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Four freak accidents. Four mysterious deaths. Four signs of trouble. Welcome back to Weirdsville...

"You see, the girls that died – it wasn't by accident. They were cursed, every one of them. Cursed to meet a horrible death... And I'm going to be next."

Four girls from posh school Riverbank have been killed in seemingly random but freakish ways and it's not long before Bethan and co. are lured into investigating the grisly case. Is it really just coincidence or is there something more sinister going on?

Meanwhile Hashim's playing truant, Kelly's on the warpath and Jay's trying to avoid someone even more close to home... Himself.

Scary, paranormal and supernaturally chilling experiences are everyday in a town like Weirdsville...

## **Immortal Remains Details**

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# From Reader Review Immortal Remains for online ebook

## Samme (I Want to Read That) says

4.5 Stars

I really enjoyed Nearly Departed so I was looking forward to this one. I am pleased to say I think it's even better!

Taking place shortly after the events of the first book we have some new ghostly goings-on to deal with. This time it's a possible curse and the group decide to investigate. With Hashim avoiding them in order to live a 'normal' life and Jay worried about what his 'encounter' really means we have quite a bit going on!

I've got to say I think this may have been even creepier than the last one. I usually have a pretty good threshold when it comes to horror but even I found myself a little creeped out in parts. The supernatural mystery was really good - and even though I had my suspicions I was only partly correct!

The character interactions were really good this time as well - I think it really is here that Hastings excels. I loved all the romantic and friendship material just as much, and possibly even more than the supernatural mystery. I also really enjoyed that we got some more insight into Kelly's home life. I'm hoping this will continue and extend to the other characters as well.

I can't wait for more - this is fast becoming a favourite series of mine. And with an ending like that it sets up the next book as a must read!

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## Sarah says

I really loved this book it has everything i was looking for ghosts, romance, action and mystery. enjoyed everything about it.

i can't wait to see what happens to this complicated group of friends.

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## Dede says

I adore this series. I'm really loving the characters and the main plot arc about Woodsville, but this book wasn't as strong for me as the first one. I did like the plot about the accidents the girls were having, and I also liked the plot about Jay's doppelganger. I just wish they'd explored that second one a bit more, though I think that the reason it's probably not given a conclusion is that it's going to be sorted out in the third book (where is the third book?!?!?! I can't believe it's not out yet, I need to know what happens).

I like the way the group's friendship had changed, and I thought the friendship between Beth and Kelly was really great. I enjoyed learning more about Kelly's life - she's not the easiest character to like, so it was nice to see her background and being to understand more about her motivations.

Overall, this wasn't as good as the first book, but I still enjoyed it, and I'm really keen to read the third one, whenever it comes out!

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## **Anna Mist says**

The summary was pretty impressive so I decided to but this book. However, the writing style, initially, seemed pretty boring. I soon discovered I couldn't be more wrong. The love 'quadrilateral' was effing up my emotions but it was so realistic and addictive that I couldn't keep it down. Truly, Hastings described everything precisely- from the emotions to the spooks.

I totally love horror but none has satisfied me as much as this.

Drama? Check.

Creepy ghosts? Check.

Death? Check.

Flickering lights? Check.

Frickin' curses? Check.

Relationship problems? Heartbreaks? Besties? Check, check, check.

Gosh, how I loved it.

The twists in the book were amazing. I'm actually pretty surprised how Hasting managed to weave ghosts, witches, ghost- whisperers and hunter all in the same book and still make it fantastic.

I especially loved the way it ended. Not quite a cliffhanger but interesting enough to make you want to read the next one.

## **Jay**

Sooo adorable! \*pulls his cheeks\*

Okay, agreed, he couldn't see how much Beth was crazy about him but he's a guy. And no offence to any guy out there but we all know you're less than zero in this stuff.

I couldn't believe he was going to die. I almost cried along with Beth. Even so his bravery and charm (although I bet he didn't even know he is) are so sexy.

Yay, I just found myself another book boyfriend! :D

Anyway, I do wonder how the author got down the feelings when you know you're about to die so accurately. Almost as if he himself has risen from his deathbed.

## **Hashim**

Hmm. Sexy, flirt, elusive. He's got the whole I'm-only-gonna-break-your-heart thing going for him. It was a little irritating to see him hurt Kelly like that but later in the book I understood the reasons.

It must be pretty hard to be always seeing death around you. Still, he seemed like a pretty cool dude.

Jay is still my one and only. Please, I'm a loyal person.

