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All my life I've been referred to as the quintessential southern bell: blonde, stunningly beautiful, and overtly enchanting, but that was only the face I shared with the world; no one ever knew the hell I truly endured.

After returning to Savannah, I had everything I ever wanted: a new home, a handsome suitor, and the job of my dreams as an antique dealer. Little did I know that the choice to move on with my life would be the last decision I'd ever make.

My name is Jorja Graham and my story is proof that not every romance has a happy ending.

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Perry ★TBBSSisterhood Blog★ says

5 sparkling thrilling and suspenseful stars ?????

The Life & Death of Jorja Graham is a Paranormal Romance gem. It's a book so original, so well written and so ballsy that I can't wait for it to hit the stores and people to have a chance to read it. I was lucky enough to beta read this book and I COULD NOT PUT IT DOWN. I thought I was done with anything PNR but Brynn Myers proved me wrong. Just when I thought any and every angle was already played out, this book happens and makes it fresh again.

Jorja Graham is a young, independent girl living in Savannah, a lover of history, working at Generation Antiques with her beloved aunts Vivian and Heddie. Those two were a total hoot, they adore Jorja and are very protective and nurturing of her, considering she wasn't her parents' biological child, and they weren't the best role models for her growing up. She had to endure the pain of living with her bitch of a mother and her father's drinking problems, not to mention they had a rocky, hateful relationship with each other that ended in separation early on. I loved how honourable, ladylike and independent Jorja was. You can tell she's led a difficult life already and that's polished her into an outstanding woman of grace.

Jorja gets chosen to oversee the cataloguing and auctioning of precious antiques from one of the most beautiful and well known estates in Savannah, a house that used to belong to a mysterious old lady by the name of Rhetta Ryland, rumoured to be a witch who practiced hoodoo in order to maintain her youth. Corbin Holbrook, her extended family, ends up handling the sale of the estate, and thus hiring Jorja to take care of the auction. He's charming, he's a gentleman (as much as Jorja is a lady) and first and foremost he wants Jorja. He makes no effort to hide his attraction and pursues her relentlessly. I loved reading about it... and seeing them slowly bond as Corbin tried his hardest to woo Jorja into succumbing to his dark and smouldering appeal.

But who is Corbin? And are there ulterior motives for his interest in the antiques held within the estate? He has his sights set on a specific heirloom, something he's desperate to locate. Is his passion for Jorja genuine? And first and foremost... who in the hells is he really?! The man seems so out of this world.

This book was romantic, suspenseful... creepy as hell in parts and a total page turner. I was jumping at every little noise because I was so invested in the book and wondering what new spooky thing would happen. I could not wait to find out how it all ended and what Corbin's deal really was. Jorja is easily relatable and I felt totally swept away in the series of events that follow after they meet, the genuine mystery and eerie nature of Rhetta's estate and the dark powers lurking underneath it all.

If you have a penchant for the mystical, for some frightening bits thrown in and for a well plotted, well written book to spend a few hours with... CHOOSE THIS. You won't be disappointed. It's not even that long and yet it packs such a punch. The ending is a bit WTF, but there's a rather soothing epilogue on the author's website that gives me hope for a sequel. I wouldn't say it's a cliffhanger ending, but more of a HFN with room for tons more between the main characters. Saying more would be spoiling it.

I really hope there is a sequel because I am intrigued by Jorja's journey. I love what I've read so far. ?????

Ellen says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

The moment I started reading the book, I knew Jorja Graham isn't your ordinary protagonist and as I continued to read it has become more evident. Having suffered in the hands (and words) of her mean-spirited (almost sadistic) mother she has to pull herself together again, and she wants nothing more than settling back to her own townhouse and work like she did before. This is where a certain catalyst to the quietness, a mysterious man named Corbin Holbrook enters her life and basically starts churning up all kinds of trouble not just with her business but also in the depths of her guarded heart.

The dynamics of their relationship were a little troublesome at first, since Jorja felt that Corbin came off as arrogant and it's a trait she abhors in a man. With some leg work and heart-tugging words, Corbin managed to stay well within Jorja's good side. While I think Corbin's extremely grand gestures were a little off-putting, he certainly made good points about then and even I found myself agreeing to them. I found him to be an incredibly suspicious character, since I read almost half-way through the story already and I couldn't figure out if he was a good guy or a bad guy.

I feel like with all of the characters, Cat was the one character who I think didn't get appropriate face time that her role deserved. Towards the end, she played a big role on the supernatural aspects of things, yet we see very little of these supernatural aspects in the first parts of the book (aside from the ground bricks being scattered and talks about her family's interests). Certain names being mentioned were also a little confusing but not entirely.

