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They're drop-dead handsome—and we're not kidding!

Welcome to the first and only guide devoted to loving the immortal man in all of his furry, feathery, fiery glory. Here is a forbidden-fruit salad of features, fiction, fashion, and more, including:

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Is your immortal just a little bit...immoral?

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Heavenly dishes that don't take an eternity to prepare

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From Reader Review Dating the Undead for online ebook

Julia says

DATING THE UNDEAD appeared out of the blue and had me laughing from the first moment when I opened the package. A note-perfect parody of glamour magazines, every LG (living gal) with a zest for the paranormal will want to get their hands on a copy of **DATING THE UNDEAD**.

DATING THE UNDEAD has the look and feel of a high-end graphic novel and between the funny articles, parody advertisements, and excerpts of Showalter's *Lords of the Underworld* series, my initial good impression just kept getting better. As much a parody of fashion magazines as it is a celebration of Paranormal Romance, this book is beautifully executed. From "Manscaping Your Manly Immortal" to my first taste of the *Lords of the Underworld* line up, **DATING THE UNDEAD** had enough material to keep me entertained through several beach days and plane flights (or one long, cozy evening on the couch).

When it comes to a series' "bonus" material, graphics and execution are key to my enjoyment. **DATING THE UNDEAD** certainly fits the bill on both of those accounts with gorgeous men, flashy magazine spreads, and quizzes to help me find that perfect immortal (or pampering recipes to help me get over him). Funny, interesting, and a visual treat, every LG should have a copy of **DATING THE UNDEAD** tucked into her beach bag for spring.

Sexual Content: References to sex.

Bananas says

This is just good, silly fun. It's written like a fake magazine, complete with tongue in cheek advertisements.

Kaity says

Review originally posted on Bitten Books and given 4 stars.

If you're in the mood for something you can laugh your ass off at while ogling pretty immortals, *Dating the Undead* is definitely for you. The articles, ads, quizzes, recipes... every single page had so much thought put into it making *Dating the Undead* work like an actual magazine; a magazine that was supernaturally clever. I've picked up hundreds of magazines in my lifetime and usually I just skip to the parts I enjoy, I was amazed that all of the little things I typically ignore (like fan letters and horoscopes) were included and that they were just as fun and amusing as the longer pieces. Reading *Dating the Undead* became an experience because of this.

The continuity and world immersion of *Dating the Undead* was perfectly done and so much fun. I loved reading a joke or about a product on one page and then seeing it crop up again several pages later. One of my favorites was the Coffin Klein brand. There's an ad for it in the very beginning and if you look closely enough at some of the pictures that have low riding jeans, you'll see the paranormal label again. Very sneaky and clever... and delicious.

One of my favorite articles included the pick up lines one, soo funny. "The moon isn't full tonight, but I bet I can make you howl." I also enjoyed the possible celebrity immortals article; some of the possibilities had me wondering why hadn't I thought of that before. Gerard Butler as a werewolf? Totally plausible and hot. Many of the articles poked fun at other paranormal books (sparkling vampires, check) as well as the overused cliches in the genre (mortal male best friend that ends up causing a love triangle when he really never stands a chance-this one got a while article on how to keep him in the friend zone).

Mrs Wilson says

Dating the Undead

I'm still a little bit unsure as to how to feel fully about this book/glossy magazine so apologies if you feel differently about it when you read/review it. I think what's thrown me is that it's in the form of a glossy magazine so if you are expecting to receive a book when you order this item you won't be as it is most definitely in the format of a magazine. The two authors who have co-collaborated on this are Gena Showalter who is one of my favourite authors and Jill Monroe who I haven't really read much of her stuff.

Imagine a magazine you would buy from your local newsagent and then imagine that Immortals aka the Undead are actually real and common knowledge in the world and that a magazine has been set up and goes out monthly/weekly giving advice on how to go about dating them, what to expect from them etc and this is the format of the book/magazine. There are many many articles ranging from how to date an immortal, what to expect from an immortal etc with lots of little quizzes and even problem page agony aunt (or zombie) articles within the book/magazine. It's basically a bit of tongue in cheek fun and they have even included advertisement pages re tailored as if immortals really did exist such as 'Re-coverGirl' and 'Devlon'. Not an in depth read as it's obviously set out as a magazine but a good little bit of fun for those of us who enjoy this genre of book, don't know if I'd buy another one if they released this as a regular thing though as personally I prefer a good book I can thoroughly immersed in.

