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When a fledgling vampire arrives at Woolworth House searching for his maker, Grier is forced to relive her time in Atramentous. Most of those years are as dark and empty in her memory as she was in her cell. She can't remember her progeny, or the night she resuscitated him, but she can protect him from the Society. As long as she's willing to barter with her grandfather to do it.

But Lacroix has plans of his own. He envisions the city--her city--under his rule, and Grier under his thumb. Now all he needs is the right leverage to force her cooperation, and he has just the person in mind. Grier is ready to trade her freedom until a grim truth is revealed that splits her heart in two. Yet another person she loves has betrayed her, and Grier is left agonizing over how much of their relationship is real and how much was a lie.

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From Reader Review How to Live an Undead Lie for online ebook

Kelly says

Every time I pick up a new Grier book, I marvel over how far she's come from the nearly broken girl freshly released from Atramentous to a powerful woman with friends who will have her back no matter the cost to them. Side note: Linus's devotion to Grier makes me so ridiculously happy. I mean, her newfound friends are fabulous and everything, but Linus has been there for her since before she noticed him and I ADORE that.

So. Things are progressing on the romance front. Things are cautiously moving forward on the old-friends front. Grier is forming alliances and putting things into motion that could have far-reaching effects.

She's also learning more about what she's capable of. Which is good, but it's also opening her up to remembering the events that led to her being imprisoned in the first place. Which is, again, good, but it's a lot for the poor girl to take in.

On the plus side, all those friends I mentioned above (both new and old) provide plenty of people for Grier to lean on when things get tough.

And yeah, maybe there's some betrayal, but Grier's stronger than she thinks and her true friends won't abandon her when the bad things happen. *draws glittery hearts around Savannah's newest power couple*

The series continues to amaze and delight and I'm SO on board with whatever comes up next.

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Angela (Angel's Guilty Pleasures) says

How to Live an Undead Lie starts about a week after the end of the last book. There are many secrets revealed, Odette is missing, and Corbin her prodigy has come knocking on her door. What will Grier do?

Grier keeps her head even when others betray her and have no problem doing it. I think it's time she starts fighting back, because others in her life have no problem screwing her over. I was happy to see Grier continue to learn about her world, make her own choices, and develop her relationships.

Linus and Grier are dating and their relationship is progressing nicely. I really like Linus. He gives Grier the time she needs to move the relationship along and doesn't pressure her. The ever-looming sadness that Linus will leave her; because she isn't good enough is present. Will they be together or not?

I like the side characters; except I'm done, just done, with the Pritchards. They need to go.

How to Live an Undead Lie is another delightful addition to the series. I was pulled in from begging to end and couldn't believe the betrayal that happened. I can't wait to see what's next; because this one ends on a cliffhanger.

Rated: 4 Stars

Amy says

THIS BOOK WAS SO GOOD!! We get a lot of answers and forward movement of the storyline in the 5th installment of The Beginner's Guide to Necromancy series. This book had my emotions all over the place as the story unfolded. I can't wait for the next release and I'm hoping the author keeps up the forward movement in the storyline for book 6 as she did in book 5.

TJ says

I LOVE THIS SERIES!!! I have finally found a new series that sits right up there with the Kate Daniels and Mercy Thompson icons!! And that, my friends, is the highest praise possible.

Ms. Edwards has developed and honed her writing skills since her first series to absolute perfection with Grier, Linus and the crew here in the Necromancer series. The storyline flows without a hitch - both within each installment and in the overall arc. The characters are well fleshed out and incredibly believable. The author gives us heroes to love and villains that are multi-layered.

This installment is a bit less action-packed as it allows us to follow Grier and Linus as their relationship grows and develops. It is beautiful and heart-melting yet never sappy. It also serves to deepen our understanding of both characters and ties us even more tightly to the overall plot-line.

However, for those who read for the action - it hits with a vengeance when the time comes! The ending does lead us off a bit of a cliff but not enough to balk at... and there is a lovely ending that leads into the next book beautifully and makes the reader even more impatient for this amazing series to continue!

