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Cassidy is a young tattoo artist living in the Little Five Points neighborhood of Atlanta. She's always suffered terrible nightmares, and sometimes the hideous creatures seem to follow her out of her dreams and into her waking life, though she's the only one who can see them. Drugs and alcohol can blot them out, but never entirely chase them away.

When a demonic cult begins to take control of the people in her life, including her younger brother, Cassidy discovers that the unseen world of monsters is very real. She can no longer avoid it. To protect those she loves, she must accept her own hidden supernatural talents and face the forces of evil before the sinister cult achieves its twisted goals and casts the world into darkness.

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From Reader Review The Unseen for online ebook

Amy Fournier says

Review coming soon.

Jen says

Original joint review posted at Book Soulmates

4 stars

Isalys: I never know where to begin when it comes to reviewing JL's books but I can say that he does it again! Is it any wonder I call him the Master of Mindfuckery?! LOL. I've read his other work, but this one had a darkness that was completely new and perfect for Halloween.

Jen: Unlike you, this was my first foray into the mind of JL. I was both terrified and intrigued at the same time. I knew from the first paragraph that shit was going to go down. And down it went. Who were some of your favorite and least favorite characters?

Isalys: Well, off the bat I knew that Reese was going to be a problem! And then that thing happens and I was like, "oh hell nah, JL is not going to hold back!" lol

Jen: Gee what could possibly have tipped you off about Reese? Lol! I really liked Cassidy. Poor girl had all kinds of things thrown at her (literally and figuratively) and I think she handled it as well as she could. I really liked her friend Barb. She was funny and had Cassidy's back no matter what. Someone I did not like, other than Reese, was that jerk Peyton.

Isalys: Peyton was a total douchecanoe! I expected him to be just a typical guy but there were several scenes where I really wanted to backhand him! Barb on the other hand was amazing! She was so loyal to Cassidy and I loved that about her. Truth be told, I loved Cassidy but was concerned about her substance abuse. Then again, can you really blame her considering all the shiz she was seeing? And her family! Her poor mom! I wanted to hug her. She'd been through so much. Whoda thunk that she had so much baggage - er, history! I wished she had been more upfront with Cassidy when she was younger but I guess she figured ignorance was bliss - and safety! What are your thoughts on her brother?

Jen: I felt for her Mom, too. Imagine having to keep all those secrets only to realize it may have hurt more than helped. I'm just glad she fessed up when she did. Oh Kieran. What can I say other than I may have wanted to junk punch him once or twice but I think he was perfectly portrayed as a typical teenager. Which would explain the junk punching. Teenage angst aside, I think the kid has a good heart and would do just about anything for his sister. On a side note, what did you think about Ibis?

Isalys: Yeah! Keiran was kind of a pain in the ass, although he wasn't really a bad kid. I can see how he felt like he needed to find acceptance. I think he eventually learned that his sister loved him more than he realized. Being a big sister myself, I don't think little brothers always understand that - lol. Dude, IBIS!! I am speechless, lol.

Jen: I don't want to give too much away but I really like what JL did with his character. I kinda like guessing games. What did you think about the setting for the story?

Isalys: Omg, that curve ball with him toward the end....HOLY SHIT! I was not expecting that. I really thought he was something else. I liked how that became an opportunity for Cassidy to learn to trust her instincts. In that one scene, I was both shocked and impressed by what happened with both Ibis and Cassidy. It was pretty smooth of JL to be able to pack shock-factor and character growth into one scene.

The setting...hmm, well I learned that if a “church” is in a rundown neighborhood, next to a whorehouse, don't trust it! It's okay to just go with your gut on that one, ya know - lol

Jen: Lol! Excellent call my friend. Creepy Youth Outreach Center and Church aside, I liked the world building. I felt like I was walking or bar hopping the streets of Atlanta. I like when an author can do that. It adds an extra layer to the reading experience.

Isalys: Definitely! I loved seeing Atlanta through his eyes. Especially since it's where he's based, I trust it to look exactly as he wrote it. I love it when authors base their settings on the cities they live in. Makes it so much more real. Make sense?

