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Hope is a dangerous thing, but powerful. Hope keeps you going. Hope can keep you alive.

But hope can shatter your world.

Kat and Dylan have found a home, but the monsters are still out there. The pox and plague still ravage the world. They have hope of finding a vaccine, but their encampment isn't equipped to develop it.

Dylan is still too weak from the pox to leave the encampment, so Kat must decide between staying by his side and protecting her last remaining family member as he leaves to find supplies. Separated for the first time since they came together, Kat and Dylan will have to fight their own battles to save what is left of their bloody world.

Kat will have to hold on to hope that she has anything left to save and someone to come home to. If she can survive.

Age of Blood Details

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Cheryl Daniels says

Age of blood is the perfect ending

Age of blood is the perfect ending to the Ash and Ruin trilogy. Shauna Granger is a wonderful author and storyteller the book is just another example of her excellent writing.

Jamie says

This last book was dark. Way dark. Kat has a big chip on her shoulder to resolve. The her camp thinks they have a cure. I hated the split of her and Dylan. This book brings characters from a past books as well as new ones. People are evil and twisted in this one more than ever before. And the Pesta's are adapting at a rapid rate. I love how well behaved Blue is. We never see her training him but he has all sorts of signals down! Amazing dog! The ending had me really on edge and honestly until the last 5 pages or so I seriously was thinking there must be another book. Ending wasn't bad but I would have liked a bit more clarification after being this invested in a series. Still, it is a dystopian world. Anything can happen!

Unabridged Bookshelf says

I cannot believe the world of Ash and Ruin is over. I loved the take on post-apocalyptic Shauna Granger, takes in this series. The Pesta spreading disease and death were ever they go. Even within the safety of the compound, Kat and Dylan may not be safe. Kat risks everything to go get supplies and tools that may give the remaining humans a fighting chance against the Pox and Pestas. Everything I loved about this series continued in Age of Blood, and there were defiantly some satisfying conclusions to Kat's story throughout the novel.

The Pestas were one of my favorite parts of this entire series, because they are terrifying. I do have to say they take a decreased presence in this novel, but they are still chilling in presence and in the connection they have of the almost decimation of the human species. To make matters worse, Kat and Dylan are separated for much of the story, and it is told from Kat's point of view. This leaves readers wondering the fate of Dylan until the very end of the book, which adds to its intensity.

Watching Kat grow and change over this series was a highlight of the story, but in this installment, Kat was on top of her game. She would do anything to protect those that she loves, and that really shines through in Age of Blood. This book is not without its tragedy and loss, but the post-apocalyptic world would not feel realistic without dangers and death. Shauna Granger handles all elements with a finesse and power that had me continually turning page without putting the book down.

While I am sad to see this trilogy end, I have to say that it is handled perfectly by Shauna Granger. From the beginning to the end, Age of Blood and the Ash and Ruin series is addicting as ever. This series and this novel are a must read for any post-apocalyptic fan or anyone who loves a strong female lead. I know this series will remain a favorite for years to come.

****Unabridged Bookshelf received this book, in exchange for an honest review****

Vicki says

The last one in this series, I hated to see it end. It was so good kept me reading , to see what was going to happen next. it was a really good series, loved them all.

kelly {BookCrushin} says

Review originally posted on BookCrushin blog on 5/7/2015.

Spoiler-Free Review:

Rating: ★★★★★

The Ash and Ruin series by Shauna Granger has been a solid, suspenseful, post-apocalyptic series. Age of Blood is a fantastic ending to this scary and horrific story. I devoured the other two books in the series and the final book did not disappoint. I want to keep this as spoiler-free as possible so just know that the plot thickens, the series grows darker and darker and then you are faced with the trial of survival during this sick and diseased world whilst fighting monsters both of the human and non-human nature.

