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Could the road to the afterlife be a two-way street?

Derek Stone just turned fourteen. He's lived in the heart of New Orleans with his dad and older brother, Ronny, his whole life. He's a little overweight. He can't hear well out of his left ear.

Oh, and he's on the run from the dead.

Derek never imagined that the dead could be anything but dead. But there's no denying it. They're back -- and they're after him.

He just doesn't know why.

And he doesn't have long to figure it out.

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Griffin says

This book was not the best but it is one of the best I've read.

elyse says

so, i'm a book slut. i like EVERYTHING on some small level...even things i don't really like, i enjoy in some way. you know how they say sex is like pizza, even when it's bad it's still pretty good? yeah that's generally how i am about books...except for this one...it's kind of awful...abbott starts a bunch of really really interesting story threads and just as the climax of the story should arrive...the end. i was listening to the book on cd and i got to the end and literally yelled, "WHAT THE FUCK?" in my car, went back a few tracks thinking i'd missed something...i hadn't. i can see now that this is a series but really, i'm not even interested in finishing it.

Michelle says

I am a little annoyed. I was drawn into reading it, and interested enough to keep reading to find out what was going on. However, it is one of those books where there is no satisfying conclusion and you must read the next book(s) to find out how it ends. Sigh. Great for book sales, I'm sure, but I can't stand when a story reaches a climax and then abruptly ends. It is a very short book.

This is a creepy, dark story about a kid who survives a terrible train crash that killed his brother and father... or maybe it didn't. The dead are coming back.

Madeline Partner says

A pregnant boy and his ghost friends! D:

Quinn C. says

This book was very good and has a very interesting plot to go with it. Derek and his brother and father are on their way back from a train convention when the train they are riding on crashes and they fall into a river. 9 die but the rest live. I would definitely recommend to anyone who likes horror books or just books that are in a series.

Karyn The Pirate says

Derek Stone lost his father and brother in a train crash. Then a few weeks after the crash, the police pull up to his house and his brother steps out of the car. But is it really his brother? Why is he acting so strange? And why is Derek hearing strange voices and sounds in his head? Derek sets out to find answers but not before things go from creepy to down right scary.

I liked this book. It looks at death and dying in an interesting way. I, like other reviewers, don't like the complete cliffhanger though. I am going to read the second book in the series to see if we find out what is happening to Derek and to get some of the answers to those questions.

Tirthesh Sohani says

very good book. Recommended to all friends reading horror

Juli Hoffman says

Fun/short read, but ends on a cliffhanger!! Ahhh!!!

Luke F says

I am currently reading the book The Haunting of Derek Stone Book One by Tony Abbott. I really like this because it is exciting and suspenseful. The book starts out with a train crash that kills both his father and brother. After the crash Derek has many scary dreams and hears voices so it kept my attention. When I have seen a scary movie I have had bad dreams so I understand how Derek must have felt. After the crash Derek's life changed because his uncle had to move into his house to care for him. The bad dreams and strange voices in his dreams made me want to keep reading. I think this is a good story to read but it starts out very slow, then the action and suspense begin to build. I would recommend this book to anyone.

Cassidy says

The city of dead is about a boy named Derek Stone who was in a train crash with his brother and father. When he wakes up he finds out that he died in the crash but is now alive but as a ghost. He can see and hear the dead and they say their coming for him but he doesn't know why. This is a great mystery book for young adults who like action and suspense.

The city of the dead is a great book because the author Tony Abbott uses many descriptive details making you feel as if you are really in the book. The city of dead is an amazing book to read because Tony Abbott makes the characters so believable that you can really relate to them which makes the book easy to understand. The book contains so much action that it really makes the book come to life, if you are a person who loves action, mystery or suspense books I can assure that you will really love this book as much as I do. It's an amazing book.