Jen: Absolutely! Ahh! There's so much I want to yap about but, I friggin' can't. This is definitely the kind of journey you have to witness unfold for yourself. A rollercoaster isn't as fun when you know what's coming, right? It's the same with this story.

Isalys: What did you think of the plot? JL is great at coming up with unique plots and this one was all kinds of cray-cray. The demons gave me the heebie-jeebies!

Jen: Heebie Jeebies would be an understatement. I really enjoyed the plot. I like how the story was paced and how things unfolded the way they did. I enjoyed the 'holy crap' and 'wtf' moments and the way they lead to the big reveal.

Isalys: Yes, it was fast-paced in the sense that it was action packed but not so much that events didn't make sense. There was a sense of urgency that was necessary because of Cassidy's predicament. And I LOVE how JL gives his heroines so much backbone. I live for those “who's the bitch now?!” moments, in the big reveal to which you referred! WHEN you read Jenny Pox, you'll really be able to appreciate that quality to his writing.

Jen: *hangs head in shame* I know! I hear it's a really good read. I'll have to add it to the never ending TBR list. *sigh* So is it safe to say we're giving The Unseen the Book Soulmates stamp of approval?

Isalys: Always! Especially to those who love dark, edgy, fast-paced, action-packed, sit-on-the edge-of-your-seat-while-you-bite-your-nails-off kind of books ;)

Shirley says

*I received The Unseen in exchange for a fair and honest review.
Somewhere between a 4 1/2 and a 5...*

Let me just say that I have never picked up a J.L Bryan book that I didn't like. He's made me laugh out loud with his whimsical and light Songs of Magic series. His Paranormals series was intense, heartbreaking and brought with it a powerful message. Then there was Nomad that took readers on a scary and intense trip through time. I thought J.L. Bryan had pulled out all the stops with his previous books. I thought I knew what I was in for when I picked up The Unseen. Not. Even. Close.

Okay, I have to be honest here. When I first started reading The Unseen I really wasn't sure I was going to like it. I expected the horror... that is the genre after all. I didn't expect the author to hold back in the details. Whether beautiful or violent, being hesitant or 'careful' just isn't this author's style. What held me back were the characters. I just couldn't connect with them. Then, as the layers of the story were revealed, some mysteries were solved and secrets were exposed I understood. My whole feeling about Cassidy and her family and friends changed. Once I reached that point there was no turning back. I couldn't put The Unseen down and before I knew it, the story was over. Wow!

This is not a book for the faint of heart. Like I said, J.L. Bryan is not known for holding back and he definitely pulled out his entire arsenal in The Unseen. It was intense, scary, violent and graphic. It also had very layered, smart, witty and interesting characters that were reckless but loyal, crazy but brave and more than enough bad guys to keep things interesting. It was definitely a wild ride, but I didn't want it to end. As a matter of fact, my first response when I was finished was 'it can't be over!' It didn't end in a cliff hanger, things were wrapped up well, but I could tell that Cassidy's story wasn't quite finished. I don't think it will be any time soon, but hopefully this is one character that J.L. Bryan will be bringing back. I want to know that they're OK. I want to know what happens next. I want more! Thankfully J.L. Bryan agrees, so stay tuned. ;)

Holly Smith (Geek Glitter) says

This post is about The Unseen by J.L. Bryan and how wonderfully awesome it is! I have adored every one of Jeff's books that I have read so far & The Unseen is no different. He takes it back to the creepiness of his Jenny Pox series. The Unseen is a crazy mixture of good vs evil. Demons vs well, normal people. Throw in a few witches & you've got a great story!

The Unseen centers around Cassidy. After an incident in high school, she has been able to see all of the unseen things in the world. Monsters & demons that are invisible to the average person. Thinking she's just going crazy, Cassidy starts using drugs & alcohol heavily. When she's high or drunk, she doesn't see the monsters. But, of course, it isn't long before she has to face her fears & stop the demons once & for all.

