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**J.D. Robb's *Missing in Death*** investigates a female tourist's disappearance during a ferry ride. Detective Eve Dallas wonders...if she didn't jump, and she's not on board, then where in the world is she?

In **Patricia Gaffney's *The Dog Days of Laurie Summer***, a woman awakens to a familiar yet unsettling world.

In **Mary Blayney's *Lost in Paradise***, a man locked in an island fortress finds hope for freedom in an enigmatic nurse.

And **Ruth Ryan Langan's *Legacy*** belongs to a young woman who unearths a family secret buried on the grounds of a magnificent but imposing Irish castle.

## The Lost Details

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# **From Reader Review The Lost for online ebook**

## **Holly says**

This was a good collection of stories. I started it for the In Death, but ended up enjoying all 4 novellas.

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## **Barbara "Cookie" Serfaty Williams says**

### **The Lost (In Death)**

Four story of love lost and found, of black and white, of wants and needs. Eve and Roarke run in with Homeland again., a woman on a ferry vanish and one is murder. Eve must find who murder a woman and how he got off the ferry. Fun read. The other books are about love lost and what happen when you let it find you. Great read.

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## **Valerie Robertson says**

Missing In Death is the short story that follows the In Death storyline in the this compilation of 4 stories. It's an interesting storyline and fun to see how Eve and Roarke walk thru the process. I don't think it "adds" considerably to the overall storyline of the series, but it's a fun short read.

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## **Julie says**

A few years ago, while in search of one of the "In Death" novellas, I ended up stumbling upon an anthology instead of an individually published story. The book included stories by four separate authors, all loosely touching the same theme. I enjoyed Mary Blayney's story about a magic coin so much that I decided go back and read all the anthologies so that I could read the earlier stories in the "Poppy's Coin" series.

The "In Death" story was a solid piece of writing that held up to rereading. And the second story was absolutely charming. But the Blamey story was a disappointment. Instead of a charming Regency romance with a bit of magic, the story was a romance sprinkled with a little magic and a lot of religious faith. It was a well crafted story, but instead of misunderstandings between mature adults, there was the question of if the love of a young innocent could break the curse on the worldly gentleman. The last story was too trite for words.

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## **Valerie says**

I only bought this book because I wanted to read the In Death short story that it contained. I read the rest of it just because I finish all of my books.

The In Death short story was great and definitely worth getting the book for, but the rest of the short stories were forgettable and not worth the effort of reading.

So get/read this if you want to read everything in the In Death series, otherwise don't bother.

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### **Maria says**

All four stories in this book were great. I always love JD Robb's In Death additions, and I would have bought this book just for that, but I do feel that I got three bonus stories that were hard to put down. The last story, Legacy, by Ruth Ryan Langan may have been a little too sappy at the end for my taste, but I enjoyed it nevertheless. The Dog Days of Laurie Summer was hilarious and will appeal to any dog lover out there. Since I'm a type A personality, I considered it a heads-up warning that will hopefully have me reevaluate the way I do things. It certainly had me thinking. Mary Blayne's Lost in Paradise was a bit of a stretch for me and actually horrified me in some ways. I kept shuddering at Isabelle's naive approach to life, and Sebastian did a 180 a little too fast for me, but it was an interesting plot. Mostly I loved Missing in Death and the interactions between Eve and Roark and Peabody and Summerset, which never fail to entertain.

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### **Sam says**

I'm not really sure what I was expecting from a collection of novellas, but whatever it was, I was underwhelmed.

MISSING IN DEATH - Murder mysteries aren't really my thing to begin with, but to appreciate this story, you have to be familiar with the character Eve Dallas and the IN DEATH series--which I'm not. Because it's part of a greater series, the characters aren't given much backstory, so I ended up feeling very detached.

THE DOG DAYS OF LAURIE SUMMER - This was my favorite of the four stories. It seemed a little too absurd at first, but once I warmed up to the premise, I found that I liked the writing style, and more importantly, the characters were fleshed-out and likable (a quality which was noticeably lacking from the other stories). If you read only one of the stories in this book, make it this one.

LOST IN PARADISE - It made me cringe. Which upset me, because I liked the premise. Cursed to stay on an island forever? Kind of cool. But I wasn't a fan of the writing style, and the characters fell flat. Very flat, so that I often caught myself rolling my eyes. My least favorite of the collection.

LEGACY - Pretty good...until the romance took over. Then I was rolling my eyes again.

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### **Cris says**

Heh. I have to admit I barely even looked at the stories except for Robb's. And I didn't read any of them.

I enjoyed the Eve Dallas story. Actually it was more of a novella. (I wouldn't recommend it for newcomers to the series. They'll miss most of the flavor of the character interactions, especially the climatic scene.) The story was the perfect length. It didn't feel rushed or drawn out. I would recommend it to every Eve Dallas

fan.

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### **Lynsey A says**

This review is only on the J.D. Robb short story "Missing in Death."

Wow, for a short story this was wonderful. Now, I have to say in the middle of this story I was going to give this one a 3 star (it was a brief thought but about 3 pages later I changed my mind) but by the end it got shot right up to 5 stars.

This book touches back on Divided in Death so if someone is reading out of order the J.D. Robb books, make sure you read Divided in Death before reading this one. I suggest reading them in order anyway. Their just better that way.

The banter between Eve and Peabody was there and of course, made me laugh. I love when Peabody grosses out Eve with her sex talk. :) The scenes between Eve and Roarke were instense as always.

This is a good fast read and the ending was very satisfying.

I look forward to reading Fantasy in Death soon.

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### **Jess says**

I only read the JD Robb story. It was a great filler, and as always it just made me wish that I had another full length In death book to read. But still, this was an intriguing story. Not only for the mystery of how a body mysteriously disappears off a boat without anyone noticing, but also because of the moral dilemma that Eve ends up facing.

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### **Katie says**

I only read Missing in Death. Poor Eve. These grey areas are so hard for her. One of the better anthologies of the series.

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### **Micky Cox says**

This is a collection of short stories that all deal with something or someone being lost. I chose to read this book because it had one of the In Death series novellas in it. A woman goes missing on a ferry and when found is covered in blood with no recollection of what happened. While I love the In Death series, this novella was not a favorite of mine. I could have lived without reading it, but it was entertaining so not a total loss. The second story in the book is the reason to pick the book up and read it. It's called The Dog Days of

Laurie Summer and it was a very good read. A young wife & mother is in a coma and gets the opportunity to see what she had so blatantly not seen while amongst her loved ones. This story was very well written and the plot was intriguing. The other stories in the book were also entertaining, but seriously you should get the book in order to read the Dog Days story!

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### **Grace says**

Great collection of four short stories all well written and amusing!

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### **Cybercrone says**

It's hard to rate a book of short stories by different authors. These 4 have written together before.

Of course, Robb's Eve Dallas story is why I got the book. Loved it as usual.

Laurie Summer's Dog Days was just strange, with no perceptible rhyme or reason to the plot. Pretty awful. The book as a whole would have gotten a 3 if it wasn't for this story.

Mary Blayney's Paradise was good enough - not much logic there either when it came to the characters as I thought they were made to behave in ways contrary to how they'd been portrayed. Good enough romance otherwise.

Ruth Langan's Legacy was also more of a romance, but very well done. Interesting story and good characters.

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### **kaoyler says**

I really liked the premise of this book. I thought it would have made a great plot for a longer novel. I like it when Summerset gets some "screen time" and I find myself wanting to know more of his background, and why he is now content to serve as a butler.

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