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Grace had finally gotten used to her new afterlife as a “Made” – a Reaper who used to be human. When Made Reapers and souls begin disappearing, however, Grace and her mentor Tully suspect demons. Grace’s worst fears are confirmed when her living family is threatened.

She’ll have to break every rule in the Reaper book to save them, including using a little magic to become temporarily human. With the help of Tully and her witchy friend Tessa, Grace goes undercover to save the fates of kidnapped souls – only to discover that demons aren’t working alone. Betrayal and distrust runs deep and Grace discovers that sometimes even Reapers are prone to humanity.

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Alex Latham says

Book 17 complete.

Mike Lewis says

Great stand along novel, I wish it was a series

Christina Marie says

This was SUCH a great adventure! I simply LOVED this story. It was so much fun and so engaging and so touching all at one time! This is actually the VERY first book I've ever ready by Liz, and it was as a beta-reader for this book! And wow, if I didn't love Liz before, I would definitely love her now.

There are so many great things about this book, but first of all this is my first book that I've read that focuses

on reapers and ascension. The world that was created was so intricate. We learn about the different types of reapers, made vs. true, and then of course, if there are reapers, there better be angels. And there are!

Our main character, Grace, is a reaper. She is a "made", which is a reaper that used to be human. As a reaper, it is her job to help human souls ascend once they've passed on. Her job becomes even more difficult when she discovers that souls and fellow made reapers are disappearing. She makes it her mission to basically find out what's going on. I'm always down for a really great mystery, but Liz adds some paranormal aspects to it. And I was hooked!

The characters that Long introduces you to are SO much fun to learn about and get to know! Tully, who is Grace's mentor, is a great balance of responsibility and fun. While he had to put his foot down with Grace from time to time, he allowed her to be herself. Tessa, who is Grace's best friend, is probably one of my all-around favorite characters. She was such a spunky character! Oh, and did I mention that she was a witch??! My favorite supernatural being??!

The other characters, from Rhys... oh, Rhys... to Matt, were all so much fun and so appropriate for the development of the plot and its characters.

Alistair was probably my favorite character, which is weird, but true. He was such a troubled old crotchety reaper and at first I didn't understand why. But as the story progressed, I started putting my own pieces together and once it all came together I was like WHOA! This is SUCH a great plot! I don't want to spoil anything because I really feel like you should go into this with a clear mind. The thrill of the book is definitely going to come upon you quickly!

The concept of Reapers has always been fascinating to me and so to have another origin story is AWESOME!

The dialogue was another aspect of the book that kept me interested. I LOVED how snarky Grace was, especially when it came to her conversations with Alistair and even Tully. Tessa's conversations with Rhys were just as fun! I just really enjoyed how real the conversations felt.

While there was a small romance element to it (Brady & Allison, Matt & Grace), the story isn't made to be about that. The romance never once overtook the main plot and the focus of the reapers.

There are just a lot of fun surprises throughout the book, even at the end.

Overall, this is seriously a fun book. If there's anything critical for me to say it's -- Grace wasn't my favorite female lead, but I think that's because I don't like teenagers in real life and want to punch most of them. ;) But by the second half of the book, I was on board with her and her development.

Liz's ability to develop characters is fantastic. It was honest, believable and real. By the end of the book, I felt like Grace really experienced something "life changing" and was going to be a better reaper because of it. There were even moments of tears for me.

I honestly just felt so many things with this book. I really loved it and will HIGHLY recommend it to any and everyone!

Dianne says

Reapers, the dark and foreboding figures who take our souls into the afterlife, or so we have been taught. Meet Grace, a “made” reaper, meaning she was once human and called into service to escort souls to their future. Liz Long is at her best with **A REAPER MADE** and Grace is a character that will have you laughing one minute, shouting her glory the next and craving more when you reach that final page!