The Unseen is a very dark story. There isn't many warm, fuzzy moments. I, personally, love that. Cassidy has to learn to trust herself & others in order to face her fears. Her best friend, Brenda, has stuck by her side since the incident in high school. Sometimes a good friendship beats romance any day. I love how they stick together no matter what. Brenda dabbles in the witchcraft scene, so she always believes the crazy things that Cassidy tells her. Through out this book, you will see relationships begin & end but Cassidy & Brenda always remain the same.

This story isn't for the faint of heart. It gets real disturbing at parts. It has some pretty heavy drug & alcohol use in several different scenes. It also has some strong language. There is even a demon orgy that happens. My mind will never be the same. Jeff puts a really twisted spin on satanic worship. It's interesting & terrifying at the same time. But I really wouldn't recommend this to anyone under the age of 18.

If you don't mind blood, guts & demons getting it on, then you will love The Unseen. Your imagination will go places you didn't think it could. The Unseen is simply fascinating. I suggest you get to reading it, now!

Heather says

It's no secret that JL Bryan is one of my short list of insta-read authors. It could be a grocery list at this point and I'll take a stab at it, knowing that I'm in for one hell of a heart-pounding and spooky ride down the aisles with demons, witches, evil fairies, kick ass time travelers, or other supernatural beasties on my heals. And The Unseen kicks his previous horror novels up a serious notch, featuring a world full of invisible creepy crawlies that feed on your energy while a Satanic cult awaits the arrival of their Messiah.

Cassidy has her first brush with the paranormal as a teenager when she and her girlfriends play with a Ouija board during a slumber party. Unfortunately for beautiful bad-girl Reese, a demon tries to take over her body while Cassidy and her two best-friends from different worlds--party girl Barb and smart, reserved Tamila--look on helplessly. When the Reese/demon makes threats towards Cassidy and tries to harm her, they go on the defensive and find a way to stop the possession by burning the Ouija board, but not before Reese loses an eye and is battered. Life is obviously never the same for the four girls again, and only Barb and Cassidy remain friends, partying their way through high school into adulthood.

But Cassidy has a reason to live her life in a near constant state of inebriation from alcohol and drugs. Ever since that fateful night in high school, Cassidy has seen awful transparent bugs and creatures that feed on people without anyone else noticing. Only the oblivion of substance abuse can make their images go away. Creative Cassidy has found work as a tattoo artist and shares a house with bartender Barb and several other colorful roommates, including a girl with two consenting live in boyfriends. Cassidy works at the tattoo shop and hangs out with her boyfriend Peyton, who's a trust fund baby who's an aspiring DJ who doesn't exactly make the healthiest life choices either.

And it's those crappy life choices like driving under the influence that cause Peyton to wreck his car, sending both him and Cassidy to the hospital. It's here where the story really picks up when Cassidy finds that she must move back home with her mother and brother Kiernan while she recuperates from a broken leg with only a few physical therapy appointments, and Peyton moves to a rehabilitation facility where he meets Reese, who's now part of a Cult that is searching for the new Messiah. Will confirmed atheist Peyton be drawn into this sinister world, and could Kiernan be the one they're looking for? Either way, Cassidy is certainly concerned when Reese shows up in town after she's been gone since high school...

Cassidy is a survivor and a fighter, and her relationship with her best-friend Barb is really great. They've stuck together through a lot, and Barb has done a lot to try and make their lives better. The housemates add a nice bit of comedic relief, which is in the flavor of JL Bryan's usual off-beat and sarcastic humor.

I give The Unseen a five out of five. JL Bryan has really upped the creepy and dark material in this book, and I really enjoyed reading about the dangerous dealings of a Satanic Cult in Georgia. Since the author lives in this part of the United States, the writing really brings this area to life, and I really felt like I could imagine all of the areas that were described in the book, even though I've only been to Alpharetta in my travels. What really stands out in this book are the graphic, gritty, and nasty creatures that inhabit the invisible world, and coupled with the evil humans and dastardly deeds, The Unseen is a deliciously dark and dangerous look at the problems that can plague you by ignoring things. The book is tidied up nicely in the end, but I definitely want to read more of Cassidy's story.

