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As an author, I know that characters often take on lives of their own. But what would you do if you received a phone call from someone you thought only existed in the pages of your book?

That is exactly what happened to me, Marissa Honeycutt, author of *The Life of Anna*.

Imagine my complete shock when I was called upon to perform an extraordinary and revolting task: travel to Russia to speak to one hailed by many as their all-time favorite villain. No one begins life as an evil son of a...well, you know, including Devin. Believe it or not, there was a time when our villain was a young man in love.

So what happened? Join me as I delve deep into the mind of Devin Andersen, to find out how the man became the monster.

***Please note this is not a stand-alone story. If you don't like spoilers, don't read this until you read *The Life of Anna*.

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Charlie ☆ WLTB Blog ☆ says

ARC Provided and Reviewed by We've Licked that book blog

I like the way this book was done, as the Author brings it to life with herself as one of the characters in the book and is off to Russia to interview one of the most hated characters in her books life of Anna series.

Join Marissa on this journey to get inside the head of Devin who became the Monster we all hated.

It was great to get some insight to Devin's past and why he was the way he was. I might understand him a little better after reading, but I still hate him and nope I don't think that will ever change.

You don't get the darkness you found in Anna's books but it still kept me turning the page. If you loved the Life of Anna series. You really should read this one.

I kind of understand why he is the way he is after reading.

I loved that we got to hear from Anna, Alex again.

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Ruthie Taylor says

~~I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads ~~

Oh, wow, what a brilliant idea ... and seriously freaking scary too. You really must read the stories which precede this interview to get the full force of what emerges, and what might be in the future.

The series was an incredibly intense read, and this just brought back all the memories and shivers down my spine ... more to come - I say bring it on, but with goosebumps of fear and dread. (I was utterly compelled to read everything, even though I am an abject coward - addictive is an understatement)

I love clever twists, and Ms Honeycutt never fails to deliver - this may be the most devious of them all! Obviously I should give this 5* but Devin prevented me.

KimTae says

[What happened to Anya's father?

They already know the man above Kaveh is Vamar, so what's the hold up...?

And when did Devin and Marissa first meet? Now I have to go back and do a little searching.

I guess Devin suffered enough, huh? (hide spoiler)]

Steph's Romance Book Talk says

Oh Marissa, you start off by making me think you were writing a love letter to your readers about the evilest, dirtiest, DEVIL I have ever read about. You made me almost have compassion for the DEVIL, how did you do that? I want MORE, need MORE!! I was emotionally wrecked by The Life of Anna and your interview with the DEVIL, himself just opened my mind back to the darkness making me want to know MORE!!! I truly hope that these characters speak through you again because that is one tunnel of darkness I would travel willingly.

The specific video review: <https://youtu.be/6lQKsuFnFZE>

For other video reviews check out my YouTube Channel: Stephanie Uncensored
<https://www.youtube.com/c/stephanieun...>

Louise Seraphim Reviews says

Anybody who knows what I like to read, knows I will hands down recommend The Life of Anna series to any curious or die hard dark readers. I absolutely loved that series, I've not been able to find anything in the dark genre that comes anywhere near to the level that series is on.

When I saw Abandoned Grace was heading out soon, I quickly jumped on the pre-order button. I had no clue what it was about, just that it was Devin's short story. I didn't really care all that much, I just wanted more from the world of Anna.

Before I begin, you really do need to have read the rest of the series, although you can read it as an intro to the series, I personally think you would get more out of it, having read the main series first, it's far easier to understand, and think back on what has happened in the main story.

So, I didn't realise this was a novella to start with, but it didn't make all that much difference to me, but I didn't expect it to be quite as short as it was, I would of liked to have read more, not that it's a complaint, as I got quite stuck in, and would of liked to have had more to read. But anyway, aside from that it's a story that is told in a completely new and extremely confusing pov. It's told as if the author is actually really in the story, and interviewing one of her characters, yeah I know, confusing. I did have to really pay attention in that first chapter or two, but luckily it moved on quite quick. It then changes to memories of the Devin, and how he came to be what and who he is, and a particular chapter of his life. Obviously what everyone who knows the story, is dying to read, so it was very exciting.

Devin is obviously one of those characters who just can't help himself, no matter how much he is portrayed to possibly be different at the start, from what he ends up like, by the time he is with Anna. You can't help but notice the signs. He was never quite right, and I don't think he actually stood much chance with all the influences of others. It didn't make me like him anymore, but he is certainly entertaining and unpredictable, and I love that.

I have also been left with a few questions, which is a bit tricky as I'm not entirely sure I'll ever get answers, unless there is going to be another book from this series.

So, if you have read The Life of Anna series, I definitely recommend this novella, it was HUGELY entertaining, and I can't help but be completely sucked into anything from this series.

Sal says

I absolutely loved this even if it did leave me with a ton of questions that I would love answers too but that's just my inquisitive mind lol.

It was a new and refreshing way of writing a story and it was interesting to read the interaction between author and character... so blooming clever!