Grace’s new existence is filled with her mentor, Tully, a little bit of a strange duck with a heart of gold, her new bestie, Tessa, a witch and even a werewolf or two, as Grace discovers that made Reapers are going missing, along with the souls they were transporting. Where are they going? Have demons taken them? Why? Knowing she could be next, Grace is determined to get to the bottom of things and it all starts at a human campus where she finds the last thing she ever expected. A young man who dazzles her, heart and soul. Is he who he claims to be or is he something more? Is he friend or foe?

Grab on tight as Grace and Liz Long take us on a whirlwind adventure as this mystery unfolds and the search for the missing souls gets dark and deadly. From start to finish there is an energy about this tale that sparks throughout! Take a walk with a Reaper, call a dry run for the future! Loved the energy this book emits!

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Katy Haye says

A Reaper Made is a fabulous, contemporary take on the reaper myth/trope. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting reaper Ally, witch Tessa and Ally’s reaper mentor Tully (and I could definitely stand to spend more time in angel Rhys’s company!). The story was excellent, romping along with lots of twists and turns and some really touching emotional moments. In fact, I enjoyed it so much the revelation of the baddie actually took me by surprise – and that doesn’t happen often!

Highly recommended if you like strong heroines, well-depicted friendships and supernatural themes.

Katrina Marie says

Review

A Reaper Made is a unique twist on reapers, and was full of great characters.

I loved Grace. She's sassy, sarcastic, and doesn't mind breaking a few rules. Tully and Tessa are great friends to Grace. They have her back thick and thin regardless of the consequences.

I enjoyed the unpredictability of this book. It's not something that happens often with me. I think my favorite aspect is while there is some romance, it's not the main focus. We also see Grace grow a lot from beginning to end. She learns so much about the world around her.

Overall, I loved the witty humor, and the focus on friends and family.

Excerpt:

Death created Reapers to collect souls. My mentor told me most of these Reapers have been around since the dawn of time, watching over humans and ensuring their souls are appropriately handled. As the population increased, the number of souls needing help to pass over became too great. Because Reapers can't procreate, however, Death gave his first Reapers - "the Trues" - the ability to create new Reapers. We were called "the Mades," and originally began as humans. We are born, then we live, and when we die, some of us are chosen (offered, really) to carry on with these immortal duties.

I was still relatively new to the whole Reaper gig, so I'd been assigned the older souls at a retirement home. In life, I'd been in nursing school and spent most of my free time volunteering at the hospital, so working with those who were already expecting death was easier than say, those who fought against leaving this earth. In time, I would learn how to calm those souls and help them pass over, but until then, I was happy to help with the souls who already had their bags packed.

I've always felt I was one of the lucky ones, being asked to be a Reaper - I think being chosen for such an important duty says that I did well in my short human life. It's not to say Mades were unusual, because we're not. My mentor said the increasing population in the last few centuries had led Reapers to regain control and bring Mades to our world. Mades and Trues alike could select humans who would be worthy of helping with their purpose. With more of us around, we could be sure souls were cared for and passed on rather than left to hang around the earth - or worse.

I was nineteen when I died; a drunk driver hit me while I headed home one evening after a volunteer shift. The drunk driver walked away without a scratch. I, on the other hand, died instantly upon impact, my soul jerked from my body to wander around the scene and wonder what the hell happened. I screamed for help, trying to reason with every deity I knew as I watched the blood trickle down my still face.

"No one can hear you screaming, child," a voice had sounded from behind me.

I'd whirled around to see a strange looking man standing there. He was stout, with a boxer's build, but his gentle expression gave no hint of aggression. His attire, while not unusual, still seemed from a different era: his shoes worn, pants that stopped short at the ankles, thin white shirt, and black suspenders. Perhaps in his mid-thirties, he had a shock of messy ginger hair and a thick, wiry beard to match. His bright blue eyes popped against a ruddy complexion.

I couldn't hide the waver of fear in my voice when I asked, "Who are you?"

He took another step toward me, a slow, fluid movement that I hardly noticed. “My name is Tully.”

“I don’t want to die, Tully.”