Marviette says

I am team Hailey all the way but...A few things that make this a less than 5 star read. Linus in other books is made to appear like he is a bad ass. I don't understand why when Grier gets into trouble, he does not fight or react? For example, the scene with Boaz, he viciously insulted Grier with not a PEEP from Linus? Not a drop kick from Linus???? WTF???? Lethe had to come in and intervene???? What man is going to do this especially when something special had just happened between them??? Also, in the last action scene, what value does Linus bring? His voice and actions are silent. Isn't he supposed to be some big bad ass potentate???? He can't even defend himself from Odette?? How did she incapacitate him? Did she control his mind? whatever happened it was not explained to us. Tell us! I think this is a big miss on the author's part. A friend mentioned this issue to me in the last book but it did not resonate with me until this one. What use is he if when crap hits the fan, he can't watch her back? I get that we want her to come into her own power and confidence (mission accomplished) but to not show that he is a formidable partner when she is in danger is a miss for me.

Other than the issue above which irked me to no end, I loved the rest of the book. Juicy secrets are revealed that move the story along. Loved the friendship development and fight action with Lethe--very funny! I enjoyed the love story with Linus but as I mentioned above, he needs to grow a set. I can't wait for the next book--human involvement, a new business venture, an additional villain, and a meet and greet with the family among many other awesome plot points. Can't wait!!! I've read all this author's series and this is my favorite hands down!

Hailey, if you are reading this...stop and get to writing my next installment!

Bookgyrl says

Arghh, I blame life for getting in the way of finishing this in one day. But I got to savor it and that is great as well. What a ride this book was and I can't wait for the next!

So much happens in this book it is hard to review. But LIER is on and it is yummy! I love Grier and Linus together. Grier discovers the truth(s) about the night Maud died, but those are not the only secrets revealed in this book. While Grier was mostly alone in book 1, now she is surrounded with people she loves and who love her. I couldn't be more happy for her, even when she gets betrayed again. I nearly cried at the end, but be assured you can close the book with a (happy) sigh.

There is another book coming because we are actually left in a dire situation, but somehow the author gave the book an ending you can cherish until we have the next book!

SheLove2Read says

One of my favorite series just keeps getting better and better!

julia ? [owls reads] says

#1 How to Save an Undead Life: ★★★★★

#2 How to Claim an Undead Soul: ★★★★★

#3 How to Break an Undead Heart: ★★★★★★

#4 How to Dance an Undead Waltz: ★★★★★★+

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5 stars!

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"I want to keep you."

How to Live an Undead Lie bursts with so much charm and love that it is impossible to put down. The character development continues to be so well done and the world-building continues to expand with each passing novel. The plot arc is also so so so rich and it brings so many new developments and revelations this time, and they're all extremely impactful and meaningful to Grier's journey.

Hailey Edwards has created a phenomenal world with this series and the stories just keep getting better and better. The writing is compelling, the pace is steady and engaging, and the action scenes and relationship development are so on point that it is the easiest thing to get lost in this book. Another favorite one for the shelves!

I HAVE SO MANY WORDS TO DESCRIBE MY LOVE FOR THIS SERIES!!! The world-building is so fresh and I'm in love with how it continues to steadily expand with each new book. The new elements are always so relevant to the plot and work together to create this unique and cohesive world. It's amazing.

The characters continue to be absolute gems. I love love love how they all learn and change and grow in each book, even if it means succumbing to their own personal flaws. It adds such a realistic element to the plot and makes the characters well rounded and so interesting. And Grier, our POV character, has grown so much through everything and it's such a delight to accompany her on this journey as she learns what kind of person she wants to be.

And the romance, I WANT TO CRY!!!! Edwards portrays such a healthy relationship with open communication and respect of boundaries and genuine respect and support between Grier and Linus and it warms me to my very soul. Their growing feelings for each other and the development of their relationship is so well done that I get butterflies whenever they're having a sweet moment. I LIVE I DIE I LIVE AGAIN, I love those two so much!!!