One of the aspects of the story that I love was the Southern feel mixed with the paranormal. It is a common theme, I assume but it's something I thoroughly enjoyed. The end wasn't at all surprising. There were certain parts of it that I found to be albeit cliche, still tugged a little bit on my heartstrings.

All in all, I found the story very engaging, and the writing style gave the characters a certain depth and individuality. I am definitely looking forward to reading the next book!

V. Mariketa Nix says

I had the honor of reading Brynn's book before her release date...squeee!! Preorder, order, follow Brynn Myers blog anything you can do to get your eyes on this riveting read. Truly, I sat down at 4:30 p and read all the way through Jorja's story. I was in Savannah with Jorja & Corbin (yum) , giggled with her humorous aunts and held my breath to the end. This is the reason I give this book 5 stars..... I was moved by the truth of how life really is "messy" and ya gotta roll with it! Thank you Brynn for the exciting roller coaster ride!

Brandi Money says

First, I must admit the title led me to purchase this book. Everyone wants a happy ever after, but sometimes we need a change of pace. This book fell into my hands, figuratively speaking, at the very right moment. I read back to back and I'm an absolute book junkie. Sometimes I crave a buffer, a flavor change of sorts. I am a lover of many genres and I appreciate the unexpected. This novel definitely fit the bill.

Brynn Myers is an extremely talented writer. I knew nothing of the author, nor have I read her previous works. I was pleasantly surprised and genuinely happy to discover this book and author.

Jorja Graham appeased all my senses. She was a great female lead, and I truly enjoyed her character. She's feisty and feminine, independent and nurturing, strong-willed and beautiful. I loved her witty personality and her devotion to not only her family and friends but to her career as well. Jorja shed her scarred past and was determined to charter her own ship and delve into a life well deserved -a life of conquered happiness.

Jorja seems to have it all figured out, that is, until she meets Corbin Holbrook, Mr. Tall, Dark and Where-The-Hell-Did-He-Come-From Handsome. Corbin is enchanting and confusing as hell (Ha, ha! -you'll understand why I just laughed after you read the book). Corbin is a man who knows what he wants and how to get it.

Corbin is completely smitten with Savannah's southern bell, Miss Jorja Graham. Why yes, I did just say that in my best southern accent.

There lies mystery in Mr. Holbrook and his inherited plantation, and the author does an exceptional job keeping that mystery in tact. Darn you, Brynn Myers. It drove me crazy mad not knowing why, how, who, and what the hell was that!

This story had everything from romance to things that go bump in the night. The dialogue was eloquently written and flowed effortlessly. The imagery was perfectly detailed. The secondary characters were well defined. I absolutely loved Jorja's aunts, Heddie and Vivian.

If I could change anything about this book it would be the length. Although completely enthralled, I wanted more, so much more. I guess you can say I'm a greedy reader. I want Brynn to write a sequel....tomorrow. I want to know what "could" happen next. I want more Corbin. Actually, I need more Corbin.

The Life & Death of Jorja Graham is unique, enchanting, and will keep you guessing until the very end.

Five Unexpected Stars!

► <http://amzn.to/1in0NGm>

Michelle Leah Olson says

Our Review, by LITERAL ADDICTION's Pack Alpha - Chelle:

--actual rating 4.5 skulls

What a delightful breath of fresh air this book was!

Jorja thinks that the death of her mother is the start to her turning her life around and putting all of the hurt of the past behind her and it looks like she's right. As the synopsis says, she lands the job of her dreams running an auction out of this beautiful and mysterious old mansion that she's always had a fascination with, she finds a guy that admittedly she's unsure of at first, but who wins her over by spoiling her rotten, she has an incredible family support system behind her and more. And then the mystery kicks in....

There are secrets to this old mansion and its belongings. There are secrets that Corbin is keeping from Jorja, as well. And when everything is revealed layer by layer you will be sucked in and left gasping.

The first person narrative of The Life and Death of Jorja Graham allows you to really get into the heart and head of our heroine and feel everything that she's going through each step of the way. The supporting cast is stellar, and each and every one of them is needed and incredible. I love the aunts! They're little firecrackers, and I could totally relate. I mean who doesn't have a set of meddlesome family members. LOL. Corbin is a deep hero. He has so many facets and it's fun to reveal each of them as Jorja learns them herself.