Romancing the Book says

Reviewed By~Jen

Review Copy provided By~ Planned Television Arts

If y'all have been reading my reviews, you know that I rarely award a book 5 stars. But I loved this "book" from cover to cover. Gena Showalter and Jill Monroe have created a masterpiece with their magazine stylized book devoted to the world of Dating the Undead.

After checking out the cover, I turned to page one and was rewarded with an ad for Coffin Klein and I knew I was in for quite a ride. All the ads had me rolling. I mean, who came up with mythmatch.com, GoDieVa or Jimmy Chew? It's pure genius.

On to the articles... they covered everything you'd find in a regular magazine but with an awesome twist. There were recipes, an advice column, fashion stories and so on. The authors equally tackle advice on how to date vampires, werewolves, dragons, zombies, angels and demons. And to top it off, the photos are awesome. Hot guys abound.

Included in this magazine is a sneak peak at Gena Showalter's upcoming release, *The Darkest Seduction* (*squee*), and a wonderful photo album of her *Lords of the Underworld*. I'll admit that I hadn't pictured the Lords like this, but I will from now on.

This really is a must read for paranormal fans. And I dare you to not crack a smile at least once as you read. Now excuse me while I go re-take that quiz on whether or not I have what it takes to date an immortal.

Jennifer says

I decided to purchase this book on a whim. I love reading about immortal men and women falling in love and I thought this book would give me a good chuckle. While browsing through this book I was reminded of when I would buy teen magazines when I was younger and I would drool over the hot guys and "info" on how to obtain the right guy for me! LOL

This is really an enjoyable, light hearted read and if you are looking to gain some "info" into the hot hero's of your PNR books then look no further! It has lots of photos and some really funny fake ads...enjoy!

Francesca the Fierce (Under the Covers Book Blog) says

This review was posted at Under The Covers

Top 10 reasons why every paranormal romance reader HAS TO BUY this book:

1. If you think the cover is hot then you better wear a bib while reading this, there will be major drooling going on. Hunks galore!
2. It's not all about the eye candy. What Living Girl doesn't want tips for catching her own immortal man? This book has that and so much more fun with articles and quizzes!
3. The excerpts are perfect for a LOTU virgin or an obsessed fan. Maddox and Paris steam up the pages with sneak peaks into their books.
4. Speaking of LOTU, amazing casting of the Lords. I'm not even kidding, those demons are perfect. Only complaint... Cameo's pic.
5. The spoof ads. I was literally cracking up with all the immortal style marketing pages included. Not to be missed. Maybe my favorite part.
6. This felt just like reading a *Cosmopolitan* at all times, with the added benefit that the topic was the immortal man. Excellent job by both authors at doing something so different but 100% well put together.
7. The reader letters. Funny as hell and with some really good answers back. Because sometimes people just want to know if horn size is relative to... other things.

8. Ever wonder what to cook for your immortal man? Have a party and don't know what they'll drink? Well there's food and drink recipes that will be sure to make their mouth water!

9. Horn condoms come in different sizes and flavors! LMAO You will find some of the funniest comments and ideas.

10. Last but not least. I left this laying around a few times and my boyfriend would look at it and start laughing over some of the ads or lines, even the icebreakers. And he can care less about all my other books, so you if you can manage that then know you've got a hit!

So what are you waiting for? You HAVE to buy this. Every PNR household should own a copy!

** ARC provided by author*

Amy Jacobs says

I had been eyeing this book -- or book magazine -- for quite awhile now. When they offered it for review to me, I jumped on the chance! Who wouldn't want to read anything by authors Gena Showalter or Jill Monroe? Best of all, it is by both of them!

I absolutely loved this book! It is definitely for the Immortal lover in all of us. Can't decide which Immortal creature is for you? This book goes in depth of the pro's and con's of each species. It features werewolves, vampires, angels, dragons, demons and even zombies. The best thing about this book is the magazine feel of it. It is set up like a magazine and has everything you could imagine in it.

