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WARNING: SOMETIMES EVIL IS CLOSER THAN IT APPEARS.

possessions: me

-one full-blown obsession with floppy-haired, gorgeous, perfect Troy (still).

-nightmares, endless, terrifying nightmares, oh god someone help me.

possessions: them

-everything I've ever wanted.

-killer instincts.

Lindsay thought she left Marlwood Academy behind for good. The girls there aren't just mean, they're evil - possessed by spirits of the dead. Then Lindsay discovers that she is possessed! Now she must go back to Marlwood to free herself once and for all.

But the secrets of Marlwood run deep... and the evil is much closer than Lindsay knows.

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CJ says

scary good!

Paige (Arya) says

The Evil Within A Possessions Novel by Nancy Holder 5 of 5 stars.
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When Lindsay returns to eerie Marlwood Academy she is haunted by the past, literally. The ghosts of those done wrong in the time when Marlwood was a reformatory for willful girls are breathing down her neck. Those that are very real to her seem just as malevolent as the spirits who haunt them, but when Celia, the girl now possessing Lindsay, tells her what she must do to extricate herself and the others from these spirits, she isn't sure she can go through with it.

Doubt and simple human nature crowd her at every turn as she struggles to decide what is right, who is and who isn't possessed, and better yet; who is trying to kill who. It isn't the nineteenth century anymore and Lindsay must find a way to set the past to rest--one way or another.

The Evil Within is a thrilling modern gothic full of surprises and chills on every page. Nancy Holder depicts a ghostly tale with a remarkable heroine. If you're a fan of gothic fantasies like the Gemma Doyle Trilogy and Michelle Zink's Prophecy of the Sisters you'll love this!

I could barely put the book down once I picked it up. I haven't even read the first Possessions Novel and I was still thoroughly engrossed. Nancy Holder has a fascinating way of writing that draws you into a story right from the start. The main character Lindsay's struggle to understand all of the past circumstances that are now shaping her life was completely unpredictable. Just as soon as I thought I had it all figured out, things would change. I enjoyed the other characters and how there ended up being more to them than I had originally expected--even the ghosts. I honestly don't think there is a single bad thing I can say about this book, though I do wish the ending hadn't been quite so abrupt.

From the characters to the writing style this delicious modern gothic is sure to be a favorite with most all dark fantasy lovers. Whether you're like me, and can't stand the music they play on shows like Unsolved Mysteries and have never picked up a "ghost like" book in your life, or are a real horror junky, I think you'll adore this book just the same.

For fans of: Nancy Holder, Gemma Doyle Trilogy, Prophecy of the Sisters, Devil's Kiss

Review by Arya @ A Sea of Pages (<http://seaofpages.blogspot.com>) <

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Kira M for TeensReadToo.com

After defeating the evil at Marlwood Academy, Lindsey finds herself the victim of an unwanted possession by one of the school's ghosts.

Forced to head back to the school to which she swore she'd never return, Lindsey will fight for her life and her sanity. To be victorious, she will need to discover deep, hidden secrets within the school that many want to keep buried - including the evil within.

Can Lindsey save her school, the students, and most of all herself?

A great novel for older reluctant readers. The characters are well-developed, and the plot is intense and very unnerving. Not to be read at night by the faint of heart, those who enjoy horror, paranormal, ghosts, and demons will love reading *THE EVIL WITHIN* after they have read *POSSESSIONS*.

Andrea says

great book! i couldnt stop reading!
well developed characters!
good plot and story!
recommended to everyone

Cynthia (A Blog about Nothing) says

The Evil Within starts off right where *Possessions* ended. Lindsay is back at home for the Holidays and is hoping of never going back to Marlwood. She soon realizes that the spirit of Celia is still inside her and the only way she can think of getting rid of her is by going back to the school.

The Evil Within had me hooked from the very beginning, I couldn't put it down and I found myself with goosebumps several times. Nancy Holder did a great job in describing all the little details and made it so easy to connect with the characters and have a mental picture about everything that was happening around poor Lindsay. In this one we get to find out a lot more about what happened to these seven spirits at the school through memories and dreams that Lindsay can see from Celia's spirit. There's also a lot of other scary things going on around the campus and nobody knows who's responsible. We also get introduced to Mandy's brother Miles which was mentioned a lot in *Possessions* and let me tell you that I was left wanting to hear more about him, I won't say anymore about that as to not spoil it for readers.

