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

[ARC Review] The House That Eats the Dead

Max Doty [HORROR ♦ PARANORMAL ♦ HAUNTED HOUSE]

This may be my first ✨ 5-star ARC rating of the year, because I truly loved everything about *The House That Eats the Dead*. I went into this excited to get a copy, and then I realized what a novel concept it was.

Because when you think about that title, there are so many places this story can go.

It's not unexpectedly graphic, but it's creepy in every way. A house that not only eats the dead but removes all memory and evidence of their existence—with the exception of the owner.

I loved the family dynamic in this story, but at first I didn't care for the husband because something about his disconnect from everything just felt off. He stepped up at times, but his approach wasn't always what the family needed.

The strangeness of things going missing starts small. Truly, no one would even notice at first—until meat and snacks start disappearing right before your eyes.

This is one of those stories where Mom Claire instantly earned my trust, simply because she sacrificed everything for her family and put her career on hold. But don't worry, because "Chaos Claire" comes through in the end. Her husband, Tom, however, seemed shifty...as most lawyers do. (LOL)

It turns out the house has a history, and over the years, outsiders have learned its secrets. That's why Pamela, the original owner, chose Tom and Claire in the first place. She knew she was putting this enormous responsibility into the right hands.



More Updates & Reading Progress!

☆ Review CONTINUED ☆

Overall, this story had a great ending, and what it all boils down to is women. The care that women give, the responsibilities we carry, and how sometimes, for the sake of family, we have to grab hold of things and handle them ourselves.

I would absolutely recommend this title. ✨

☆☆☆☆ GOOD READS UPDATE

Here are all the books I've read so far.

- **The Henchperson's Guide to Unionizing**, Marshall J. Moore (ARC)
- **A House With Good Bones**, T. Kingfisher
- **A Box Full of Darkness**, Simone St. James
- **Observer**, Nicholas Russell (ARC)
- **The House That Eats the Dead**, Max Doty (ARC)
- **That Night**, Gillian McAllister
- **The Godsend**, Bernard Taylor
- **The Calamities**, Chuck Wendig (ARC)
- **Silence for the Dead**, Simone St. James
- **Cross My Heart, I Hope You Die**, Mallory Arnold (ARC)
- **The Babysitter Lives**, Stephen Graham Jones
- **The Film You Are About to See**, Hayley Newlin
- **The Patel Motel**, Maulik Pancholy
- **Molka**, Monika Kim (ARC)
- **Dearest**, Jacquie Walters
- **Odessa**, Gabrielle Sher (ARC)

GOOD READS UPDATE cont'

- **My Ex, The Antichrist**, Craig DeLouie
- **Polybuis**, Colin Armstrong
- **Hell Bent**, Leigh Bardugo
- **Nothing Tastes As Good**, Luke Dumas (ARC)
- **Wayward Souls**, Susan J. Morris (ARC)
- **Wretch**, Eric LaRocca (ARC)
- **Head Cleaner**, David James Keaton (ARC)
- **This Is Not A Test**, Courtney Summers (ARC)

☆ Currently Reading ☆

- The Maid, Nita Pros
- A House With Good Bones, T. Kingfisher

Book Sources

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October Reading Challenge!

"Read a story about a haunted house."

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