“You weren’t supposed to go this soon,” he’d said. His voice had an Irish lilt that almost sang to me as he spoke. “But I’ve seen you at the hospital, watched you with the patients. You have a way about you.”

“Doesn’t help me much now, I’m afraid,” I’d responded. His calm demeanor somehow put me at ease despite the situation.

“Oh, but it does, child. You have a gift. Do you know what I am?”

“I was sort of hoping you were an angel.”

He had shaken his head, an amused smile on his face. “No, I am what’s called a Reaper.”

“You’re Death?”

“Reapers are not Death, nor do we carry it wherever we go, according to certain tales. We appear to the dead and take their souls home.”

“To Heaven?”

“That I cannot say; only they will know once they pass into the afterlife. We are, however, allowed to make certain...offers to those we deem worthy.”

I’d crossed my arms over my chest and given my body another stricken glance. “You can bring me back to life?”

“No, child, you are no longer meant for that life. Do you want to continue helping others?”

“How?”

“You could be a Reaper, like me.”

I’d scoffed. “How does that even work?”

“There’s a whole world out there you don’t know about, child. I can show you, teach you how to be one of us.”

“What’s the other option?”

He shrugged. “To move on.”

That was three years ago. Tully was my mentor now, teaching me how to be a Reaper. Even now, I know deep down that I chose his offer to become a Reaper because I was scared of what I’d meet on the other side. The unknown frightened me enough to keep me where I was, and so I accepted Tully’s offer to learn what it meant to guide souls to their destinies. Sometimes I wondered what would’ve been, but when I got that warmth in my chest from helping a soul move on, I knew I’d made the right choice. Tully had seen it in me

and I was grateful to him for the chance to feel like I was still worth something. And actually, I turned out to be good at it. Tully wasn't placating me when he said I'd had a gift. Souls were a lot like hospital patients; reaping souls in my retirement home was similar to my old life.

As it turned out, Tully was right about that "whole other world" part. The wealth of knowledge I'd gained about my new existence was almost frightening. Reapers were nonthreatening, peaceful, and stayed neutral on all terms. We had to; we weren't the only things that harbored souls and it was our job to make sure we got to them before anything else - like demons - could.

Bobbi says

The world needs a balance of good and evil to keep things in check and when the scale is tipped off balance Grace, Tully, and Tessa make for one heck of a team working together to make things balanced once again. They all end up finding their own personal happily ever after at some point throughout this book. Even an angel makes an appearance when things get rough. Liz Long really pulled me into this story and I can't wait to read more from her.

I received this book for an honest review.

Stacy says

I enjoyed this book. I rate it 4 stars. It kind of reminded me of the Supernatural tv series world. I enjoy that show so this was a fun read!

Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines "Sometimes I wondered what would've been, but when I got that warmth in my chest from helping a soul move on, I knew I'd made the right choice."

"Tully, was I supposed to die?"

"'A Reaper Made by Death.' He means a Reaper like you."

"We are chaos without our rules, child."

What a fabulously different paranormal book!

When I read blurb for this book I was very curious and I'm happy to say I was NOT disappointed!

Someone is kidnapping reapers. Souls are unable to move on. Grace and her mentor Tully with the help of a few friends are going to find out why.

This book is filled with action, magic, death, betrayal, sadness, and so much love.

The author did a great job of pulling me into this world. I would love to hear more about Grace, Tessa, and Rhys!

If you want a different paranormal book then this is for you!

I was given this book by author in exchange for an honest review

FIVE REAPER FAIRIES

Gabby (What's Beyond Forks?) says

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A Reaper Made by Liz Long has a lot to offer the reader. There were reapers, of course, and angels, demons, and witches. Plus you had a lot of supernatural action with a touch of romance. I'm not sure if this is will turn into a series, but there are some definite possibilities for more. Although the story didn't leave any unfinished business per say, Grace definitely has more stories to tell.

A Reaper Made by Liz Long was kindly provided to me by the author for review. The opinions are my own.

BookLoversLife says

This was such an entertaining read.