Worryingly I found myself feeling slightly sorry for Devin which if you've read my review of the complete series you will know that is a really hard thing for me to do as I honestly hated him with so much passion, but then maybe that was the authors aim... who knows but honestly if you have read the full life of Anna series then this is a brilliant follow up imo

Polly Ross says

Having read the previous books by this wonderful author I could not wait to start this new short read, I easily feel back into the world of Anna and Alex and instantly loved this book , I will not spoil this book by giving any details in this review if you loved the life of Anna and needed to know why Devin was the way he was then you need to read this book , thank you Marissa for giving us more of the story

WendyW ~ Girls Just Wanna Have Books says

Abandoned Grace is a different and refreshing approach than what you typically see from an author. It is a unique perspective to have the author amidst the story, involved and interacting with the characters.

Marissa has reacquainted us with those characters that we all fell in love with, and loved to fall in hate with, in *The Life of Anna* series. I was quickly reminded of how much of a sick and twisted fuck Devin Anderson was. The brutality and depraved debasement that Anna endured in the series comes back to the forefront of your memories. But the focus of this book is not Anna, this book is about Devin and the turn of events that happened in his youth that cultivated him into the **monster** he is today.

Abandoned Grace is an enlightening view into Devin's mind that provides answers to some impertinent

questions and also expands on motivations behind some of the heinous acts in the series. There are brief interactions with Alex, Anna, and Peter but the spotlight belongs to the Evil master himself.

You will not find the level of perversion or darkness that was abundant in Anna's books, but Marissa leaves you at the end of this book with the premise of more. There is also an astonishing disclosure that eludes to a shocking and ghastly revelation.

My only critique of this book is there is not nearly enough. It is a perfect intro of what one might hope will turn into an integrated and unabridged prelude to the life of Anna. I have missed these characters and this book has inspired me to re-read this series and re-experience the harrowing nightmare of *The Life of Anna*.

Diana says

I hope this is just part one. If not, then this book will leave more questions than it answers. The premise sounded intriguing, the author becoming a part of the story in order to find answers about what made Devin the way he was. There was even a slight sense of urgency because a super elder mistress was missing, and Devin's mind was thought to hold the key to this possible abduction. We learn a bit about Devin's past and how he grew up, however, the story is unresolved. We learn nothing about the super elder mistress, who is only mentioned briefly at the beginning, and then hear nothing else. This story does let us know that there were forces behind Devin becoming the power hungry sadist he eventually became, and we know that Kaveh and another "immortal" are to blame, but we don't get much further than that. There is possibility though, and there were quite a few surprises that I didn't see coming. This could be the opening to a great story if there is more to come, which I *hopefully* believe there will be, but I guess we will wait and see. I'm rating this 3 Stars for the promise of things to come, and because it is a novella; however, my rating will change if this is all we get. I'm hoping for some divine intervention. ;-) Also....I still don't feel sorry for Devin. I may understand him a tiny bit better, but no sympathy here.

Michelle says

A brilliant added addition to The Life of Anna Series's ~ Loved getting an insight to Devin in his younger days and why he became the twisted evil devil he did.

The only downside for me was this book was too short !

Cannot wait for more new dark reads coming from Marissa Honeycutt.

Di Covey says

Marissa Honeycutt brought "The Life of Anna" full circle. I couldn't wait to get my hands on this book. Devin, he's one of the most terrifying villains I've come across. But, for some reason I needed something, a look into his twisted mind.

Told from the authors perspective. What a different approach, I loved this idea. Marissa takes a journey to Russia, a dark journey into the past with Devin. Just reading about the characters gave me chills. As a huge fan of this series, it was like a reunion of sorts. I had goosebumps galore. I'm not going into details, because this story is short and I don't want to give spoilers. If you want to know the start of Devin, I'd totally recommend this one. Plus, there's a few shocking twists that will leave you wondering what's next.

rvagirl says

What???

What!!!

screams!!!!!!

Marissa, I need more... you can't do this to me!!

What an amazing reunion, through the eyes of the author!! I'm so jealous ?

I loved it!!!

Gill Selling says

I wanted to give this book so much more than five stars.

it was so unique. The way the author brought the story to life. It was a touch of genius to make herself one of those much loved character.

Marissa. That was one hell of a read. To start with I felt safe. Reading the story with you in it. It was like bring fantasy to life. Combining the two worlds.

Then it started to get serious. I worried for you. I was back into the Life of Anna. Staring into a pensive (Harry Potter) Watching the destruction of Anna's life, before it began. This has to be one of the most consuming reads for me. Totally believable.

It gave me an understanding into Devlin's behaviour. The choices he still made were wrong. It did however, give me an insight as to why he behaved as he did. There are still questions to be answered. Cannot wait to read more.

Shelby says

I received a free copy to read for Wicked Reads

Abandoned Grace was a little snippet into the pre-Anna life of Devin Andersen. This quick read will be better appreciated if read after The Life of Anna series (and what a dark journey it was)!

I loved, loved, loved this. I loved everything about it: the way it was written, the subject matter itself, the glimpse it gave us of a young Devin/evil mastermind.

Even better was the foreshadowing that there may be some MORE stories about these characters that I've come to either totally love or deeply despise!

Is there anyway that Devin could be redeemed? Personally, I think not but that's not to say we can't possibly understand his motivations to become what he is.

This was a crazy good addition to one of my favorite series!

Dawn says

Thank you Marissa for the insight into Devin's young life and the precursor to the events that lead to "The Life of Anna".

Also, I hope that you are "*deemed worthy*"; I know there is more to tell.

My fingers are crossed!!
