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Caleb's in high school now and thinks the chaos of last year is behind him. Unfortunately, a serial killer is on the loose and children are his victims. Caleb agrees to help the police apprehend the murderer...until the killer takes notice of Caleb and his paranormal friends.

Carson and Brett remain the bullies they always were and their posse continues to grow. How long can the two groups stay out of each others' way before there's a firestorm of retribution...

The Government Graysheets continue to keep tabs on Caleb's every move while Jade's family threatens their relationship. Can they still be together even when events threaten to tear them apart?

Death Speaks Details

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Jeff Smith says

Excellent. Characters are developing nicely ... especially liking Gramps and Tiff. Plot moved along nicely with a nice twist here and there. Excellent ending. Thoroughly enjoying this series and looking forward to reading the next book.

Lori says

This book made me want to chew a big ole wad of gum and make epic bubbles!!!! It was that amazing. As soon as I finished it last night I bought the next book and am now reading it. LOVED IT.

Beth says

Death Speaks is a unique and intriguing concept that holds you riveted till the end with awesome humor to boot. Tamara Rose Blodgett has completely captured the high schooler's characteristics and language which deepens your sense of really being a part of the story even though their world is one of paranormal power and government intervention. I felt a personal connection for the characters and their plight. Death Speaks was another FANTASTIC, young teen friendly, edition to the Death series!!!

Andrea says

This is a series review of the DEATH SERIES, by Tamara Blodgett. I struggled with a way to review each of these books without spoiling them and without becoming redundant. Tough job. So what I decided to do is, spotlight each book, then review the series as a whole.

This series has been on my radar for quite some time now. I actually bought DEATH WHISPERS last summer, I think, and planned to read it at some point. So when the author asked if I might review the series, I knew the time had come.

So what did I think of the DEATH series? I really liked it. The concept was original and smart. Basically, scientist mapped out the human genome and then developed the capability to expand paranormal abilities. Every school-aged child is given a drug cocktail that enhance said abilities. When the children reach puberty, their bodies aren't the only things to develop. Each teen's ability manifests in a different way. Some may become Empaths. Others may become Telepaths, or Telekenesis, or the biggie Affinity for the Dead(AftD). Caleb Hart, series hero, has AftD, and he's the son of the scientist partially responsible for the discovery. Lucky boy. Good thing Caleb has the "J's", his best friends John and Jonesy, and his new girlfriend, Jade. Add in supportive, if quirky, parents and Caleb has support on all fronts.

Beyond the original concept, I love how Blodgett expanded on the story. Caleb and his friends would struggle to survive and solve one complicated scenario, then another would crop up. The first book begins with Caleb, John and Jonesy trying to get the school bullies off their backs. Then they must avoid Caleb, because of his unique abilities, being exploited by the government. Even when Caleb gets out of hot water, the Greysheets are always watching him. And when he's not dealing with the Greysheets, Jade's abusive father is on his case. Oh, and the Affinity for the Dead ability? Not only is Caleb saddled with that, he is also a Cadaver-Manipulator. A necromancer. The dead that Caleb raise obey him, faithfully. He can use them to scare his bullies, or to ward off the bad guys. And sometimes, he loses control of his minions. Not good.

I mentioned the support cast, but they all play a huge role in the books. I really enjoyed Caleb. His voice felt very authentic. He was snarky and sarcastic, but also caring to those he loves. Throughout the series, Caleb is put to the test. He makes some dangerous, unwise choices at times, but mostly for the right reasons. His best friends, the J's, were very funny and always had Caleb's back. I adored Jade. Jade comes from a rough background. She has an alcoholic, abusive father. She was removed from the home and lives in the care of her aunt. A lot of people judge her, but Caleb only sees her for herself, a girl he's crazy about. Their caring, slow-building relationship was probably my favorite aspect of the story. Call me a romantic. Their relationship doesn't exactly go smoothly, though. Jacob's abilities, her family, and circumstances beyond their control put them to the test. And lastly, Caleb's parents, Kyle and Alicia. I found them to be funny, a great source of comic relief. And most importantly, they're present. They play an actual, big, part in the stories.

So...I do have to say that while I did like Caleb and the snark, it did begin to wear on me after a while. I just felt the internal and external quippiness was a bit much. But, to be fair, teenage boys are a bit much at times, so there's that. ;-) Also, Caleb likes the word "retarded". A lot. Like, he says it so much, it's like he's trying to make a point that he'll say it just because he can. I know words only have the power we give them, but I've never liked that one. So that did bug me. But, I will say that as the series progresses and Caleb matures, he does ease up on the annoying language.

Also, the villains sometimes felt a bit cartoonish to me.

The DEATH SERIES was, overall, a really fun, unique ride. The scientific aspect was clever. The characters were funny and memorable. The action never stops. I think this series would certainly be a hit with teens, specifically teen boys.

Scott says

Death Speaks is the second book in the Death Series by Tamara Rose Blodgett. The story continues to follow Caleb and his group of friends with their special powers. The group of friends (minus Jonesy) have moved on to the Paranormal Highschool and are getting some instruction on their various abilities. In Caleb's case however it is not really helping since he is only the second person to ever have level 5 AFTD (affinity for the dead). Carson and Brett are back to their old game of being jerks with Jade and Caleb's relationship being a serious issue.

The story develops nicely in this sequel, building on the first book while still leaving some questions to be

answered in the future. I really like how the kids are slowly learning how to use their powers and we are gradually shown what potential each one of them has. Caleb brings some new zombies into play in this and some of them are entertaining in their own way. This story also has a bit of a thriller/mystery aspect that is done very well. The true culprit is hidden until the shocking revelation of the true bad guy. I am fully invested in this series now and will be following it until the end for certain. I will also most likely be looking into other works by Tamara to see if her other stuff lives up to the standards set by this series.

