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Something very strange starts happening in Nightshade the summer that the eldest Giordano sister, Rose, gets a job working at Dr. Franken's research laboratory. People are starting to see double. Doppelgängers of Nightshade residents are popping up all over town. Daisy, Rose and Poppy think it's a coincidence, until the rumors start that their father, who disappeared several years ago, has been spotted in town. Meanwhile, Daisy's beau, Ryan is spending all of his time training for football, and like the other guys on the team, he's grown enormous almost overnight. Samantha Devereux's boyfriend's neck has doubled in size since school ended. Could the football players be resorting to extreme measures to win? Between summer jobs, sugar rushes, and beach parties, the Giordano girls get to the bottom of these mysteries and more.

## **Dead Is So Last Year Details**

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## From Reader Review *Dead Is So Last Year* for online ebook

### Mya says

This was my least favorite book out the series. I just couldn't keep up with the plot but I loved how the drama unfolded.

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### Melissa says

This is book three in the *Dead is* series which starts with the book *Dead is the New Black*. Once more, Daisy and her sisters are back using their psychic skills to solve the paranormal mysteries in the creepy little town of Nightshade. It's summer in Nightshade and Daisy and her sisters have gotten summer jobs. But strange things, stranger than usual that is, are happening. Doppelgangers of local residents are appearing all over town and the football team seems to be bulking up overnight. Trust Daisy and her sisters to get to the bottom of the town's mysteries.

I actually think this series gets better with each book. Be sure you have read the first two before tackling the this third novel or you might have some difficulty following along. I love the summer job aspect of this novel, and absolutely adore the characters. There is humor, fun, mysteries, and a lot of quirky happenings in Nightshade. I will definitely be coming back for more.

The audio is produced by Brilliance Audio and is read by Suzy Jackson who read the other two books as well. The production is very enjoyable and a great way to enjoy this series.

Overall, I love this series. These books are light, fast, reads, that are perfect for summer and will appeal to readers looking for something fun this summer with a touch of the paranormal.

Cautions for sensitive readers: Werewolf violence--actually for a paranormal series these are very mild.

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### Kate McMurry says

Captivating third book in the "Dead Is" comic, paranormal, mystery series for teens

Daisy Giordano and her older sisters Rose and Poppy have just returned home from vacation in Italy the summer after Daisy's junior year. Their psychic mother has stayed behind to work on an important case and is unavailable to help solve a big mystery here in Nightshade, the quirky little town where the Giordanos live in Northern California. Doppelgängers of local residents are appearing all over the place, a fact the girls hesitate to mention to their mother because one of the mysterious doubles appears to be their long-lost father. Their mother has never stopped trying to find him for the past six years, and Daisy and her sisters don't want to get their mother's hopes up about him until they are 100% sure that the man who looks and acts like their dad--at least some of the time--is really him. But figuring out the truth is made doubly hard because they are prejudiced in favor of the man due to their desperate longing that he might truly be their beloved father. Fortunately, they have working in their favor Rose's ESP, Poppy's telekinesis, and Daisy's ability to do both those things, as well.

On top of this pressing family problem, Daisy is confounded by the fact that a big portion of the players on the high school football team--including her hunky boyfriend Ryan--have bulked up massively in just the three short weeks Daisy has been in Europe. This seems physically impossible, and Daisy is determined to get to the bottom of this mystery, too, while simultaneously attempting, along with her two sisters, to make a little money at a summer job. Rose is working for an eccentric scientist at a secret lab at the local university, Poppy is running a concession stand at the beach, and Daisy is cooking and waiting tables at the local diner. The fact that her boss is permanently invisible and his juke box is enchanted doesn't phase Daisy a bit compared to the many other problems facing her during the weirdest summer on record.

This book is another big hit for Marlene Perez, in her wonderful "Dead Is" series. Daisy is as unstoppable as ever, and the kooky characters in her town alternate between being spooky, scary and downright hilarious, including, besides her boss, the juke box, and the sugar-snarfing doppelgängers, a powerful witch and assorted werewolves and vampires.

This book is the third of five books, which are best enjoyed in order. Book 1 is Dead Is the New Black. Book 2 is Dead Is a State of Mind. Book 4 is Dead Is Just a Rumor. Book 5, the final book in the series, is Dead Is Not an Option. It is scheduled for release in 2011.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who enjoys light, humorous YA fantasy stories with an intriguing mystery plot.

Note for parents, teachers and librarians: This book is G-rated. There are no incidents of drinking, drugs or adolescent sex either on or offstage, and Daisy's family relationships are warm and loving.

I grade the book as follows:

Heroine - 5 stars

Subcharacters - 5 stars

Fantasy world-building - 4.5 stars

Writing - 5 stars

Mystery Plot - 4 stars

Romantic Subplot - 4 stars

Overall - 5 stars

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## **Sarah says**

This was a YA paranormal story, featuring a mystery regarding doppelgängers.