Grace is a "made" reaper. She was given the option because she dies early. She hasn't been a Reaper long and still has living family and remembers life before. At the moment her life seems to revolve around helping old people move, that is until "made" reapers seem to be disappearing along with some of the souls they are supposed to help on. Graces' mentor and maker Tully, seems to suspect Demons, but if that's right then how are they going to find it and kill it. When Graces' living family is in danger, she knows it's up to her to stop whats happening, but how can she do it without breaking the rules and revealing herself?

I haven't read many Reaper books but the ones I have read, I've loved. This is no different!!

I loved Grace, she was spunky, brave, strong and loyal. She knows what she is supposed to do, but she also knows whats right and that rules only apply if people aren't getting hurt. She knows what can happen to her if she breaks the rules, but she doesn't let that affect her and does what she can when people are in danger. I also loved Tessa! The sassy and rebel witch ;)

One thing that stood out for me was the relationship between Grace and Tully. Despite him being her mentor her left her be herself and didn't try to change her. She respected him and looked up to him but stayed firm to her own beliefs too. They worked well together and it shows.

I loved the plot too. The author has created a unique and engaging world and one that sucked me in. She threw curve ball after curve ball and made the reaper lore more interesting. Add in Demons, lost souls, shifters and witches, and you end up with a great story. I'm sad in a way that it's a stand alone because these characters will steal a bit of your heart!!

In all, this was a fast paced and fantastic read. It will grab you from the first page and not let go. With it's sassy snarky characters to it's captivating story, A Reaper made is a must read. I will definitely be checking

out more from Liz Long!!

What can I say about Andrea Emmes that I haven't said before!! She is just an amazing narrator and I can't fault a single thing. She always makes the story her own and brings the characters to life. She gives each character their own personalities and gives it her all!

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Liz at Fictional Candy says

This is the third book I've read from Liz Long. If you are looking for a terrific Urban Fantasy story, then you should check her out. I've read about a supernatural circus, a serial killer after witches, and now with *A Reaper Made*, I meet her reapers. I don't know about you, but I love a good reaper story, and *A Reaper Made* certainly delivers.

Grace is our reaper heroine. She died at a young age, and was offered a chance to continue helping others as she did in life. She proves herself to be a thoughtful young lady, with an awesome sense of humor and a great big dose of smart ass comebacks - which I completely loved. She has no problem facing down authority when she knows they are wrong. She's a really terrific character.

In the book, reapers are in danger. Not only reapers, but also humans. And it's up to Grace, her mentor, Tully, and her best (witch) friend, Tessa, to find out what the heck is going on. Liz Long created a wonderful supernatural mystery here, let me tell you. When the bad guy was revealed, I was a bit surprised - and I love that!! But there are multiple bad guys here, and multiple good guys. It's a pretty awesome fight.

Witches, shifters, angels, demons, reapers, and humans... the battlefield is life, and everyone is playing a part. Tully is definitely a father type figure in the story, trying to keep Grace in line and sticking to the rules that reapers have to follow, something that is definitely not always an easy task. Tessa is this awesome and very old witch, the woman has some definite power. But she is also loving and just plain old fun. There are other very important characters, but I'll keep quiet about those so I don't spoil anything. Let's just say that not everyone is as they seem, and there are definitely surprises in store.

This story has a lot of great elements. Of course you get the supernatural, but there are also brief touches on romance. The mystery of it all really plays out well, and kept me thinking and engaged the entire way through. Like I said, if you are into Urban Fantasy and you love a good reaper book, definitely check out *A Reaper Made*.

Diane Lynch says

3 1/2 of 5 Stars

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Joyce Vance says

Once I started reading "A Reaper Made" I couldn't stop, I read the book from start to finish in one night. The story just grabbed me & wouldn't let go. I had no expectations when starting the book because this is the first Liz Long book I've ever read, but I plan to read many more. She has a somewhat unique take on many stereotypical characters in the supernatural world. It's nice to see things from a different perspective. This book was definitely worth losing sleep. I just wish that it had been part of a series, there is so many more stories to be told.