Ashley Daviau says

I didn't quite enjoy this book as much as the first one, some of the romance aspects really annoyed me. I know the characters are young but things got really cringe worthy at some points and had me just rolling my eyes and shaking my head. But I did enjoy it for the most part, especially learning more about the different abilities. That's really what saved this story for me, I find the different abilities and how they differ for everyone incredibly interesting and I wanted to know more!

Kami says

I honestly think this book topped the 1st one. I have not laughed so much reading a book ever. Such a good series, I cannot wait for the next book to come out! To the Author, keep up the good work, I am now a fan!

A Book Vacation says

Blodgett is an amazing writer. I have had the pleasure of reading three of her novels, and I've enjoyed every single one of them, but I really think Death Speaks takes the cake. Not only is the cover absolutely amazing, but the story line itself is so original and intriguing that it glues the reader to the pages from the very first line. I fell in love with the characters in Death Whispers, and Blodgett intensifies that love in this sequel, adding some spicy relationships, a chilling murder investigation, and laugh out loud situations and dialogue...

To read my full review (9/1):

<http://bookvacations.wordpress.com/20...>

John says

WOW! This was a great piece! I liked it better than the first, though that might be because I was more familiar with the characters. Tamara has done a fantastic job bringing these kids to life(pun intended). The story moves along but continues to get darker and intense. The further information about the parents and families just adds to a colorful background of all the characters. I also have to say again I loved Onyx's dialog and perspectives(his dog). I already downloaded the third book and plan to start it later today!

Thanks Tamara for a wonderful tale!

David Fournier says

Congrats to Tamara for writing an excellent who-done-it, in the Sci-Fi/Paranormal genre. She fooled me twice in this story with who the killer was. I normally have that figured out in the first quarter of the book when I read a mystery/suspense novel. I can't wait (salivating) for her next book in this series. Is it going to be a trilogy or a longer series?

Also there is one character that is starting to get on my nerves, Caleb's mom (Alicia). With her "Word Nazi" (Environmentalist and Everyone has to get along, Elitists) attitude; she should be an un-married English teacher, but definitely not someone's mother. She keeps coming across like she feels, she is better than everyone else in the world. There are time when I dislike her more than the bad guys.

Beverly says

Again we begin with Caleb, his high school now believes that all the unusual events of the past year are over. Unfortunately that's not true. There is still a serial killer on the loose . Especially when he's targeting children. Caleb wants to find the killer so he's agreed to aid in the investigation with the police. The killer now notices Caleb. and he becomes a target. Although Caleb still has to deal with the bullies Carson and Brett, this is nothing compared to the killer at large. these bullies are always present ,Caleb and his little group of friends try to avoid them at all cost. Also the Graysheets (government) are always following them to record there every move. Poor Caleb and Jade are struggling to stay together. Jades family are trying to push them apart. One day Caleb and his group went to discuss how they can catch the killer in there secret hiding place. when Brett and Carson showed up to make trouble. Little did they know that the Graysheets would also show up. They all tried to get away, when another paranormal came to there aid. Shocked but grateful they all got away.

Will this little group be able to solve the mystery serial killer? I highly recommend this series there is always adventure a little romance and is very well written .

Logan Rutherford says

So, I read this book awhile ago, but forgot to write a review. Here goes!

ahem HOLY CRAP THIS BOOK WAS AMAZING. The action, adventure, and suspense was awesome. I was always guessing who the murder might be. I had a list that had five people, then four, three, and finally two. I couldn't narrow it down any further though (in case you're wondering, the murder was one of the two people on my list).

The characters were outstanding. Mrs. Blodgett did an amazing job capturing the teenage lifestyle. Everything that the kids in the book did, was something that I would have done at their age. In Whispers, I would've done that stuff when I was 14. Same with Speaks. When I was 15, I would've reacted the same way that they did. I can't wait to see how they act in Screams, when they're 16, and then in book four when they're 17, just like I almost am!

This book is one of the best books ever. Period. I would recommend it to anyone. I would even say that if there were some people who wanted to know what teenagers are like, and how they think, then read this book. Unless you're my parents, of course. Then they would figure out some of my secrets! :P

Amazing job!

Jennifer says

Once again: Love the story. Tamara is a wonderful writer and friendly. I recommend the series and looking her up on Facebook and twitter.

Aaron Lewis says

In the second book of the Death series Tamara does an excellent job of building on the foundation she set in Death Whispers. The relationships between Caleb's group of friends felt straight out of the halls of my high school, but at the same time there was a marked difference between how the characters were in the "Whispers" verses "Speak." They had noticeably grown from one book to the next and that was truly refreshing. To often characters stagnate or grow without actually changing, but I could really see the growth in this case.

Additionally, now that the background was in place there was room for a lot of solid character development to take place. The development of Caleb's power and his evolving relationship with "his" zombies was by far my favorite part. Just when I thought I'd seen everything I could out of his power some knew aspect popped up. It left me constantly wondering what it was going to do next and how it would shake things up.

If Death Speaks has any short comings it's that the secondary threads are so strong they occasionally overpowered the main story arc. When I read the back cover I was expecting a "catch the killer" centered story, and in a way I got it. However, I found myself caring more about what was going on in Caleb's life than if they ever caught the killer.

This is not a cut and dry this is the objective, work to the objective, reach the objective book. It's a complex work of art in which the author is constantly weaving together dozens of different elements in a half dozen arks that deftly mimic real life.

All in all, buy the first book, read it, and then once you're all caught up buy Death Speaks.

Lace says

I really enjoyed this book! It is a great follow up, maybe even better than the first book in this series. There were considerably less typos and other grammatical errors than in the first. I cannot wait to read the next book, I hope there will be many more to come!
