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As the creepy little town of Nightshade prepares to celebrate its 200th anniversary—on Halloween, of course—many of its paranormal residents are receiving mysterious blackmail letters. Psychic teen Daisy Giordano and her sisters set out to find out who is behind the threats. But launching an investigation isn't easy for Daisy with her overprotective father watching her every move. Though she's happy to have him back after the years he spent being held captive by an anti-paranormal group called the Scourge, Dad is having difficult time adjusting to home life—and the fact that his little girl is now a senior in high school. He even disapproves of Daisy's boyfriend, Ryan. Can their relationship take the strain?

And Daisy's got even more on her plate: A talented amateur chef, she has won cooking lessons with celebrity chef Circe Silvertongue. After nosing around (with a little help from Circe's pet pig), Daisy begins to suspect the temperamental chef's secrets aren't only in her ingredients. . . .

The fourth installment in this favorite series is full of surprises and scares!

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Bookyurt says

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I recently discovered this breezy little teenage paranormal detective series and quickly chomped through all four books. The latest installment, *Dead is Just a Rumor*, comes out this week (though releasing against Suzane Collin's *Mockingjay* is not the best marketing move). Still, after you've torn through *Mockingjay*, if you find yourself depressed by the end, this series is the perfect antidote. These books are just fun – think the *Scooby* gang, or if *Nancy Drew* lived in a town of paranormal denizens.

Daisy is an amusing and instantly likable lead, and it's nice to see a character who has actual relationships with her family and (somewhat) normal teenage issues to deal with. The paranormal side is for the most part refreshingly light-hearted, a pleasant change from the dark, gothic-style drama that's everywhere in YA. The town of *Nightshade* does have plenty of secrets for Daisy to uncover, and her sleuthing is fun to watch. And while the mysteries may not be particularly scary (or terribly surprising), they are still thoroughly entertaining.

In this installment Perez gives us some story lines that are clearly going to carry through into the next book, and leaves us with plenty of questions about exactly what *The Scourge* did to Daisy's Dad. Next book, please!

I can't say it enough – this is a effervescent, upbeat series, and even if you have a pretty good idea of how the ending is going to turn out, it'll keep you hooked. These books are just fun to read.

Byrt Grade: A-

Catalina Sennett says

2.5 these are not as great as I used to think they were years ago.

Jennifer says

Eh, these are fun - like little bon bon treats. It only took a few pages to remember the characters and where we left off at the end of the third book. We find the Giordano sisters in fine form. Daisy is in her senior year, but having trouble with her dad, recently rescued from a 6-year captivity and now overprotective. He's got some reasons: someone is blackmailing the paranormal residents of *Nightshade*. Daisy is also involved with a cold case disappearance of the town matriarch's sister. Fun as always - a smidgen of mystery, good sense of humor, light romance, and some fun supernatural elements make these treats. Yes, predictable, yes, this one didn't quite have the satisfying ending as usual, but a fun series for the *Twilight* crowd that likes a quick, lighter read.

Mya says

This series never fails to get my blood pumping.

WillowBe says

Didn't enjoy this as much since Daisy had to remain seriously obtuse so as not to spoil things for the reader. But possible in a later book Lily and Bam will be returned to their forms for hap ever after. Also finally Dad gets therapy? Really?

Tammy says

I am not sure that I am ready for the last book because I don't want the series to end! Daisy is amazing and while some of the books had parts that weren't the greatest, the rest of the books that were made up for those. I'm almost sad it's almost over.

Rebecca says

This is the fourth book in the Dead Is series and it is really good. I like Dead is Just a Rumour because it's short (it only takes a couple of hours to read) and it is really entertaining. I love mysteries and this series is just full of them.

Daisy is a protagonist that is actually really awesome. She's a typical teenager apart from the fact that she has psychic powers but other than that she is really relatable and you can't help but love her.

I love Dead is Just a Rumour because it's really light and breezy. There's a bit of suspense to keep you entertained and as I was reading it I found myself going through the pages so I could find out more.

My only complaint is that it ended quite abruptly. Although, I have a feeling there could be a book after this one. Fingers crossed there is.