In the end, *How to Live an Undead Lie* manages to blow past all of my Very High expectations and delivers such a beautiful and compelling story that is filled with the power of friendship, loyalty, intrigue, lots of fights, quite a bit of blood, and the sweetest ending in the world. I absolutely cannot wait for what's come!

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Series: #5 in the Beginner's Guide to Necromancy series.

Beings: Necromancers, vampires, wraiths, and ghosts!

POV: Told from Grier's POV.

Content Warnings: (view spoiler)

Instalove: (view spoiler)

Steam: A bit, yes!

Love Triangle: (view spoiler)

Cliffhanger: Nope.

HEA: (view spoiler)

Up Next: TBA.

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Before reading - Nov 11 2018:

Lier is a go! But relationships don't exist in bubbles, and Grier and Linus's romance is poised

to burst.

EXCUSE ME!!! they need to be happy pls i beg u @ hailey edwards don't hurt Grier and Linus too much

Stacy says

I just LOVE this series and can't get enough of it.

UNDEAD LIE was more feel than action. It all affects Grier the most, but she isn't the only one that goes through a lot. I just love Linus and Grier together. I admit, I loved her and Boaz before he showed his true colors, but Linus and Grier are so much more than her and Boaz could have ever been. I also really love Lethe and Hood. They have become more than just the people protecting Grier and I couldn't imagine them not being in the storyline.

There were quite a few things that I just did NOT see coming in HOW TO LIVE AN UNDEAD LIE. The villain was one of the last people I expected it to be. Grier and Linus had a pretty big hiccup moment in their relationship followed by an even bigger moment in their relationship and then there's Cletus. Who the heck saw that coming?

I am beyond glad we still have another Beginners Guide book coming our way. I can't wait to see how things turn out.

* This book was provided free of charge from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Saly says

Not as great as the previous installment yet pretty good. I loved seeing Grier grow, and accept her role and the new bonds she has in life. She was all about moving forward in this book which I loved. And can I say I want my own Linus? That my friends is called a devoted man, who still loved you despite you never giving him any indication that someday they might become more. I loved Linus and Grier be together and overcome their doubts. They became a solid team here and I loved how Grier fought for him!

Marsha says

Wow! "How to Live an Undead Lie" is one of those books that packs a wallop straight out the gate. In this installment, Grier has finally adjusted to all of the betrayals by those who previously called themselves friends i.e. Boaz and Amelie. As she and Linus try to go through all of the files and boxes in the basement they also combine the time to play with Oscar, the young ghost she rescued.

Then, there is a knock on the door and it is none other that Grier's progeny, Corbin. He has escaped from the prison the Grand Dame had him holed up in and now he is seeking Grier's help. Grier decides that she will ask her grandfather, the evil vamp for his assistance but she will also use this opportunity to spy on him as

well.

Of course, Boaz steps back into Grier's life when it is revealed that Odette is missing. Everyone is frantic and concerned over her disappearance. Meanwhile, Linus and Grier move their relationship to the next level and not everyone is pleased about it. However, as far as Linus and Grier are concerned, they will have to get over it. Grier's bonds increase with the Gwyllgi. I have to say some of the most memorable and hysterical moments are with Lethe and Hood!

This read had action from beginning to end so if you plan on reading it, do not blink for fear you might miss something. I truly enjoyed every minute of this book and cannot wait to see what Ms. Edwards has in store for book 6. If you haven't begun this series yet, definitely put it on your "to read" list and get started on a wonderful adventure.

T.L. Callahan says

Every time I think the next book in this series couldn't get any better Hailey Edwards proves me wrong! I absolutely love her books. Grier is a goddess-touched necromancer who has known her fair share of heartache and betrayal. Just when she thinks she finally has found a man to have a healthy relationship with and marked the people in her life in the right category of friend vs foe the past comes back to haunt her and disrupts it all. Some lies are meant to protect you from yourself.

I love that Grier keeps growing and learning in every book. She's been through so much but doesn't let that jade her or make her give up. The surprises keep coming in this series and the characters are amazing. I want a best friend like Lethe!