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Paranormal Books R Us says

The Unseen Review

This story was a different but interesting.

It was a little slow in the beginning and it crammed a whole lot in towards the end. But I liked the authors twist on the monsters and religion and I enjoyed some of the characters. I just would have liked more info on the supernatural side of things but hopefully that will be covered in the next book. Overall though I think it was worth the read.

Kelly says

J.L. Bryan gives us another dark story about a girl with abilities that could land her in a heap of trouble. For all the problems these abilities bring into her life, if Cassidy doesn't bother to learn how to wield them, she'll probably just end up dead. Or possessed. Or a drunk, drugged out tattooist without a lot of prospects. So, there's that.

Frankly, there's an awesomely high creep factor in this book. Unseen critters that feed on everyone around her. Demons who have a PLAN for getting a toehold into the world. Monsters and mean girls and orgies of demonic proportions. *slow thumbs up*

Cassidy drowns her abilities in alcohol and drugs. I'd give her my stern frowny face for that but considering all the things she isn't told about what she can do and where she came from, I kinda understand why she indulges in those vices. Once the secrets start spilling and the truth comes out, Cassidy takes a stand.

A fast, dark read with plenty of nightmarish imagery and a sexy time or three slipped in. For the record, I like the scary and the scary-sexy times and the roommate with her two boyfriends, so this book worked for me. *really slow thumbs up with a finger guns thrown in there*

-Kelly @ Reading the Paranormal

Kristilyn (Reading In Winter) says

Big thanks to J. L. Bryan for providing me an eARC for review!

I think I'm officially in love with J. L. Bryan. He's so good at writing the unexpected — even reading the synopsis of a book doesn't do the book justice because I just KNOW he's going to throw some major mindfuckery at me!

The instant I started reading The Unseen, I knew I was in for something good. This story started off with a BANG. Cassidy and her friends decide they want to do something fun during their parentless night, so they

decide to draw up an Ouija board and contact the dead. Again, knowing Bryan's mind, I knew this wasn't going to go along the tame lines of a horror story. After getting freaked (and grossed) out by the end of this chapter, I was invested.

I liked Cassidy. After all these years, she's now a successful tattoo artist and trying to put the past behind her — through drugs and alcohol, but at least she's trying. BUT it's a little hard when she's seeing these invisible creatures, these parasites, that leech off of everybody she comes in contact with. This is one of the aspects of the story that really creeped me out. You know when you watch movies where spiders or something come out of a shower and crawl all over their innocent victim? Imagine an ENTIRE novel of this. I felt like I was constantly brushing invisible things off of my shoulders and legs as I read.

This story definitely had its exciting parts and there were other parts that moved a bit slower, but Bryan definitely moves the story along, building it and building it until the end. The man knows how to do horror! And really, is there any horror story that's more scary than demons and possessions? Stories like this are definitely up there with some of my favourite horror genres. And this one has it ALL. Demons, cults, weird creature-things — plus, you know, an orgy thrown in at one point. You know, the norm.

I'm slowly working my way through J. L. Bryan's catalogue and I keep getting more and more impressed. He is an author who really knows how to weave a story together, how to engage his readers from page one, and how to keep them holding on until the very end. This was a good one!

Aimeekay says

I love reading J.L. Bryan's work. I am always amazed at the different worlds he is able to create in his novels and *The Unseen* is no exception. I will say that *The Unseen* runs darker than his other novels that I've read, but it still drew me in from beginning to end.

The main character, Cassidy, is on big hot mess. She has the ability to see creatures that aren't there, but she doesn't realize that they are real. She 'copes' with her 'hallucinations' by getting as high and drunk as she can, all day, every day. In her defense I think she has a wicked sense of humor and Bryan does an awesome job at having her grow into a kick ass heroine. As I mentioned above this novel is on the darker side. He also does a great job with the supporting and side characters as well. For instance, I actually felt bad when one of the 'extras' died. (Nope not saying who, don't want to spoil anything) But seriously she was funny and I had gotten to where I was looking forward to seeing what she would say next.