The character development from start to finish in this series is deep and perfect. You can become so believably immersed into this world due to the realistic character interactions. I eventually fell hard for Kat, Dylan and Blue! At the beginning of the series, I was annoyed by Kat, but that was because she was such a different person from start to finish in this series, but that was exactly why I fell for her! She grew and adapted to her new life and surroundings. She didn't break when she so easily could have. I personally think I may have broke if I survived what she has in this world. Kat and Dylan made perfect road & survival companions who in turn fell in love with each other during these awful months of survival. They also have their issues that stem from the circumstances they encounter. Blue is the amazing, intelligent dog and sometimes the much needed comic relief. I wish I didn't own small dogs, so I could imagine having a dog along in the end of times to help protect me, like Blue.

My only issues with the final book in this series is a minor spoiler, so I won't go into details, but I just wanted the tired and trusted crew to be with each other and survive this plague as a team. This book is raw and real, people die, no one is safe, and in the end it is the strength to do whatever you have to survive that is the real lesson. Kat is strong; so strong. How she doesn't break is a real testament to her ability to adapt and keep moving.

“This world changes people. It's inevitable.”

Overall, the Ash and Ruin series is a scary story about adaption and survival. A sad but realistic picture of what becomes of people when faced with such horrors as society comes to a sudden demise. Age of Blood gives us drama and hope. If you like post-apocalyptic stories then this series is not to be missed. 5 stars for the final book in this exciting, fast-paced, action packed trilogy.

FicCentral says

I've been dying know how it all ends, and *Age of Blood* did not disappoint!

After learning just how to survive and depend on each other in the first book to taking control of their futures in the second book, their journey has not been easy, but Kat and Dylan have had each other. In this final book in the series, everything comes to a terrifying climax, and the monsters they encounter along the way aren't all of the non-human variety. The world is pretty bleak, and in some ways not cut out for those looking to hang on to a bit of their humanity, but Kat does her best to get through each day so she can still have a tomorrow.

Unfortunately for greedy old me, Dylan wasn't present during much of the story. That was only disappointing in that I loved who Kat was when she was with him, and it was interesting to see two teenagers navigate a romance in a very dark, adult world. They didn't always handle everything in the most mature way, but they always came back together, so I was looking forward to more of that in *Age of Blood*.

Looking back, it's pretty easy to see a lot of character development, and this final book also gave us a much closer and more human look at some of the secondary characters. In fact, their roles were so pronounced that I kind of fell in love with them, too, so you can imagine how heartbreaking it was any time someone was lost to the Pestas or the more monstrous humans that remained. However, that's not to say I couldn't appreciate that aspect of the story. I would imagine it's difficult for any author to kill off a character she's built up in the minds of readers, not only because she now has so much invested in them but also because there's always a chance of backlash. But as much as it hurt to lose some characters I had come to love, it also made me appreciate their story even more. The world was no longer the relatively safe one to which they'd been born, and no one was guaranteed survival.

I don't want to write too much, since I'm afraid I'd give away some of the awesomeness best appreciated by reading it yourself, but I will say that this is one of the most creative and well-written post-apocalyptic stories I've ever picked up. There are certainly enough in the genre to choose from, but somehow Shauna Granger has eclipsed all those I've read that are aimed at young adults, somehow keeping it gritty and real while delivering fantastic supernatural elements and still keeping it clean. While I wouldn't recommend this one for young teens, simply because it doesn't gloss over pain and loss, I would absolutely recommend this to everyone else looking for a unique, entertainingly terrifying story of what happens when civilization as we know it ceases to exist.

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Nicole Hewitt says

The full review (and many more) can be found on my blog: [Feed Your Fiction Addiction](#)

I reviewed this series as a whole on my blog. I loved this series! There were a few small things about this last

book that made me love it *slightly* less than the first two books (but most of the elements of the series that I loved were still there). Here's the part of the review that applied most specifically to book #3 and what held me back from giving it 5 stars:

Dylan wasn't present for most of the third book, and I missed him, to be honest. I hadn't realized how much his presence truly affected Kat's character and kept her reined in until this last book. Without him, she just seemed a little too hard for me – rougher around the edges – and I missed his calming presence. I also just didn't enjoy one section of extended action in this third book. There was one point in the book where Kat and her group were faced with a pretty serious threat and had to fight their way out, and it just went on a little too long for me. But this is a personal issue that I've recognized in my reading – long, drawn out action sequences and battle scenes just aren't for me. I like the emotional fall-out and the more psychological aspects of these types of situations, but not the action itself usually.

