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Our intrepid heroes are home from their Delaware crime-stopping excitement, only to discover that Lily's mom has become possessed by a menacing zombie who wants to take over the world! (Or, at least, the world of stage and screen.) Thank goodness Lily's friends Katie, Jasper, and foxy Blue-Hen-State monk Drgnan Pghlik are around—accompanied by Jasper's Astounding High-Pressure Holy Water Extruder Gun, of course—to help save the day.

But not before some *truly* scary things happen, things involving stuff like killer tarantulas, web-footed teen vampire boys, bad weather (it's a horror novel, remember?), and, well...the rest is just too terrifying for words!

Zombie Mommy Details

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Adrianne says

M.T. Anderson REQUIRED AUTHOR and HORROR

This book was so fun! It's part of a series about a young girl who starts having these incredible things happen to her and so she suddenly is in books, these books. In this one Lily seems more concerned about school and friends but quickly discovers her mother has been acting strange since she returned home from a trip. Lily and her loyal friend try to de-zombie her as best they can. This is a great book for students who are looking for action packed books with a lot of humor packed inside. There are some gory parts but nothing too scary even for younger adults.

Audrey says

A quick read with, as promised, shambling zombies. Loved the set-up, loved Madigan Westlake-Culottes, or whatever her name was, really didn't love all the fighting over Drgnan. That's not really why I showed up for this series. More inventions, more strange and wonderful magic realism, less romantic triangles, please.

Kathy says

This is one of those series that you have to love. And now, there is even a fashionista/bitch queen snobby cousin to add to the series send-ups. She attends Snott Academy. (You can guess where that one is going.)

Lily's mom has been reading some of Lily's school and library books, and she has noticed that mothers in kid's middle readers don't do very well. Mostly, they have died before the series even began (remember Nancy Drew's mother, or the parents in A SEIRIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS?) Understandably worried about her own safety, Mrs. Gefelty does the worst thing possible, and heads for a town in Pennsylvania known for its undead population, believing that means the people live long lives.

I can say no more. You'll love it.

Barbara says

The books in this series--this is the fifth one--are simply hilarious and filled with word play and humor. There are asides in which the author not only intrudes but holds a conversation with a robber that has absolutely nothing to do with the storyline. There are footnotes about clothing and the fashion style of Madigan, the socialite cousin of Katie, who is visiting Katie's family, and inadvertently provides much of the humor, particularly centering around her school's prestigious Snott Ball. Those are just the small parts. The plot is as follows: As usual, Katie is joined by friends Lily, Jasper, and monk Drgnan Pghlik once again on an adventure. This time, they travel to Todburg, New York, undead capital of the United States, to figure out what has happened to Lily's mother when she visited that particular town. Zombies and vampires rule the town's streets when night falls, and the youngsters discover a comedian whose humor is as frightening in its

own way as those night-time creatures. This is a hilarious send-up of all sorts of stories of suspense. There are so many tongue-in-cheek references that readers in the know will be left gratified, nodding their heads in enjoyment. The author even admits to having fudged on the title since Lily's mother isn't actually a zombie. Good, silly fun!

Thomas says

I liked this book. This is my favorite so far. You will like it more if you like zombies and adventurous books too.

Ray Palmer says

It seems like R.L. Stine's Goosebumps series is too much of a self parody to be parodied, yet M.T. Anderson does a pretty good job of satirizing kids horror novels. And the presence of Katie's cousin Madigan Westlake-Duvet mashes the proceeding up with kids romance novels. It makes for one of the funniest books in the series while still being sufficiently creepy to pay off as a horror novel. It's particularly amusing when the author calls attention to various techniques writers use to build tension in such genre novels as he's using them. And even though he tells you what he's doing it still builds tension. Drngnan Pghlik also continues his partnership as an unofficial Pal in Peril.

Bruce says

Mrs. Gefelty is starting to panic. Her daughter Lily has recently been appearing in a series of books, Pals in Peril. Mrs. Gefelty has been reading them and the books that Lily's been assigned from school, and she's discovered something very frightening in them: the heroines' mothers either die or disappear, one is, "killed in a rogue trolley accident." Another contracts cholera, another is eaten by a rhinoceros, and one, "goes to a dance party and catches *the smallpox*." So to avoid such a fate, and to get away from the stress, Mrs. Gefelty goes to her computer and looks up "the town where the fewest people die." It's the "UNDEAD CAPITAL OF THE U.S." Guess who has to rescue her? But this time Lily and her pals are joined by her friend Katie's bratty cousin Madigan Westlake-Duvet of the "Snott Academy series, a stack of paperbacks with name like *2 Good 2 Be 4 Ever* and *Puppy Love Smackdown*."