Just like in *Possessions* the reader and the main character are just as lost and confused about everything that is happening. I kept trying to figure it out from the clues that you read throughout the book just to be proved wrong about everything which just made me flip the pages even faster. This is definitely a book you want to read if you love ghost stories and creepy settings in the middle of nowhere and very very good ending that you'll never see coming which will leave you wanting the next book right away.

Judy says

This was both terrible and wonderful all at the same time. I could not put it down.

I am truly sick of Lindsay in this book. In the last book it felt like she was in the process of growing up, of dealing with mother's death, of standing up for herself against mean girls and getting over the trauma of her experience with Jane/Riley. She was a character I liked and someone who was rational and protective of her friends.

In this book, all of that deteriorated. As Celia's grip on Lindsay tightened, she grew more and more paranoid, weepy and prone to hysteria. She's constantly stumbling in the snow, fumbling with her cell phone and screaming for help. There is something definitely unhinged about this girl, and I'm surprised that she doesn't get sent off to the shrink sooner. I'm also surprised that none of her supposed "friends" noticed her downward spiral. What is irritating is also the constant brand-dropping and the description of clothing. Yes, we get that this is a super rich school with super wealthy modelesque girls. Now stop talking about their insert-color-here cashmere sweater. I really disliked that in the first book Lindsay was all about being herself, wearing whatever she wants, but now she allows herself to be dressed like a mannequin by her rich friends just so she can fit in to the image that the headmistress (? is that her title) wants to see her in. The woe-is-me I can't afford this lifestyle self dialogue also started getting old.

However, the back story of this book is a real gem. I loved the twisted reason of why the possessions are happening, and I love stories about old patterns repeating, old lives being relived. I loved the revelation at the end, and how Lindsay loses control of herself. The whole idea is quite terrifying, and I was sucked into it. When things were actually *happening* this book is really, really great. All the filler about Troy and all that though, I could live without (even though I grudgingly admit that it is a part of the story to a certain extent, but I hate that Lindsay falls right into it).

I am still going to read the third book, which says something. Heh.

Monster says

The Evil Within is the second book in the Possessions series, of which I have not read the first; however, after completing this one, I'll be picking up the first book and all that follow it. Nancy Holder has created an incredibly spooky tale full of scorned lovers, murders, attempted murders, ghosts, and of course, possessions. Holder writes a vividly terrifying tale that overflows with ancient superstitions and mythologies that span the globe.

After a brief holiday break, Lindsay has reluctantly returned to the creepy Marlwood Academy; a boarding school with a dark past. It doesn't take long for Lindsay and the rest of the residents of Marlwood Academy, including the extremely unhappy ghosts that stalk the grounds, to fall back into the swing of things – including attempted murders and possessions. Out of cliques, high school crushes and loves, and general teenage angst, Holder has created strong characters that most teen readers will easily identify with, and spun a dark twist on their interactions with one another.

The Evil Within can be read without having read the first in the series, but after completing The Evil Within, you will want to go back and read the first just because the second novel was that good. For those that

enjoyed Holder's Wicked series, this will be a welcome addition to her growing collection of YA fiction. Recommended for a school or public young adult collection; ages 14 and up.

Contains: mild violence, attempted sexual violence
Reviewed by Kelly Fann

Cindy says

4.5 stars.
i actually thought this was the first book in the series and altho i found out by chapter 2 that it wasn't, i was already hooked. intense, scary and sexy, i really enjoyed this novel and cannot wait for the next installment. they say the second novel in a series is always "slumpy", not so with this one. and i was not lost starting here wo reading the first.

Candice Azalea Greene says

I went into this book not knowing it was the second in a series, but I had no problem staying up-to-date with the current--and past--events. The author expertly weaves the back story throughout the entire book so I never felt like I was missing something. However, I would like to go back and read the first one because it sounds so interesting. The pacing was great, the characters were believable, the world was intriguing. I found it strange how obsessed with people's clothing the narrator was. Every time a fellow student appeared on the scene she took the time to describe what she was wearing. The only reason I didn't give this book five stars is some of the worlds the author used got redundant, such as "hard"--I fell hard, the breeze blew hard, etc. I felt that word in particular was widely overused. The story itself though was spot on.