If you like paranormal or you like mysteries then Dead is Just a Rumour is definitely worth a read.

Lilian says

Ok I was veryy disappointed in this book...

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I dont know what the hell happened! I loved this series, and then this book... Lets say, it was just sad that it came out so bad...

I was like:

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Its so sad how some of the last books just disappoint you, and I was so happy to read this...

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Veronica Morfi says

Rating: 4/5

Another great instalment in the Dead Is series by Marlene Perez. In this 4th book it's Halloween time. I love Halloween, even though we don't celebrate it in Greece, and I love books taking placing during that time. So, of course, Halloween in Nightshade is not an exception. This time around, a lot of Nightshade's resident are being blackmailed. And everyone of the blackmailer's victims is a paranormal. So once again Daisy is on the case. Trying to figure out who is blackmailing half of the town is not her only worry though. She is taking cooking lessons with a very demanding chef, her dad is back after six years and is in overprotective mode and her student counsellor seems like is out to get her.

This was another fast and fun story about Nightshade. We got to see more of our beloved characters and even met some new ones. We saw more of the Sourge, the organization after the paranormals, and learn a bit more about Nightshade's history and the mystery that is Lil, the prophetic jukebox.

I had such a great time reading this. I loved the interactions between Daisy and her sisters. They are one of my favorite book families. Also, I love Ryan, Daisy's boyfriend he is adorable and Sam, her best friend. I've come to love them all after so many stories about them.

All in all, this was fun. The mystery was a bit predictable as in the rest of the books, but still very entertaining.

Marlene says

It's my book, I've gotta love it!

Jessica at Book Sake says

Another fun read from the series, this book has probably been my favorite of them this far. Another mystery in the town of Nightshade always keeps things interesting. A few new characters make their way into the pages, but it mainly centers around the same ones we have met before. We get to venture a little more into the lives of the Gordano family and now that Dad is there the family is larger. The book isn't a keep-you-

guessing type of a thing, if you think about it enough, you have all the clues to solve the mysteries on your own, but it's more fun to just get lost in the book and have it spelled out for you. That's what makes it such a fun read, nothing to take too seriously. While the major mystery of the book was solved, not everything tied up nicely at the end, so we can look forward to another book in the series.

Kelly says

Another great young adult read! I am really liking the character development and the books are fun to talk about with my kiddos at school.

Sarah says

This was a YA paranormal story featuring witches and werewolves.

Daisy was an okay character and I felt quite sorry for her the way that her father was treating her. It also wasn't nice that her free cooking lessons turned out to be a bit of a nightmare.

The storyline in this was about some paranormals in town receiving blackmail letters threatening to expose them, a new cook who wasn't very nice, and a suspicious new guidance counsellor as well. The pace in this was pretty slow though, and the book dragged because of it.

The ending to this was fairly happy.

6 out of 10

Abbie says

The main character in this was okay, but I still didn't love her.

This wasn't a bad read, but again, it wasn't one I loved, or can say that I really enjoyed. It dragged quite badly for me in areas unfortunately.

Overall, Not an awful read.

Shannan says

Yes, I love it. I actually adore these stories by Perez. I could not wait to get my hands on Dead is Just a Rumor! I couldn't wait to start reading when I finally received a copy. In a couple hours, I was finished devouring it and totally satisfied to remain in love with the Dead is... series.

I love the jukebox, Daisy, Ryan, Sam, Poppy...let's just say, I am a fan of the characters. The dad I am a

little iffy with, but maybe because I grew to love this family while he was missing. Does that make me mean?

Things are not right in Nightshade. Halloween is creeping up on the town and a famous chef may be involved in a wicked scheme. In addition, there are people being blackmailed and Daisy intends to get to the bottom of the crime. With a nosey guidance counselor, an overprotective father, and question worthy cooking classes, Daisy has her hands full. Will she, her friends, and her sisters find out what has the town spooked?

How much more fun could a book be for the 12 plus crowd? I just love the laid back writing, the true to life characters, and the supernatural flare. This fun, mystical romp is fun for the whole family.

I give Dead is Just a Rumor 4.5 STACKS!

Patiently waiting for the next addition in the DEAD IS... series, I am STACKGirl, Shannan

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