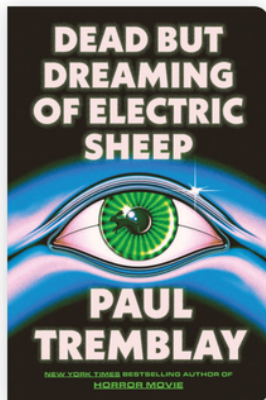
I really enjoyed this title and highly recommend it. It would make a perfect read for the Fall/Halloween season.

Upcoming Horror

DEAD BUT DREAMING OF ELECTRIC SHEEP

Paul Tremblay (June 30th, 2026)

SCI-FI, HORROR, THRILLER



Philip K. Dick meets the Coen Brothers in this genre-bending near-future tech nightmare that is as bitinglly funny as it is horrifically believable from the New York Times bestselling author of Horror Movie.

Meet Julia Flang, a twenty-something former semi-professional gamer, living with her retired uncle, and working two jobs she doesn't like. Out of the blue, her estranged mother, a CFO for one of the world's largest tech companies, offers her a temp job with a payday Julia can't refuse. One sham interview later, she's offered the opportunity to chaperone a man in a vegetative state—one with proprietary AI implanted in his head—from California to the East Coast.

March Downloads + Purchases

With a library sale and my Audible back in commission, I've gotten a few titles.

A Girl's Guide to Hunting and Fishing, Melissa Bank

Dawn, V.C. Andrews (CLASSIC!)

Currently Reading

Dearest, Jacquie Walters

My Ex The Antichrist, Craig DeLouie

COMPLETED TILES FOR MARCH

Nothing Tastes As Good, Luke Dumas

Wayward Souls, Susan J. Morris

Polybius, Colin Armstrong

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