Erin says

Yeah I didn't realize this was a second book so I have not read the first one yet so I'm currently waiting to get a hold of the first one through my library

Karen Amburgey says

Not my favorite. Moving on...

Jasmina Vulovic says

OHH MY GOD I NEED THE THIRD BOOK ???

Kate says

The Evil Within follows Lindsay once again as she returns to the dreaded Marlwood Academy. Since I had recently finished the first novel in this series, I found it really easy to get back into the flow of Holder's writing. Holder provides a minimal amount of back story, which I found to be refreshing. Personally, I want a little bit of a refresher course when starting a new novel in a series, but do not like to be bogged down by countless amounts of the previous story being retold. And this is exactly what Holder does. I got the refresher without feeling like the new story was being overshadowed.

While I enjoyed Lindsay's character in Possessions, I must admit that I found myself liking her a lot more in this novel. Her character is much more fleshed out and complex. And since this novel is told in her point of view, I better understood her train of thinking, so there was a little bit less of me yelling at this book. In contrast to Lindsay, the secondary characters were not a full bodied as I had hoped. The reader understands the characters, but the connection with Lindsay felt a little lacking. It is not that I wanted to see events from their point of view, but rather that I would have enjoyed to being able to care about them a little more. It is basically like they are on the side lines the whole time. The reader gets to know them, but not on the deeper levels like Lindsay.

The Evil Within, all in all, was a huge step forward in the Possessions series. I thoroughly enjoyed learning more about Lindsay and Marlwood Academy, and getting deeper into the secrets they both hold. This is definitely a series that I will be keeping an eye on, and can only wait to get my hands on more.

Gatu Cha says

The Evil Within written by Nancy Holder is the sequel to Possessions. Lindsay Cavanaugh is the main character. Although I have not read the first book, the Evil Within starts off introducing possessed Lindsay. At the beginning of the book, Lindsay talks about why she left to Marlwood Academy, a private boarding school. She was not at Marlwood Academy but the things she did and she saw reminded her of the things that happened back at Marlwood. She began seeing spirits and she was getting haunted by the past. That's when she finds out she is possessed and heads back to Marlwood. Celia, the girl who is possessing Lindsay commands her to kill Mandy who is being possessed by Belle, also Troy's girlfriend. Although she is confused, she doesn't think she can go through all this. She is confused, she doesn't know who is killing who. I wished I would have known about the first book, Possessions, to get a better understanding of the sequel. This is basically a repeat of Celia, David, and Belle's love triangle. The girls getting back at each others for the same boy. This book was really scary and interesting. I liked it a lot because of how Holder connects us with Lindsay by having Lindsay tell her point of view. If you want to know more about how the story ends, to see if Many and Lindsay kills each others then I suggest you read this novel. Also, if you enjoy watching the series Pretty Little Liars, I recommend you to read this freaky, sexy story.

Olivia (???) says

While reading this I was constantly thinking about what rating I will give it on goodreads. It started with four, went to three, and I even thought of giving it five stars because of the ending.

The ending. OH MY GOD, THE ENDING. Not all of it, but THE ENDING. AAAAAAAAAAAAAAH

I was just left with my jaw on the ground, staring into a wall and just thinking how blind I was for something that obvious. Nancy Holder impressed me with this one. Really.

Was I really so blind? I honestly hope that I wasn't the only one who thought (view spoiler)

I was so interested in the story behind Miles and Mandy. And I am so eager now to finish the third part and get all of my answers.

The problem I had with this book was the whole Lindsay and Troye thing. He really annoyed me a lot for the game he played with the two girls (even though Holder in the end makes him look like a really nice dude).

But I just couldn't forgive him that. Also Lindsay really used every opportunity to mention how rich he was or how he looked like a wealthy boy. But the part I didn't get was the...surprise? he made for her. (view spoiler)...okay. Whatever. I don't mind. I got my crazy part. I'm fine.