We have recipes, interviews, travel locations, drink recipes, character evaluations, quiz's, and so much more. My favorite thing though was the ads. I couldn't help but laugh out loud at all of the creative ads that were included. We had 'Dead Bull' energy drinks, GoDieVa Chocolates, J. Crud clothing, U.P.T. Undead Pregnancy Tests, and even Mythmatch.com ads.

So readers put your Cosmo's and Vogue's away and be sure to pick up the new craze on the shelves! Guaranteed to be the best romance finder on the market for that perfect Undead mate! Plus you even get a sneak peek at author Gena Showalters next book, The Darkest Seduction!

Bells says

Have you ever had questions about Immortals and didn't know who to ask? Well look no further because Dating the Undead has all the insider secrets on all things paranormal. It's a book that is actually a parody of a magazine devoted to helping those who are interested in dating a paranormal or are currently in a relationship with one...and it's absolutely hilarious! I found myself laughing so much while reading and I'm not surprised because that's one of the things you can be guaranteed will happen when Gena is involved. She has a great way of weaving comedy into her storylines and it's one of the reasons why I enjoy her books so much. Dating the Undead discusses different paranormals and the issues with some of them. It reads like an issue of Cosmopolitan offering friendly advice and insider information while there are ads for different products such as cover up for vampire bites on the neck. Every page is entertaining and you'll find yourself

reading it as if it's all real! This book is genius because while we all know it's not real (or some of us may not know this), it's cleverly written and you'll find yourself nodding your head and thinking about how it good might be to date a vamp, werewolf, or dragon.

The great bonus to reading Dating the Undead is that the first 2 chapters of The Darkest Seduction by Gena Showalter is included! I cannot wait to read Paris's story and it was great to get this sneak peek while reading the book. Dating the Undead is the type of book that any paranormal lover would love and I can guarantee that you would find yourself picking it up off the shelf and rereading it from time to time. There are lots of pics of hot models in it and I found myself fanning my face while trying not to drool over the pages while reading. It would also make a great book gift to a friend and since paranormals are so popular right now, you would totally be the coolest friend ever for giving this gift! Overall, this book was a fun read and if you're a fan of Gena Showalter or Jill Monroe, you won't find yourself disappointing at all by reading Dating the Undead.

Debbie says

Are you looking for a gift for that special someone, that discriminating single that knows what she wants and what she wants is Mr. Wrong. Are you tired of the same old magazine, well trade in Healthy Living and Elle for Dating the Undead and get the down and dirty on how to attract that Vamp, Zombie or other un-human. Do you have a girlfriend getting married, this is the perfect shower gift, a birthday present for that friend that has everything or the best Valentine's gift you could give. Or are you the one wishing for a Warlock, longing for a Lycanthrope or dying for a demon. You'll find everything you need to fulfill your deepest desires.

Here are a sampling of articles you'll find inside:

Sexy Pickup Lines," is it hot in this dungeon or is it you; Lipstick on his collar, is your immortal just a little bit...immoral: Undead and well read, what's hot between the covers this month.

This magazine is a fun idea, it's a spoof of all the fashionista ads, the beauty ads. the tabloids etc and it's highly entertaining not to mention some great articles by authors of the genre spotlighting Gena Showalter and Jill Monroe. And a big treat is when Gena's Lords of the Underworld Bare-All.

Don't wait, get your copy now and be the envy of the neighborhood and the underworld.

Laura the Highland Hussy says

<http://www.demonloversbooksandmore.co...>

This was a really fun read.

It's like an issue of **Cosmo** for the girl who's dating an Immortal. This book/magazine has it all from horoscopes to the latest fashion for your undead boyfriend. The quizzes cracked me up, and I guess I'm *"ready, willing and eager to date a creature of the otherworld."*

The article "Nine Reasons We Crave Immortals" is fun and tongue-in-cheek. The Speculation if certain movie stars are undead *cough* Johnny Depp's a vampire *cough* had me thinking that the pictures they used were perfect!

Some of my favorite parts were the ads. There were pictures of waif-like beauties, and lean, built men, and beneath it would say

"Coffin Klein"

"LL Brain" for all your zombie fashion needs lol

"Recover Girl" to cover up those vampire love bites

"Jimmy Chew"

"Vladmir's Secret"

Okay I could go on all day. Bottom line: Get this book/magazine, it's friggin' hysterical!