## **Beth**

Absolutely the cutest protagonist ever. A geek, yes, but also one of the smartest protagonists. Not even an iota cliché. She didn't freak out, didn't act like a pathetic little stuck-up fake show, unlike other protagonists I might not wanna mention. This made her all the more cuter.

Albeit she didn't think so, I found her the most valiant person in their group. She's made for Jay.

## **Kelly**

Loved her sense of humour. She came off as a little bitchy but the reasons are well understood. Gosh, the things her dad did! I could kill him. And his brother didn't need to be so pathetic either.

The best part in the book was when she punched that phony bitch on her face for insulting Beth. Carpe diem, baby.

The only thing I didn't like about her was how she was always taunting Beth about her geeky habits (cuz I found them hella endearing). It was sort of mainstream and mean.

Overall, amazing book. For all those people who like horror and not at all for the ones who are looking for a light read because this book is gonna be stretching your emotional strings.

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### **Krystle says**

It's a shame that this series wasn't picked up for more books it had the potential to be one of those great spooky, long running paranormal mystery solving kinda deals.

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### **Jolene Hannah says**

2.5

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### **Sarah says**

I really enjoyed Nearly Departed so I was looking forward to revisiting Woodsville and the characters in Immortal Remains. I was expecting a creepy read but Rook Hastings outdid herself and Immortal Remains was positively scary in places. If you're a fan of ghost stories then I'd highly recommend this series but you might have to sleep with the lights on afterwards!

We were already introduced to the main characters in Nearly Departed but we get to know them even better in Immortal Remains. Hashim is still the popular, sporty teenager he was before but he is struggling to deal with the events of the previous book. He sees ghosts everywhere he goes but is living in denial and has stopped speaking to the others because he just wants to forget everything that has happened. He doesn't want to think about the reality of the events that are taking place in Woodsville and I can completely understand how he feels. He is a likable character but features less in this story - although he still has an important part to play - and I'm hoping we get to see more of him in future installments to the series.

Kelly is one of the popular crowd who used to bully other members of the group. She was the character who I wasn't expecting to like at all when I started reading the first book but she quickly became my favorite character in Immortal Remains. We already knew she has a tough home life but we get to find out more about her life in this story and you can't help but feel sorry for her. Since starting to hang out with the others she is being ostracised by her former friends and is losing her popularity, this is difficult for her to deal with but I was pleased to see the way her feelings changed throughout the book. Kelly is tough and she has attitude - she had me laughing out loud on several occasions with her snarky one liners.

Bethan is the goth girl with blue hair and a ghost blog that everyone at school loves to tease. She has never really fitted in before but seems to be finding her place within the group. When she is contacted by Charlotte (a pupil from the local posh school) via her blog Bethan is the one who gets the others involved. Four of Charlotte's friends have died in mysterious circumstances and Charlotte believes that they were all cursed

after playing on an Ouija board - she thinks that she will be next. She asks the friends to help her but will they be able to free Charlotte from the curse?

Jay seems to be the glue that holds the group together, without him I get the feeling that the others would drift apart and head in opposite directions. Jay was very much the geek in the first installment but he is starting to shed his nerdy image and I'm curious to see if this continues in the next book. All of the characters are very lifelike and remind me of people I was at school with. It is very easy to relate to each of them and I think the story is more frightening because it reminds me so much of being a teenager and the things that used to give me nightmares when I was younger.

I would highly recommend this series to any fans of a good ghost story - if you enjoy a spookily good read you'll love both of these books. I'm looking forward to seeing what Rook Hastings comes up with next.

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### **Nem says**

Another girl from Woodwile American girl Charlote said she'll be the next to die after she lost her 4 best friend. she beg them to help her..

They helped and she free. but Jay and Bethan left in the hospital..cos they were fighting with the ghost whatever that is...

kinda Good..!!

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### **Emma says**

For me this is the eagerly anticipated sequel to Nearly Departed. The chilling modern tale of a ghost-busting gang of high school students. I had been warned how scary this one was so I think I had mentally prepared myself.

The sequels starts with the apparent suicide of 4 teenage girls, all from the same school. This is very topical for me as you will know if you saw my Saturday Spotlight on Bullying a few weeks age. The beginning immediately sets a dramatic and tense atmosphere, plunging the reader into the story where Nearly Departed ended.