Still a really solid addition to the series, though, and a very fitting end (I actually loved the very end!).

****Disclosure: I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. No other compensation was given and all opinions are my own.****

Lyra says

WOW. Just wow. I had a chance to read Age of Blood in beta for the incredibly talented Shauna Granger, and let me say--this book really killed it (pun only half intended?). AOB is, in my opinion, Ms. Granger's strongest work yet, and I am in awe of how much heart and soul she poured into this series finale. It's dark, it's violent, it's brave, it's creepy. And most importantly, it's beautiful.

I will warn you, though--this book is nearly impossible to put down. It hurtles toward its destination with the speed of a runaway train, strewing bodies along the way. If you've read Granger's other books, you'll know she doesn't shy away from graphic depictions of pretty horrific monsters (both nonhuman and human monsters) and AOB is no exception. Be prepared for blood, for gore, for death. But that comes with the territory, doesn't it? It is the apocalypse, after all.

Granger shows us a world that is no longer beautiful. A world where people no longer have the luxury of hiding behind societal expectations, where laws are nonexistent. A world where if you don't protect what you love, it will die. And if you don't protect yourself, YOU will die. Kat, the protagonist, has dealt with so much violence and death in her journey to this point, and you can see that in how she interacts with the world around her. She isn't a pretty Cali girl with blond highlights and a vanilla latte anymore. In fact, that person is a ghost. Kat has transformed, body and soul, into a warrior. Into a killer. And that's not a transformation that leaves you untouched.

On the surface, this is a story about survival. But at its heart, it is also a story about finding your true self, and then finding a way to live with that person. Because no matter how much we tell ourselves that we are good, that we know what is right, how can we know? Until we are thrust into hell and forced to do unspeakable things to stay alive, how can we know who we truly are? And once we find out, can we forgive ourselves for that darkness we all harbor inside?

Do any of us deserve redemption?

Well, I don't want to tread into spoiler zone. Short story even shorter--READ THIS BOOK. Shauna has crafted a world that is so incredibly terrifying and creepy, that it is neither dystopian novel nor zombie novel but better than either, and I love it.

Selina Liaw says

Books & Sweet Epiphany

The third book is even darker than the last with lots of unexpected deaths. You can try to prepare yourself but one just can't. There are more details of the brutality that the humans in the Ash and Ruin World would face which I absolutely adore and feel bad for. *insert creepy laugh*

Kat's character went through a lot of changes from the challenges that she faced and I find myself rooting for her and feel the roller coaster of her emotions.

I always like a good ending and this one really pulls it off well.

Overall, the The Ash and Ruin series has a brilliant story line, suspenseful, horrifying at the right dosage and with fantastic integration of characters.

5 ABSOLUTE FREAKING STARS.

Carien says

If I wasn't already totally hooked on this trilogy, I might have started on it as soon as I saw the cover of this book. Isn't it gorgeous and cool!

Anyway...

I loved the previous two books, so I ordered this book as soon as I saw it was available on bookdepository.

And this book is an wonderful conclusion to an awesome trilogy.

I was a bit apprehensive that Kat and Dylan were splitting up, but Granger made it work. I could understand why Kat takes on a mission that takes her away from Dylan. The team she travels with was well chosen story-wise: Kat's companions all have very different personalities and their interaction was just as suspenseful as their adventures.

To be able to end this trilogy on a note of hope the story focuses on a cure for the plague, so people can start doing more than just survive. The plan to create a vaccine and to find the supplies to do so sounded believable to me, making it easy to root for Kat to succeed.

She and her friends encounter lots of dangers on their mission and there is lots of action. And it's not just Pestas they encounter: This book shows people both at their best and their very worst.

The book is fast paced and I couldn't put it down until I reached the end, which is very satisfying in my

opinion. I will most certainly reread this trilogy, and might give other books by Granger a try as well.