Erika says

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Summary From Goodreads:

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Review: When I was first offered the opportunity to review this book, I was surprised I had never heard of it. On closer inspection I instantly knew I had to read it! At first glance Dating The Undead looks like a Cosmo magazine or a copy of Elle. In a way, a very twisted and sexy way it totally is just that. While Gena's website says this novel is intended to look like a magazine, it is in fact a novel. So finding it hard to take your eyes off the cover? Ya me too.... But you have to because it just gets better inside!!

This is the part where I normally talk about characters, but there isn't an MC here so I am modifying this.

Dating The undead is full of articles by LG's (Living Girls) with huge personalities that leap off the pages in the articles, advice columns and interviews. I was finding it hard to believe that there isn't a whole world with paranormal creatures out there looking for love when I was reading! The article "Why Oh Why Do We Love Them" was super insightful into the reason, we fall in love with "bad boys". It was also kind of funny to read and think oh that is why I am obsessed with Ash, Luc, Adrian, Jace, Gabe and Patch! The list could go on, but I had to keep it short, if you can name all the books that those guys are from, you know what I am talking about!!

Having read Dating The Undead I now am armed with all the information I need to find my perfect immortal man. The "Immortal Icebreakers Sure to Turn His Head" have given me a few conversation starters, my personal favorite being for an Angel; "Don't mind me – I'm an astronomer checking out heavenly bodies.". The novel also offers a glimpse into Gena's first novel of her Lord of the Underworld series, which gives you the chance to decide if the series is something you should look into. For me after reading that chapter the answer is a definite yes.

There are also recipes in here for cocktails and foods that look heavenly in the pictures. Not to mention the beauty tips which made me smile. In the Otherworldly Astrology page, I learned that my best match would be an Angel, but I would do fine with Dragons or Weres. Apparently I have to avoid Zombies, because they don't handle the truth very well. At least I have a pickup line though, I am all set to go out on the town to find my Angel, and will have to pick up DJ (DJ's Life In Fiction) soon so we can go out to the club or should I say Dungeon!

Gena and Jill have created a witty novel that brings to life the immortals that we have read about adding a whole new side to our obsessions! I am desperately hoping there will be another installment!

Dark Faerie Tales says

Review Courtesy of Dark Faerie Tales

Quick & Dirty: Every girl's guide to relationships with those oh so yummy paranormal men.

The Review:

My first impression when I opened the box and showed it to my husband was: "It looks like a Cosmo but for us girls who wish vamps/dragons/werewolves etc. were real." (you guys should of seen the look I got in return) And it seems this impression was a lasting one.

Dating the Undead is a magazine-like book (and yes, Ms. Showalter's site says it "is absolutely a book") chock full of information for that girl who finds ordinary human males to be a bit too, well, ordinary, and wants to find that perfect immortal. Or for that super unlucky girl who already found an immortal match, and now just can't wait to get rid of him. (unimaginable!) Or best yet an incredibly lucky girl who wants to wine, dine, surprise and satisfy her current partner of the un-human variety. (jealous!)

Also like any good chick rag, there is a ton of beautiful men (and some ladies) to take a gander at. Check out

“Real-Life Lords of the Underworld Bare All!” Twelve of the hottest men you have ever seen and they’re mortal. Who would have thought you could be this delicious without immortality.

Also included is an excerpt from not one but two...TWO...Lords of the Underworld series. Maddox’s book, The Darkest Night, book 1, and Paris’s book, The Darkest Seduction, book 9. So sidle up ladies to some great reading, some definitely THFW. (TOO HAWT FOR WORK)

In the “Couple Cravings Quiz” I found out I am perfectly suited for a relationship with an otherworlder, (I knew it!!) and “Your Otherwordly Astrologer” informs me that a Dragon or Vampire might just be the right species for me. I will admit, I have always been partial to tasty vampire morsels, but then again who can resist a hot guy who can fly?