Daisy seemed a little more responsible in this book, and she seemed to be working hard at her new job as well.

The storyline in this was about a mass of doppelgängers being seen around town, and Daisy and her sisters trying to work out what was going on. We also got a storyline about werewolves on the football team as well, and a surprise arrival in town too. The book did drag a bit though.

The ending to this was quite surprising, and it will be interesting to see what happens in the next book.

### **Myhotstylist says**

What a fun series!

this is the 3rd installment, and was by far the best so far. Im eagerly awaitng the 4th book.

The Giordano sisters are on summer break and very busy. Rose is working for a scientist at the college, Poppy is working the snack bar stand at the beach, and Daisy landed a job at Slims Diner, working with Flo and an invisible boss.

But things start taking a turn for the worse. New werewolves are appearing in town, and Daisys dad has been spotted after being missing for 6 years. People around town are acting strange eating massive amounts of sugar and dumpster diving.

Is it really her dad or a walking clone? Whos making all these new Weres? Its all part of the fun that you will have to read about in Dead is So Last year. Id reccomend this series to teens and adults. Best to read the series from the beginning to understand the relationship dymanics.

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### **Veronica Morfi says**

Rating: 4/5

It's summer in Nightshade and the Giordano sisters jsut came back from their summer vacation in Italy withou their mother. While she stays back to work on a case the three sisters go back to their home to spend the rest of the summer. But while they were gone things had changed. The guys on the football team look like they are on steroids, the people of Nighshade are acting crazy for sugar and there are clones walking around the town. It's up to them to figure out who are the real residents of their hometown and who are the clones, also who is creating them and why. Especially since someone form their past makes their appearance and they can't be sure if they are a clone or not.

This one was different from the two previous books. Especially since it's summer and there is no school drama, but still had the same Nightshade charm that the series is famous for. We got to see the three sisters on tehir summer jobs, having more responsibilities than usually and then the sock of their visitor and the way they reacted. We got to know each of them better.

The clone mystery was a hilarious one, especially since the clones acted all crazy. It also ahd me guessing about who was their creator and even though it wasn't hard to come up with the correct answer I wasn't able to guess every aspect of the plot, which is always a plus. And the ending...oh my...I didn't see that coming. Now I can't wait to see what happens in the two final books.

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### **Lelani says**

this book was very revealing for me because in this book the characters lived in a small town which meant

they were very open and social with one another and this has made me over the time i have been reading it very opening up ish because i wanted to have that social interments. what i am trying to say is that this is a very good mysterious book to read if you like books like that and this book could open your eyes and make you do things you never knew you would or could do.

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### **Trisha says**

Daisy is at it again. She's gotten a job and is taking care of herself this summer. Still dating the adorable Ryan and still friends with Sam and Sean. But she's noticing that the freshman football team is bulking up and liking their steaks and burgers very very rare. A lot like Ryan does.

She also spots her father lurking around time. But she can't seem to imagine it's really him. No contact for so long and he just suddenly stops in to town, leering at every female near him and eating all the sugary things within his grasp.

She soon learns a town secret that sends her reeling and knowing she needs to step in and help. I liked that the plot had more to it and seemed to include the whole town council as they pieced together what was going on. But it's still super light and silly.

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### **Nidah (SleepDreamWrite) says**

Love the cover for these books. Another pretty good and fun read in the series so far. I also like that we get story arcs that were hinted before and are brought up again later on. Looking forward to the next one.

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### **Samantha Roman says**

the book Dead Is So Last Year by Marlene is just like the other books in the series spectacular. It follows the same story line as all the other books but more twists and turns and is Daisy's relationship still okay? I think that this books story is a little more harder to understand because of everything that was going on. I think that this spicific book had a little less detail but it was still an amazing read non the less. I recommend this book to people who liked the first two books.

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### **Ashley says**

I almost gave up on this book. If it was a standalone, I seriously doubt I would have finished it.

There were things I really, really liked about this book, but they were few and far between.

I liked getting to see more of Daisy's past and learning about her father through the doppelganger. The parts of him that resembled her real dad, were sweet and charming. I also liked that he tried to save her and Ryan, that he felt so attached to her. I'm surprised it didn't feel fake or phony, given how inhuman the doppelgangers were, but Marlene Perez handled it well. She made that connection real.

I also appreciated that it was their mother who saved their father. It's sweet. It speaks volumes of her love for him and her desire to make her family whole again. It seems so much more realistic than a teenage daughter being the one to track him down and rescue him, even with help. I'm really glad she didn't go that route, like so many other books do.