Melindeeloo says

Edwards is my favorite new to me author this year

Michelle says

I have no idea how Hailey Edwards does this, but I am wowed again. The stakes are rising higher than ever before, and Edwards gives us this gorgeous story packed with romance (SQUEEEEEEEEE!!!!), danger, and mystery. She has found this perfect balance that give us everything we need and even things we didn't know we wanted.

At the end of Undead Waltz, Grier, Linus, and company were facing the uncertainty of where Grier stands with both Lacroix (worst grandfather ever) and the Marchands (somehow slightly less worse??). While we have connections to both of these looming dangers in Undead Lie, the big focus is on Grandpa. What are Lacroix's plans? How can they find a way to protect the Society from the threat of rogue vampires with a shared mission?

The pacing is exquisite, and all is revealed in a way that we're not given the easy answers; instead, we're teased with little hints until everything becomes clear, much like Undead Waltz. This slow, purposeful reveal is something that works so well in this series, and it keeps me hooked on that main conflict, that main

mystery until the very last "OH D*MN" moment.

Now, to the gushy wonderfulness that is our other big concern: #TeamLier Be still my heart, I am ruined for other book boyfriends. If I had the wit, I'd share some snappy slogan about never settling after "meeting" Linus, but my brain has been overrun by the sheer adorableness of this relationship.

Linus and Grier have this masterful balance between challenging, supporting, and healing one another. I LOVE the dynamic between them, how Grier sees all the parts of Linus that no one else does, and the way she's devoted to giving him the value that he's truly worth. He helps to empower her, and we continue to see her grow through his encouragement and support.

In many ways, they're both extremely powerful beings, yet they each have little insecurities and past experiences that have wounded them. There's a symbiotic healing happening that makes me truly wonder how anyone could think she would fit better with someone else.

There are very big developments (and some bumps along the way) for their relationship, but it's all SO NATURAL. Even when they're fighting with each other (or let's be honest, Grier is mad, and Linus is scared she'll kick him out) their interactions feel effortless. The chemistry is so pure and just an absolute delight to read.

There's also great development when it comes to the Amelie/Adelaide/Boaz story-lines, and I'm really hoping that Lethe and Hood stick around for the long run because they're quickly becoming favorites of mine. Grier's really getting a strong network of loved ones/pack/family wrapped around her, and it's exactly what she deserves. There's going to be some big confrontations coming in the next book, and she's going to need all of the love and support that she can get.

Honestly? I could continue to go on for pages about why this book was amazing, how the characters are impressive, that the romance made me laugh, SQUEAL, and generally freak the f*ck out, but the most important thing to know is you won't regret the time or money invested in this book.

Jen Davis says

I loved this book. Super loved. I think that is thanks to the romance reader in me who hangs her hearts on relationships in the story. Don't get me wrong, this book and this series have a lot of great things going for it. But at it's best for me is Linus and his absolute, total love for Grier.

This is it. This is the Linus book. And I couldn't have been happier with that. It starts strong, with these two in their "honeymoon phase." They've only been together for a week or so and they are absolutely heart melting together. Yes, things happen. Grier's progeny shows up at her door, a newly made vampire with no idea how to feed or do anything else. Plus he is on the run from Linus's mom. Greer must parlay with her grandfather to give Corbin the instruction he needs while getting herself an inside look into what big bag Gramps is planning.

In the meantime, her friendship is thriving with Lethe and Hood. There is a pretty good subplot going on about Lethe being challenged for dominance by some outsiders from her pack. Odette is missing. If you don't remember her, she is the seer who was friends with Maud. And all that's great, but... Linus.

I spent the entire book with my heart in my throat, waiting for the other shoe to drop. You know when things are just too good and you know something bad is going to blow it all to hell? I'm not going to spoil it, but there is a really rough scene toward the end.

Overall, though. This was one of the most satisfying reads I've had this year. I cannot wait for the next installment to come out. I'm going to stop gushing now.