One of my favorite parts was “Is It Hot in This Dungeon-or Is It YOU?—Immortal Icebreakers Sure to Turn His Undead Head.” Specifically the line “I think I have a little Demon in me—at least I hope to by the end of the night.” But just one question? Wouldn’t a guy normally find this a bit insulting—little Demon?!?!?
giggle

Also in this feature, “Manscaping Your Manly Immortal,” witness the most amazing manscape makeover ever. You wouldn’t see a greater transformation if you used pictures of two completely different models.
snort

The only thing it seems to be lacking is those annoying, headache inducing perfume ads, which is awesome. But, also disappointing, because I want to know what scent would work best around that vamp who will be mine someday. But again, most books don’t come with perfume either.

All in all, Dating the Undead had me laughing out loud the whole time, from its cover featuring a sexy undead model, to the Dead Bull ad at the end. It even garnered some secretive extra glances in the waiting room. I think I spied someone looking for a copy of their own on another table. So sorry, girlfriend, paranormal lovers only!

Well my friends, I am off to find my immortal true love. I promise to be thinking of you when I am on my way to Atlantis for the vacation trip I booked on Traveloddity. I wonder if I remembered to pack my Jimmy Chews and favorite Devlon lipstick in Abra Cadaver Pink, not to mention my very sexy Vladimir’s Secret number.

FTC Advisory: Harlequin provided me with a copy of Dating the Undead. No goody bags, sponsorships, “material connections,” or bribes were exchanged for my review.

Stephanie G says

4.5 Stars

Want to know what it takes to date a vampire? Unsure of what to get the werewolf in your life for his birthday? Need some advice on how to get over your cheating ex demon boyfriend? Then look no further than Dating The Undead. This guide is jammed pack with helpful tips and articles on how to strengthen your relationship with your immortal or for those who don't have a ring on your finger, or a mating mark on your

neck, learn which creature of the night would be the best match for you.

At first, I was a little unsure of what to make of Dating The Undead. Is it a book or magazine? Is it a Lords of the Underworld user guide? Is it going to be nothing but silly nonsense? Well, I finally checked it out and what I found is that this is a really fun read. There are great articles about Zombies, Angels, Demons, Werewolves, Vampires and Dragons, written as if this is a actual magazine and our world was inhabited by immortals. There are secrets given about each species, relationship advice, fashion advice and articles on what to eat and how to stay fit and energized so you can keep up with your immortal lover. There are even ads, like Dead Bull and Coffin Klein, and recipes, like sweet 'n' spicy angel-bait salsa and chocolate fondue-me (I'd actually make these recipes!). This is just the tip of the iceberg to all the goodies you'll find inside.

Fans of Gena Showalter's Lord of the Underworld series will be interested the sneak peek into The Darkest Seduction and the character spotlight section. As a fan of the LOTU, I thought this was a real treat and like that it also included the first chapter of The Darkest Night, book one and great for those who are thinking about starting this series. Everything in Dating The Undead is so well written that you may actually start to believe this is a real magazine. I believe there's something for every paranormal romance fan in this highly entertaining guide/book/magazine.

- Stephanie G

Rane says

Needing a little help with your wild man, werewolf boyfriend? Want to spice up your sex life with your yummy angel? Dating the Undead is perfect for the LG (living girl) with helpful tips, tricks and gift ideas for your sexy immoral man

Dating the Undead is a tongue in cheek, spoof on women magazines with a paranormal twist. Every page is dripping with great humor, from ads "Coffin Klein" to "Vladimir's Secret" to the articles that will bring a smile to the PNR fangirl with helpful "tips" with you immoral hottie such as the Vampires, Werewolves, Dragons, Demons and Zombies.

The articles are very much what you see or read in Cosmo and such from dressing, sex tips, breaking up and knowing when to put your foot down and breaking up with a Zombie isn't easy when he doesn't have that great of memory.

I enjoyed this book from start to finish, while it was pretty shallow and nothing really deep, it wasn't meant to be! It was just for us fangirls and to have a great laugh and look at all the yummy eye candy! (and there is alot of yummy eye candy)

One article that had me rolling with laughter was the icebreakers aka: the pick up lines we ladies can use if we happen to see immoral guy that catches us our eye!

To Use for:

Vampires:

If it's true that we are what we eat, then you could be me by morning!

Zombies:

I've heard sex with a zombie is a killer, and I'm ready to die happy!

Demons (and my fave!)

What has lots of teeth, isn't a Vampire, but needs to be taken down a notch? Your Zipper!