The pace of the novel was perfect. It had a slow build, but was still utterly engaging, and when it hit its plateau... holy hannah! It sped along like a runaway freight train and when that last page was turned and all was revealed all you can do as a reader is sit there a bit stunned saying "whaa?", which is the PERFECT way to set up series for a sequel. :)

I highly recommend this book to all readers regardless of your 'normal' niche. But be warned... if you're looking for a spectacularly sparkly HEA, this is not the book you'll find it in, however, if you want something a little more gritty and real despite its fantastical elements, then you definitely want to read this!

I can't wait to see what's in store in the world of LDJG in book #2.

Sarah Lazowski says

This was a fantastic read!!! I cannot wait for the next book in this series to come out!! I could not put it down and I even told my teenage children to fend for themselves because I had to know what happened next and I did not want to stop reading long enough to make them sandwiches for lunch. I cannot put into words just how much I really loved this book!! I HIGHLY recommend it to everyone!!!!

Ella K Paris says

I am honored to have read this book as a beta reader.

The life of Savannah native Jorja Graham is changing. With her mother's passing, she is breaking free of her unhappy childhood and moving on with her life. Lucky for her she has two doting aunts, Heddie and Vivian and her BFF Cat who love her dearly. The three of them are more than on board when tall, dark and handsome Corbin Holbrook enters Generations Antiques, the Graham family business. Corbin has assumed ownership of the local Rhetta Rhyland Estate and hired Jorja to sell off the antiques and collectables contained therein.

He is totally smitten. Shes is not - at first. The banter(and HEAT)between the two made me wish I could stand between them turning my head left and right ala watching a tennis match. The push/pull is funny and endearing.

However things are not what they seem with Jorja, Corbin and for sure with the Rhyland Mansion. Rhetta's alleged practice of dark magic is proving true and soon The Life of Jorja Graham is on the line.

This book is a delightful look at southern women, lifestyles and lore, cleverly written into life by author Brynn Myers.

Charity Costa says

Brynn Myers has a way of keeping a story fresh with such ease it is so intoxicating. I felt that The Life & Death of Jorja Graham was a breath of fresh air in the Romance/Suspense/Paranormal genre.

I felt that the book was fast paced but with a slow build up (I hope that makes sense) which I loved, I was so eager to get to that high point that I couldn't put it down. Brynn did an amazing job with the build up so when the story hit that high point and when it all comes together I was shaking with excitement.

I had an instant respect for Jorja and loved her depth. I could relate to her in many ways but with her strength the most. I loved the Aunts they remind me of my best friends. Jorja's best friend Cat, is very intriguing and I really hope one day she gets her story, I feel like she still has a story to tell. As far as Corbin, I didn't know how to feel about him till the end which is a testament to Brynn's writing, I liked that I questioned things, it kept me interested.

I didn't know what to expect as far the the Paranormal angle from this book because it was not hinted at until it hit you in the book like a truck and that had me reeling with excitement. It was unexpected and extremely suspenseful. I would love to go into more detail about the plot but I can't without spoiling anything and I really think that to spoil the plot would ruin the book for future readers. All I'm going to say is that its Earth shattering and messy and real and unlike anything I have read before and I loved it.

Brynn always has a way of leaving her reading begging for the next book which is infuriating cause we have to wait for the next installment, which is probably the best thing an author can do for herself to keep her readers hooked.

The Life & Death of Jorja Graham has a contemporary romance feel to it in the beginning but has a massive paranormal twist. I give this book 5 stars and I would recommend it to fans of romance, suspense, and paranormal genre fans.

Well done Brynn and please keep writing your talent is astonishing and relatively incomparable to most today, you are refreshing and I cant wait to see what your brain puts on the next page.

Tina says

THIS BOOK WAS GIVEN TO ME IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW

Tina, #NerdGirlMama's Review

I have to say that the title and the synopsis is what lead me to choose to read this book, it seem to have a little of everything I enjoy in it from life and death, antiques, Savannah, paranormal, and a bit a mystery. I had not read any of Brynn Myers books, so this was a treat. For me it started out a little slow but that was ok as it picked up the pace rather quickly and I found myself glued to the book, it is definitely a book you do not want to put down until you're done. This book was well written and it flowed effortlessly and you can imagine everything as you are reading it.

The main character Jorja is an independent, strong, and feisty woman that is enjoyable and a true Southern bell to boot. Jorja endured a horrible childhood and has come through it all beautifully and it made her who she is. Corbin is your Tall, Dark and mysterious man that you are just not sure about, but he becomes likable. The Aunts Heddie and Vivian are adorable and make you smile.