I love the detail Bryan puts into his work. Not only does he bring his characters to life, but he makes the world they inhabit feel real enough to walk into. The unseen creatures that Cassidy sees feeding on the people around her make my skin crawl. I can just see them in all their creepy crawlly glory. Another great example of his descriptive prowess is when Cassidy is going through physical therapy from her accident. He just describes the pain and her reactions perfectly.

As for the overall story itself, as I said above it pulled me in from beginning to end, but it is dark. There is violence, gore and some very twisted sex. If you are a fan of his other series' I think you will definitely like this one too. The ending does have some loose ends, but they are written as the perfect jumping off point for the next novel. No overly steep cliff hanger or anything.

I would definitely recommend this one to anyone over 18. It's good, but it is for mature audiences only people! I'm saying this because the holidays are a comin' and J.L. Bryan is an awesome writer and his books would make awesome prezziess. So if you know someone that likes fantasy/horror that is over 18 I would recommend this one as a great gift. However if you are shopping for a younger teen, I would recommend

going with his Songs of Magic series instead.

Aeicha says

J.L. Bryan does creepy and dark well...really well! *The Unseen* is a creeptastically dark, gritty read full of the macabre and the unexpected. The *Unseen*'s heroine, Cassidy, is a young tattoo artist, drug enthusiast, and, as she discovers, surrounded by the supernatural. Cassidy finds herself and her loved ones caught up in the deadly doings of a demonic cult and its dangerous disciples. Cassidy must learn to trust and tap into her own supernatural powers to save the people she loves.

I've said it before and I'll say it again, J.L. Bryan is an enthralling and talented storyteller, and in *The Unseen* he weaves a scary awesome story! At times it seems like everything supernatural has been done, but Bryan has infused his world of demons, angels, and paranormal elements with invigorating originality and thrilling twists. As usual, Bryan's world-building skills are excellent and he creates an atmosphere that is alluring, addicting, and creepy in the best way possible. The unseen world Cassidy finds herself unwillingly immersed in is full of both the familiar (demonic possession, astral projection, witches) and the sometimes startlingly and imaginatively new (spirit sucking hellbugs, tattoos that come to life). I love how smartly crafted the history and layers of this demonic and supernatural world is; this is a richly developed and complex world that feels very real.

The Unseen starts off a bit slow, with some superfluous character description, but quickly finds its flow, and once the action and real story-building begin, they don't slow down for a second! Another thing I've come to expect from J.L. Bryan is relatable and well-developed characters, and he didn't disappoint in *The Unseen*. I love how un-heroine like Cassidy is! She's incredibly flawed- she drinks too much, does too many drugs, and can be quite selfish and thoughtless- and is perfectly content with ignoring the supernatural world around her and her place in...but this is what makes her feel so real and relatable. I like her rough, jagged edges and how she's an unconventional heroine. There's an eclectic cast of supporting characters, all of whom are well-developed, but I think my favorite is Ibis. Sweet, funny, dorkily charming Ibis *swoon*. And Bryan really brings the awesomeness with his nasty, nefarious demonic characters, which made me delightfully shiver!

MY FINAL THOUGHTS: *The Unseen*, with its originality, great characters, and captivatingly creepy, dark atmosphere, is the perfect Halloween read and it thoroughly entertained me!

Rhiannon Frater says

JL Bryan is one of my favorite authors. I loved his Jenny Pox series and adored his Fairy books. I'm a HUGE fan.

So it hurts just a little to give this three stars. I did like the book and encourage you to read it if you love horror. But I didn't love it.

What I Liked

The premise is awesome. It's chilling. It's scary. I loved how it felt like a horror film out of the 70's. It had an awesome gritty feel.

The characters weren't necessarily "good" even when they were on the side of "good." I rather like flawed characters who evolve over the course of a book. Cassidy is one of those characters. I can't say I liked her much at the beginning, but by the end I was firmly on her side.

I loved the lore. The twist on religion was really well done and very scary. I could definitely see the appeal of the cult. The even BIGGER twist on Cassidy's heritage was really awesome and yet horrific.