The third person narrator is an unobtrusive presence within the story. Focalization of different characters perspectives within different chapters gives a well rounded frame of reference. The characters balance each others personalities beautifully, Kelly's snarky comments and one liners certainly lighten what could be an oppressive mood. I literally giggled out loud at the description of a Ouija board being a form of twitter for ghosts. Interactions between the characters become strained due to circumstances but it is also these circumstances that bond them together.

The illustration of the crosses at the chapter headings give a sense of foreboding. The description of the freakishly gory deaths occurring within such a small town is really ominous in its illustration. Elements of quantum physics interwoven into the plot take the story to a whole new level. The saying 'sends shivers down your spine' takes on a whole new meaning in the narrative. Little plot teasers are placed throughout although some are a form of subtle misdirection. Very clever plot development culminates into an action pact finale with an electrifying cliffhanger.

Phew - so it roundup: an intense psychological/paranormal suspense which really plays with your mind and lingers in your imagination. I can't wait for the next one.

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## **Deepty says**

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## **Sarah says**

I enjoyed this book, after the last one ended with Jay running away from another version of himself, I was really intrigued to find out what would happen next. we find out the other vision of Jay was a ghost omen, and most of the book is from Jay's viewpoint then the others, overall this part of the book was good and interesting, but I think it would have been better if Jay's other self visited him more then twice.

I was surprised that we didn't really learn anything extra about the army of the dead, they were mentioned a few times in the book.

We meet the characters in the first book, but in this book we learn about them and we see how they change. Also we met a new character named Charlotte, she isn't really a main character but she's the girl that they help in this book, who's always hiding something about what happened.

There didn't seem to be a big ending like in the last book, which wasn't the best but still good, I liked the last chapter when Bethan is in hospital and she mentions Kelly's mum, so I can't wait to find out what happens next.

Overall a good book, with interesting twists and good descriptive writing. xx

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## **Veronica Morfi says**

Where do I begin with Immortal Remains. Well, I loved the first book Nearly Departed and this one was even better in some ways (if that's even possible).

Kelly, Bethan, Jay and Hashim have some trouble hanging with each other after what happened at the ending of the last book(no spoilers). As they are driven apart something or someone is about to bring them back together. There has been four freak accidents, leaving four dead girls at a private school near them. When Charlotte, a girl from that school, contacts Bethan and claims that she is the next victim, they have to gather their forces to face the new threat. No matter what it seems to be.

This book was an emotional roller coaster, it had me crying, laughing, getting angry and then terrified all at the same page. Never knowing what will happen. A lot of twists and turns, mystery and totally unexpected scenarios. Just like in the first book, I love the way the author lets us inside each character's head and allows us to learn his every fear and hope.

I realized that there is no next book out yet, I hope it will be out at least next year! I want to know what's going to happen next. I need to know!!!

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## **Natasha says**

I liked this book, but where's the next book? The author (who writes under other names as well) seems to have just disappeared online; it reminds me of when I used to read fanfiction when I was younger and authors would just stop writing, leaving me feeling annoyed that I'd bothered to invest time in the story in the first place (as well as money in this case). That's the reason for the 1 star, not the story, which was actually quite enjoyable. Sorry!

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## **Mark says**

Picking up a short while after the events of "Nearly Departed" (the first Weirdeville book) - and assuming a working knowledge of said book - this has the gang of ghosthunters almost at breaking point. Jay has seen something that has shaken him to the core, Bethan has set up a ghost blog and made herself the target of ridicule and Kelly is being pulled back to the 'in-crowd' though she doesn't really want to be. As for Hashim, he's had enough of seeing ghosts everywhere and wants nothing more to do with the others. This changes after four suicides at a local boarding school - though they're not suicides at all - when the gang are approached by American student Charlotte Raimi, who wants them to help her investigate the cause since she believes that she's next in line to die. Told with the same breathless energy as its predecessor (though focussing much less on the concrete jungle of Woodville), this has some good gory moments and plenty of spooky atmosphere and Hastings works well to round out the characters. Whilst not as intimate as "Nearly Departed" - Charlotte is a vain, annoying character (as is right), whilst Emily was a quiet, lost soul - the mystery works well though, for my money, the climax could have been a bit longer. Otherwise, a cracking read, well worth the time (with a terrific epilogue) and very much recommended.

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## **Dani-Marie Watson says**

Hi fans.

Do you know that both of the books were written in 2010.

And the 3rd one is still not out... I keep searching the internet for information, but even articles and reviews and things are years old.

Could something have happened to MS. Hastings to prevent her from finishing the series?

Does anyone know any other information?

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