Brynn Myers writing is detailed and keeps you hanging on throughout the book with things that go bump in the night to the much unexpected ending. If you enjoy a suspenseful, mysterious, mystical, eerie, and paranormal that comes out of nowhere and surprises you, then this book is for you. I give it 4 stars and cannot wait to read the next book in this series, if there is one as the ending leaves you wanting more, more, and more. Do not pass this one up, go one click it today and you will not be sorry.

***Review has been done in conjunction with Nerd Girl Official. ***

Melanie Marsh says

What a great read. The Life and Death of Jorja Graham was one of those books that I just couldn't put down. I just had to see what was going to happen next! I think it only took me about 4 hours to read it, but I pretty much ignored everything else in the world for those 4 hours! It was a wonderful world to escape to.

Jorja Graham is one of those characters that I felt like I could relate to. The only thing we really have in common is a love for historical things and antiques. Old houses have always been a weakness of mine, and to find a character that loves and appreciates them in the way that I do was nice. Growing up, there were old houses that I fell in love with, which I was just dying to see for myself what treasures were hidden inside. I wanted to be the girl that when we went to a historical site, I could stand on the other side of the velvet ropes and touch all the pretties. That, to me is who Jorja is.

When Jorja's mother dies, Jorja is finally free from her overbearing ways. I know she hated her mother, but I really wish I could have been the one to buy up that house at what she was selling it for! Because of her relationship with her mother, Jorja had a super crazy wall built up around her heart. I don't really know how

to explain it, but I think she would rather have “things” than people. She’s not materialistic, but she sees that things can’t hurt her the way people do.

Jorja is hired to put together an estate auction for a historical house in the area that has a bit of a past. When she meets the new owner, he is very convincing. For a woman like Jorja, he can be her ultimate downfall if she gets too close. Corbin seems to either have fallen head over heels in love with Jorja on site, or he’s a huge scam artist. I’ll let you read it and find out for yourself.

She has very few people in her life, but to Jorja, they are very important. Her 2 aunts and best friend seem to be the main characters in her life and seem to give her a kind of support that she never received from her mother. They give a sense of love and laughter to the story and you can tell they care about Jorja immensely. I think that Brynn Myers did a great job in describing the world that she has built. I’ve never been to Savannah, but I could see everything she wrote about. From the coffee shop, to Jorja’s townhouse, to the gates outside of the estate, I could see it all. I enjoyed the way Myers brought magical myth and history into the story as well.

I really can’t say too much more about this book’s plot without giving away more than I want to. Just know there is a woman who’s not ready to be dead, demons, witches, rubies, romance and drama. Each character is built enough for us to see who they are without giving away too much of whom they will grow into. I do wish that I had more back story on Rhetta, but that’s just me being greedy and curious.

I give this book a solid 5 stars despite the fact that I wasn’t 100% happy with the ending. The ending had to end the way it did and I understand that even though I didn’t like it. That’s life. I don’t always get what I want, so I’ll live. ?

Julia - The Romance Bibliophile says

3.5 Stars

I really liked "The Life & Death of Jorja Graham." The story line was good, and the characters were superb. The characters really made it and were the best part of the book. The only problem I had was the ending. It wasn't bad, but everything happened in a short amount of time and kind of left you up in the air. Otherwise, it was very entertaining and full of mystery.

Peggy says

This was a new author for me and I liked how the book sounded it intrigued me . I was glad that I did it was amazing. I was hooked by the first page. I can’t wait for the next book. The story line was amazing and I liked how different it was from all the other books that I read . it will keep you turning the page all the way to the end of the book where you stand up and yell NO it can’t end this way then you dig in to the change jar to get the next book<3 so don’t miss out and get a copy You will love it ...

Tish says

Once again I had the honor to read Brynn's book as a beta reader. And once again I was blown away by the imagination and detailed writing that Brynn puts into her stories. She never fails to transport me into the world she's created, and in this case, the world was eerie and magical and filled with characters that captured my heart.

I loved the relationship between Jorja and Corbin, as well as her family and friends. The southern traditions and detailed accuracy had me reading with an accent. LOL. I could see the historic plantation and I could hear the slang as only a southern bell could recite it.

What truly captured my mind, and earned this book five stars, however, was the reality of the story. It's true that not all romances have a "happy ending." It's honesty and cutting truths left me a bit sad, yet satisfied and happy with the outcome. Mostly, I was immediately left wanting Brynn to write a book two for Jorja and Corbin.

Heather says

(This review can be found on my blog The (Mis)Adventures of a Twenty-Something Year Old Girl).

I participated in a book blitz for The Life & Death of Jorja Graham a week or so ago. After reading the blurb and seeing a teaser, I really wanted to read this book. While it wasn't a fantastic read, it was still an alright read.