I enjoyed the interaction between Cassidy and her bestie. I also liked what felt like the realistic dynamic of a fractured home when Cassidy spends time with her mother and brother.

The world building was amazing. I felt like I was really visiting parts of Atlanta. It was very well done.

Also, Cassidy's tattoo work was AWESOME!

What I Didn't Like

Honestly, the first chapter was incredibly difficult to get through. I picked up and put down my reader so many times. I exited out of the ebook to double-check that JL had really written the book. I even messaged friends who had read the book to inquire if it got better. The first chapter didn't have the zing and excitement of JL's writing except for one little spot. The descriptions were oddly stilted, the conversation felt really off and I had difficulty discerning the characters apart. It had none of JL's usual flair at all. But I forced myself through the first chapter and the book finally got traction in the second and built from there. I have to be honest, if this wasn't his book I would have stopped reading.

The character of Ibris was really cool when we first meet him and I loved his banter with Cassidy, but he never felt like the same character again. I was kinda bummed by this.

What I'm Conflicted About

The ending.

Though a lot of it was pretty epic and exciting, it also felt incredibly rushed. It moved so fast and furious I never really experienced any of the emotions I should have felt during the showdown: fear, excitement, disgust, worry... The deaths of some of the baddies just happened so fast there was no real satisfaction to them getting what they had coming. Though I really liked one aspect of the ending (view spoiler) the book then ends on a bit of a cliffhanger.

It appears JL will continue writing in this world. I hope so. There is so much potential in this story idea it's exciting to think of where it might go.

I DO recommend you read this book. I LIKED it. I just didn't LOVE it.

Shanon says

The Unseen is an utterly titillating story that is impossible to forget. J.L. Bryan continues to impress me with his ability to completely shock and alarm me! This is a book that should definitely be read by those who like to experience the darkest elements of the supernatural.

JL has produced a plot enriched with the creepiest, freakiest, and most appalling entities you will ever come across: Demons. I'll admit that something about demons really scares the pants off of me, but they aren't the only things in this book to be weary of. There's also Ouija boards, astral projection, possession, cults, and terrifying transparent energy-devouring creatures that will make your skin crawl. I must say, I really quite enjoyed the graphic imagery used to describe the heinous demons and odd creatures featured throughout this novel--even if I did have a rather disturbing dream involving one of the huge spider monstrosities that feeds on the living. Well done, JL! These creatures jumped off the pages of the book and burrowed into my subconscious! I'm impressed, and also a little freaked out! Yeesh..

The heroine of this book is a young woman named Cassidy, and what I really appreciate about her is that she's not your typical do-gooder protagonist. This chick has serious issues. She had a very traumatizing experience as a teen and she is the only one who can see into the Unseen world. She self-medicates in order to shield herself from being able to see the variety of transparent creatures that feed off the living. A frightening series of events finally forces Cassidy to snap out of her reverie and face what is going on around her, because her life and the lives of her friends and family are in jeopardy.

There are a lot of interesting facts to learn in this novel that are very pertinent to the story, and I just kept on being amazed by all of them. I sincerely applaud JL for his originality and the unique layers that are peeled back with each passing chapter to reveal this intricate story . One of my favorite parts of the book was learning the truth about Cassidy's heritage and everything she's capable of--I truly didn't see any of that coming!

Like I said before, this entire book is filled with ongoing creepiness, which mostly involves demons. Be prepared to be thoroughly disgusted and mortified, because JL paints these demons in an even more perverse light than I could have ever imagined. There's one scene in particular that disturbed me and caused me to actually cringe, yet it somehow also made me simultaneously--and somewhat shamefully--intrigued...Overall I loved every minute of this book, especially the explosive ending. The main message of this review is this: Go read this book, and prepare to be mystified!

*Special thanks to J.L. Bryan for providing me with a copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review.

My reviews can also be found at: www.escapingwithfiction.com

Andrea Koopaloop says

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Lauren says

I have realized that J.L. Bryan has become one of my never fail authors. I have never been disappointed reading his books, and every time I finish one I cannot wait for his next! When he sent me a copy of The

Unseen I was over the moon, I had just added it to Goodreads a few days before and I was excited to read it during Halloween!