Susan says

For a juvenile book, I think this would be pretty intense - explicit description of a train wreck and ensuing carnage, voices out of nowhere, being chased by a 'dead' criminal and rushing to an old cemetery. For myself, I loved it! Reminds me of those old mystery books I used to read as a child - though not quite so graphic in that the adventure that follows is a really cool one.

This one left the reader on a huge cliffhanger. Luckily I already have the next book and plan to start it tonight :)

Eduardo Yanez says

Has a great hook and attracts readers ,but is missing more adjectives and clever word choice so that readers will end up gaped.:)

Ian Mclean says

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I have read great books and I have read terrible books but when I read this book I am not sure if it was great or terrible. But this book is one of the most confusedly written books I have ever read. I mean I am not sure if it was me but I just could not stay on the words. The paragraphs were way off course when it comes to explaining, and it was so fastpaced

This book really was not that good. I do not like to be a credit but I will go over the reasons I liked it and the reason I hated it.

The plot was really good one of the best I have ever read, you know a boy kind of clumsy and overweight and really can't hear out of his right ear that is the best description of Derek Stone. Derek Stone takes on a wild adventure threw the historical city of spirits, New Orleans. But the adventure was not that remembering well it was but not in the way you think. Derek has his family, his father and his nineteen year old brother Ronny. His mother abandoned him and his brother when he was about three. Derek was never a troubled person though he was not that traumatized when his mother left him and he really did not want her back. Derek and Ronny's dad was always a train collector he was a huge fan of the books and models other than that he was a kind man. He was nice to his children and very polite to everyone. Now Ronny, Ronny was a huge part of the story but he is just an average young man nineteen years of age he has a girlfriend a sports guy and great hero of Derek but that's the three main characters of the book.

The Plot it was amazing a family goes on a train to a train convention I know ironic, but when they pass over the deep treacherous river that had a bridge that had a reputation for falling apart. Back in 1938 there was another train that was transporting convicts from a jail but when they went over that bridge, it broke and then the whole train went diving into the gorge. What happens is that when they were on the train Derek saw this girl and her mother but then the train stopped and they felt it dropping. Ronny and his father fell into the river that was further into the gorge Derek did not want medical attention but he saw that his father and brother were no more.

I do not want to say much more about the plot because I am doing this as a project for my class but I have to say the setting, resolution and conflict.

The setting of the book is confusing from one minute it's in a nice neighborhood from the suburbs in New Orleans to the dirty alleyways of downtown New Orleans very interesting.

The conflict or the conflict very easy to say. When Derek gets out of the death gorge he stays with his uncle at his house. But then Ronny who died in the crash comes back in a police car. He notices that Ronny is not himself so days later he knows about Ronny (I don't want to expose a lot) so He tries to reverse what happened but then he sees his father too alive but he acts normal what trouble will he get into trying to reverse what happened to Ronny and possibly his dad

The resolution this was hard for me to write because it kind of trails off to a sequel but Derek's father tells him to find the girl from the crash who is now in a coma and she will tell him his fate and what he shall do. But his father tells him to go to the grave yard. The graveyard also known as CITY OF THE DEAD.

I really hope I did not release too much info about this book full of twist and turns that will surely get you on your feet

3/5

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Thank you for looking at my review check this book out.

Sam Hunt says

It was really scary!!

Austin Bartel says

I liked this book because of the mystery on how the dead were coming back to life and that it wasn't the same way that is used in the zombie books and shows.

PLOT

When I started reading this book I thought it was just going to be about zombies and not have an actual story behind it. When I found out that two trains crashed on the exact same bridge, the exact same way I didn't think anything was wrong with that until Derek started doing research on why his brother was acting weird. It turns out that if two people die the same way, many years apart the long dead soul can reanimate the dying body. I was surprised when Derek found his dad after a month of him being dead.

AUDIENCE

I would recommend this book to adolescent males who like science-fiction and mystery. I feel that not many women would like to read this book. There is zombies and a good mystery to why the dead are coming back.