The title sounds very ominous which is another thing that made me want to read the book. It's very straight forward, and I think that suits the book just fine.

The girl on the cover, who I assume is Jorja Graham, looks a bit spooky which I love! I do sort of like the cover, but I would've liked to see the mansion which is mentioned a lot throughout the book on the cover too.

The world building was good, I thought. I found it to be believable for the most part. Towards the end, it gets a little big confusing though. I'd elaborate, but I want this to be a spoiler free review.

The pacing was a bit slow to begin with. I was starting to think I had made a mistake in buying this book. Luckily, the pacing starts picking up about thirty percent in.

The plot was alright. For about the first sixty percent or so, the book reads like a contemporary romance for the most part. However, it's like it becomes a different book for the rest of the way because it turns into more of a paranormal book. Again, I don't want to give away any spoilers, but let's just say there was a plot twist I was totally not expecting! There is a slight cliff hanger at the end of the book, and I do believe there will be another book in the series, but don't quote me on that.

I thought the character of Jorja was written really well. I instantly liked her and her charming nature. Corbin comes off as a bit of a stalker to begin with, but I eventually warmed to him and his passionate nature as well. The other minor characters were written a bit lukewarm, I felt. For example, Jorja's best friend Cat could've been written as a stronger character, but I felt that she was just a bit too bland. I would've liked to know more about her and more about hers and Jorja's friendship.

I did enjoy the dialogue, and I felt it flowed very well. I felt that maybe if this book was a bit longer and had a bit more detail, it could've been better. There is some swearing and some violence.

All in all, *The Life & Death of Jorja Graham* is a decent read. The lead character is likable and the dialogue is fantastic!

I'd recommend this book to those aged 16+ who are big fans of paranormal romance.

I'd give *The Life & Death of Jorja Graham* by Brynn Myers a 3.5 out of 5.

(I bought this ebook with my own money from Amazon. I was not required to write a review).

Proserpine says

Why:

I'm a big fan of Brynn Myers, the author. Everything she wrote, I want to try it! I love her creativity, the sexiness in her scenes description and most of all her sense of humor. She has that kind of attraction on readers that crave paranormal romance stories. She's able to pull me fast into the action with an attractive and mysterious intrigue and she knows how to stir many feelings inside of me during my read!

Expectations:

With a title like *The Life and Death of Jorja Graham*, I was expecting something tragically mixed with a lot of suspense. The presence of a strong heroine plus an alpha male I will instantly fall in love with. I expected a lot of paranormal aspects, phenomenons, actions and sizzling scenes!

What Stood Out:

The whole story was interesting; the plot was involving and the scenes intoxicating. Even if there aren't any explicit sex scenes, the author let the reader with his own imagination, which is different from many paranormal romance stories. It's even different from the first series by Brynn Myers has offer; *Prophecies of the Nine*.

The characters are typical human being with no strange or paranormal past and Jorja is the perfect representation of the good girl next door. Even with a non-easy family history, the girl has some spunk and wit, which I adore about her.

I wish there was more paranormal elements through the story. While I was reading, I got this impression that something was about to come out, but each time, this aspect was remaining in the dark. I thought it would be more obvious, but Brynn Myers really wanted to keep it as a secret until the end! By then, I couldn't put the

book down, wanting to know what would happen to our main characters and what would be the paranormal aspect!

Favorite Character:

My favorite character was the enigmatic Corbin. I wish I could have say the same thing about Jorja, but nothing in particular stood out from her until it's too late, I was already into Corbin! Corbin on the other hand was a mysterious stranger until the very end. Until everything is revealed, he stays a mystery and I liked to imagine what the big secret about him was. Nothing in the previous pages can foretell what the author has planned all this time! Corbin has many secrets and an ultimate goal by forcing his ways in Jorja's life. I just wish I could have learned more about his true self and intention before the very end!

The End:

The ending was the most exciting part of this book, but also the most unpredictable to me. I wasn't hoping a different ending, in fact the title tells us all, but this one really surprised me nonetheless. We discover many different things and secrets about many character of this story. Plus, a new character makes its appearance and I was kind of shocked (in a good way). I read the last chapters with eagerness, willing to sacrifice any other books just to know what would happen to Jorja, Corbin and this new character. Every reader will be astonished by this ending and Ms. Myers offers them an epilogue on her blog to satisfy their curiosity and hunger. I just hope that I will be able to read a sequel to this incredible story.

Romance: 3.5/5

Hotness: 2/5