Well... I attempted to read it before Halloween. I started The Unseen and immediately got terrified within the first chapter, and put it down. I admit, I am a chicken and the whole Ouija board event scared the life out of me! After a few days, I decided to put my big girl pants on and buckled down... and I could not stop reading!

The first chapter of the book takes place when Cassidy is still in high school. Her and few friends decide to have a bit of "fun" and craft a Ouija board but it goes terribly wrong and one of the girls, Reese, becomes possessed by a demon. The story then continues several years later when Cassidy is a young adult, working as a tattoo artist leading a wild and reckless life. Ever since Cassidy had the otherworldly encounter she sees parasites and monsters in her day-to-day world, so she numbs this by doing drugs and drinking heavily.

I really enjoyed the main character, Cassidy. I liked her personality and I was immediately drawn to her. I also really loved her best friend, Barb. Barb had a wild personality and was a bit off the beaten path and I really liked that about her. As a matter of fact, Cassidy's entire crowd was a bit off the beaten path and her roommates were all exceptionally unique, not normal characters you read about, which was quite refreshing. I did not like Reese at all. As soon as she came back in the picture, I knew something was up and was immediately on guard with her and I absolutely detested Cassidy's boyfriend. Detested.

The entire story and world was so different and unique to anything I have ever read. Religious cults are something that I am so interested in any way and to read about demons masking themselves as a religious cult was quite intriguing. The "world" that Cassidy lived in, that was actually the same as everyone else's, was so different and creepy that I could not stop reading. Oh, and don't forget a bit of Irish folklore thrown in... fantastic!

The story was incredibly hard to put down once I started reading. There is a bit of graphic content however so just a heads up if that's not your thing. All in all this was another phenomenal story by J.L. Bryan and once again I'm left wanting for the next book!

If you like paranormal/supernatural, occult and want something different I would definitely recommend The Unseen!

Lori says

PJV Quickie: The Unseen is a quick, gritty, and terrifying novel. It's got a lot of dark parts of it. The writing is classic J.L. Bryan, gripping, scary, with a dark humor laced throughout.

The book starts with a teenage Cassidy and her friends having a little get together. Cassidy makes a Quija board for the girls to play on. Only it's not really a game. Something comes out of the board, and possesses Reese, one Cassidy's friends. From that night on, Cassidy spends her time trying to hide the things that she sees. Little worms that are unseen to everyone else. They seem to feed on everyone. Only there comes a time when Cassidy can no longer take enough drugs, or drink enough alcohol to not see them. Not only that but hiding them puts her younger brother and friends at risk.

If your a fan of J.L. Bryan's past work then you know that he can write a great book. The Unseen is no

exception. The beginning took me a while to get into but once the story, characters and world are established I was in the gripes of it. I didn't even realize how invested I was in the book until I would put it down to do something else. Soon enough I found myself jonesing for another page, chapter, to finish it.

The Unseen isn't particularly gory, or even full of seat jumping scares. It's a subtle creep-fest. If you're prone to nightmares I do not suggest you read this book before bed. Everything seems to be going fine with your day while you're reading this book until the lights are out and your closet door is open. I'm a believer in things unseen, so when you read something as realistic as this book, it tends to get to even the most hardcore horror fan. (Not much actually scares me. This book did.)

J.L. is a fantastic writer who has the ability to write the unbelievable and sell it to a reader. Not only that, but you can tell he knows what he is talking about. I've never been to Atlanta, but I could very clearly picture the neighborhoods, and the places Cassidy goes in this book. There is a religious theme to this book, no it's not a book that is about religion, and Cassidy isn't really into it. But there is a cult like alternative religion featured in it. One of my areas of study in college was alternative religions, and J.L. nailed this fictional one. I can picture it being a real religious movement very easily.

Overall, The Unseen is a great read. I highly recommend this book to horror fans, Urban Fantasy fans, and people who love creepy things.