That said, the girls seemed very alone and vulnerable over the summer. With all that's been going on in *Nightshade*, I would have thought their mother would have asked someone to watch out for them, especially since someone from *The Scourge* killed one of the high school's teachers in the last book, and especially since we found out that it's *The Scourge* that's responsible for Mr. Giordano's disappearance.

Oh, and ... Dr. Franken? *Wolfie*? Excuse me while I go slam my head on a desk.

Overall, I'd read (or at least skim) this if you don't like skipping books in a series and want to continue on to the next book, but, otherwise, I don't think you'll miss it.

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## **Amanda Cruden says**

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I wasn't really into mysteries. But all my friends told me to read this book. I finally decided I would read this book. When I read the book I was fascinated by the words the author used. It is a love-story, and a mystery all in one. I read the other books that "Marlene Perez" wrote and I didn't like the other ones that she has written.

*Death is so Last Year* takes place in *Nightshade* California. The two main characters are "Daisy Giordino's," and her father Mr. Giordino's. Her father went missing when she was 12 years old. She is eighteen now, so the last time she saw him, was six years ago. In the story Daisy has two sisters named, "Rose, and Poppy." She also has a boyfriend named "Ryan," he is a werewolf. But when Daisy is heading to work she sees her father. Daisy thought she was just seeing things, but when everyone is seeing him. She knows he's back. So what happens when he comes back?

Rose got an internship with this scientist named "Dr. Franken." But they realized that the scientist is cloning people. But people didn't notice until, they were seeing double. Also all the clones are craving Sugar. So how do they stop her from cloning everyone?

This book is a terrific book. Werewolf's, vampires, telekinesis, and evil scientist all in one. That sounds like a crazy book, but you're wrong. Never judge a book by its cover. I would suggest this book to my friends.

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## **Heather says**

This book felt too fast, too shallow, and too predictable. It could have been a good book with more development, depth, and mystery. I forced through it just to end the pain of reading it. I'm not giving it a 1 simply because I liked the feel of the book in my hands. Good shape and paper quality. Sad, but true.

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## Joe Young says

Mom Giordano had taken the Giordano women Daisy, Rose, Poppy and Grandma to Italy for a surprise vacation and the girls had returned with Grandma leaving mom in Italy on continuing business. The girls are staying by themselves in Nightshade with Grandma checking in once or twice a week. Poppy had recently broken up with her first serious boyfriend, a ghost, and had been moping around the graveyard instead of celebrating her recent graduation from Nightshade High. Rose had a research job at the local college with Dr. Franklin who was studying genetics. Poppy was working part time at a concession on the beach. Daisy was interviewing at Slim's, an old time diner and hang out for the High School crowd. She loved to cook and hoped to become a Chef once she finished High School. Her boyfriend and Samantha's, her best friend, were on the football team. Nightshade had a secret, it was a refuge for a large number of extraordinary individuals, "weres" (Daisy's boyfriend, Ryan, is a recently turned werewolf), invisible's (Slim, the owner of the diner is one), witches and the Giordano's who exhibited psychic abilities (the girls mother worked as a psychic detective and frequently assisted the Nightshade police department). Things turned strange shortly after the girls return from Italy. A pack of young werewolves chased the girls and they narrowly escaped. Doppelgangers started appearing around town, duplicates of members of the police department, the girls missing father, the school principal and numerous others. They were evident by their lust for sugar. The girls and their boyfriends started to investigate while dealing with the angst of being teenagers in love. Their activities are entertaining and of course, the good side wins out. Not deep but, fun!

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## Alden says

I already have read the first three installments of **Dead Is** series and I have to admit that it is my newest guilty pleasure. Although the series focuses on vampires and werewolves, the romance is not too deep and desperate, and more importantly, there is no 'sparkling' vampires here, as in Twilight series.

**Dead Is So Last Year** is the third book in a series about a psychic family, mainly the Giordano sisters Rose, Poppy and Daisy. In this book, it seems that Doppelgangers or look-alikes of familiar friends and neighbors are running free and causing big time trouble in Nightshade City. Adding to their dilemmas are the smoking rumors that the Giordano sisters' dad could be back. The biggest problem is that they don't know if the person is their real father or just a Doppelganger who's invading the city and has evil plans of his own.

The idea of sugar-craving look-alikes wandering town gives an interesting twist to the usual paranormal stories and will surely hold your interests for the most part. But honestly, I really don't think it is recommendable especially for people who have no interest in reading paranormal-slash-chick lit-slash-young adult for girls series.

What I liked not just in this book but in the whole series (or, in the first two series that I have read) was how Marlene Perez combined just the right and exact amounts of paranormal mystery, suspense, humor and romance to create a quick read that leaves you satisfied but craving for more. Her writing style is one that is pleasant to read and she really did a good job of keeping the story moving at an interesting pace.

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