I must agree with the quote from *Zombie Vogue* on the dust jacket, "I laughed my head off!"

Anna says

Normally, if I had just stumbled across a book called "Zombie Mommy" I would not read it. I am not really in to the zombie craze. But since this was one of the latest books in M.T. Anderson's hilarious "Pals in Peril" series, I decided it was probably worth reading. Well, it turned out to be one of my favorite books I have ever read! As always, Anderson has a wonderfully thought out, knee slapping plot, this time including the town where the fewest people die (the town of the UNdead), tarantulas versus vampires, a mother that has been

possessed by an odd actress who glows green at night, and a cousin from New York who can't understand why the name of the annual dance held at her school (Snott Academy's Snott Ball) is found so funny by others. I would highly recommend this book to anyone who appreciates humorous adventure fantasy that is almost sci fi, or anyone who just wants a good book for some light reading.

Melanie, Aaron, Annie, and Mary Project says

Read by: Annie

Author: M.T. Anderson Illustrator: Kurt Cyrus

Genre: Science Fiction

Interest Level: 4-7

Grade Level Equivalent: 5

In this self-referential comedic sci-fi/fantasy/action series, a group of friends led by Jasper Dash, Boy Technonaut, go on various perilous adventures. This time, Lily's mother has been possessed by the spirit of a dead aspiring Broadway starlet who plans to use her body to take over the world of stage and screen. With richly developed characters, who are often parodies of archetypes, and heavy doses of meta-humor, students with good comprehension skills will love this book. The author also uses great descriptive language and has a very clear voice/tone. Could be great inspiration for writing assignments focusing on these topics.

Tom says

Short is great! As usual, I laugh at some of the jokes and not others. Being in the "horror story" realm, there might be content (including the humor) that offends people differently than others of his books. But overall, I thought it was pretty funny, and I enjoyed the quick read.

And everyone has a crush on the monk, of course.

Tiffany says

Jasper, Katie and Lily are backed in another mock-adventure. This time, Lily's mother is very worried because moms do not fare well in children's books. She believes that she is going to Turnburg, where people live the longest, instead she is going to Turnburg, home of the undead. Now the gang must figure out how to save Lily's mom from her paranormal fate. Like the other Pals in Peril books, this one is full of asides regarding product placement and snarky commentary. This volume even features Madigan, Katie's cousin from Snott Academy in Manhattan, where everyone wears designer clothes and is cruelly popular. (Name that series!) This is a fun, quick story that mocks other series fiction and takes all the obnoxiousness to the extreme. A lot of fun for readers that are beyond the series fiction stage but are smart enough to see the irony.

Scout Steinmiller says

this book was so good and spooky!

Jay says

The Pals in Peril books are so funny, and I enjoyed getting to read one aloud. (We listened to the previous novels as audiobooks.)

Characters: Excellent parodies of characters from a variety of genres.

Footnotes: hilarious and often ridiculous.

Narrator break-ins: Very well done, explaining the mechanics behind various tools used by the storyteller, and also very funny.

Zombies (well, more vampires and ghosts than zombies) and hilarity go together like peanut butter and chocolate. This whole series is written so that the whole family can enjoy it, laugh aloud to it, and later quote bits of it at appropriate times. Sure, it's not deep literature, but it's fun and memorable.

Kelly says

For the love of fancy cheeses! I was giggling more during this book than was probably good for me. I LOVED the way the author would insert himself into the narrative. It was highly amusing and it worked to keep the story light without being ridiculous. The moment that really sold the book for me was when Lily's mom went all introspective about her (supposed) imminent demise:

"But what if I do have a deadly disease?" she asked out loud. "No. I'm being ridiculous... It's just a cold... But what if I do? Or even worse, what if it is just a cold but I go into the hospital for a test - and ironically I catch a deadly disease from another patient in the hospital?" Though she knew this was not very likely, still, it consumed her. "Then....," she whispered, "then Lily and Ben will be all alone... And if it's anything like those dead mother books, Lily will become a pickpocket or a shoplifter... or she'll have to get a pet raccoon to teach her the meaning of trust..."

Even rereading that has me laughing out loud. Oh, Lily's mom! I've had those EXACT SAME THOUGHTS!

I don't know what to say. This book was silly and vastly entertaining. My niece informed me that the cover has a Scooby-Doo vibe (which works for me because I love those meddling kids) and she'd like to read it next. Well played, M.T. Anderson! You've managed to get my wee niece excited about reading!

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Sues says

ok story - seems like an advertisement for all the other books Anderson wrote
