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They need. They seed. They breed.

An inhuman evil lurks in the depths of Lake Washington— an evil that walks among us. They look like us...they talk like us...but they are not us. And when Cassidy Jones discovers that they threaten life as we know it, can she summon the power to stop them? In her greatest test yet—and her greatest adventure— the world hangs in the balance against a relentless and insidious adversary: the Luminous.

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Dana Griffin says

Before you begin reading this engaging novel, set some time aside before you turn the first page. If you don't, you'll be late for work or school, forget to meet friends, or wish you hadn't stayed up so late the next day.

Elise Stokes has an amazing ability to put the reader into the mind of a fifteen-year-old young woman who just so happens to have superpowers. The character, Cassidy Jones, with the exception of the superpowers, is the kind of daughter all parents would cherish, or teenagers wished they had as a friend. She doesn't swear, or deliberately get in trouble. But having her extraordinary gifts and using them to rid her hometown of Seattle of villains often puts her in the crosshairs of nasty people.

What I love about this book and the series in general, is how the ordinary life of a teenager is portrayed while Cassidy works with her genius neighbor and best friend Emery to keep Seattle safe. The interaction with the students in school who consider themselves so above Cassidy made me feel I was back in high school. Cassidy's interaction with her family and friends evoked many smiles. The action scenes are fast paced and you'll want to reread to savor how well written they are.

Although classified as a young adult book, readers of that age or older will thoroughly enjoy reading Cassidy's latest adventure. I look forward to reading the next in the series.

Steve says

I am going to admit right here at the top that I am a huge fan of Cassidy Jones. I have read all of the series and thoroughly enjoyed each one. Every time, it seems that the author has taken the characters to a place there is no way forward from. Each time, she has proven that she has the imagination and the skills to take them to completely new places and it all organically flows from the previous book.

In this book, there are strange other worldly threats that are so subtle and insidious at the beginning that you really don't seem them coming until they are practically right on top of you. And, Cassidy is the only one that can get you out. Cassidy seems to struggle with herself a lot in this adventure, but what 15 year old doesn't? If you are looking for betrayal, danger, intrigue and heroes to save the day, you have come to the right place. Cassidy Jones and the Luminous has it in spades. This is top flight entertainment that will keep you on the edge of your seat.

Stacey Urhammer says

Wow! The most awesome Cassidy Jones adventure yet! I could tell, from the moment that I finished reading the prologue, that Elise Stokes' writing had reached a new plateau. Seriously, wow. Once again, Stokes has made Cassidy a very relatable heroine who must deal not only with the strange changes and melodramas that

come with adolescence, but also with the increasingly radical changes to her body, which stem from her fateful mishap in a geneticist's laboratory. There was one scene, in particular, that gave me literal (literary?) GOOSEBUMPS!!! I don't want to spoil anything for anyone who hasn't read it...but lets just say that I won't be scuba diving at night, any time soon ;)

All in all, the BEST CASSIDY JONES EVER! If you like adventure, drama, romance, thrills & chills, mystery, superheros, and a dash of science fiction..then don't miss this genre-bending adventure. I guarantee, you'll be hooked.

moxieBK says

Book Four in the Cassidy Jones series.

With this book, I am completely caught up in the story of Cassidy Jones, although I'm not sure I will continue this series going forward.

First, this story starts off with a darker, negative vibe to it. It hums with a feeling that something truly icky is going to happen.

This whole series started off as an awesome YA paranormal hero story, but now, in this story, it is beginning to border on more of an adult story, about a teen protagonist. Also, I'm not sure that I feel as strongly connected to the protagonist as I have been in the last books. And it didn't pick up where it left off in the last book. I thought it would be a continuation of the end of book three, but it doesn't go there; instead it goes in a very different, hauntingly creepy path.

Because of this path, I just didn't like it as much. And that truly makes me sad. Granted, the hero can't keep having the same sort of adventures, but to make it so dark doesn't appeal to me. There are enough books out there like that, I just want to kick back and read an escapism girl-hero book where none of the core characters go bad, or lose their way. (Not that any of the core characters went "bad," per se.) Still, for me, the ending was like a way to jettison one character in favor of another. At least, that's what it felt like to me. I greatly dislike authors who use that ploy.

This was also the first book in the series, that I found myself rolling my eyes and saying to myself, "Oh, get on with it." It read slow and plodding at times. This hero is suppose to still be in high school, but that part of the story just sort of faded to the background--along with her best buds, which I didn't like either.

Still, it was well written. It just wasn't my cup of tea. I am curious as to know where the author intends to go next, but I found myself more disgruntled and angry, instead of: excited and waiting with anticipation for the next book in the series.

Three stars.

Nate says

Yet another superb installment in the Cassidy Jones Adventures saga.

This book is the fourth in the series, and covers a new adventure which involves not only Cassidy and Emery, but both their families, and even draws in Jared, the unfortunate (in my opinion; I'm rooting for Emery) love interest whose smile and eyes Cassidy dreams about.

Cassidy Jones and the Luminous takes everything great that has been building throughout the first 3 books and then brings it to the next level. As of the end of book 3, Cassidy's family and Emery's father are all now aware of her abilities and previous adventures. This allows a new dynamic in her family interactions, and triggers interesting conversations that just were not possible in previous books. We actually hear less about her school friends in this book than previously, and more about her family, which is fine.

The book is a bit deeper and a bit darker than what we have seen before, but there were still many "laugh out loud" moments. The content is still refreshingly clean and absent of anything parents may find inappropriate, but it's not without some disturbing antagonists. Readers beware, you will have a hard time putting the book down, and it may seem to go by too fast.

The only downside? We have to wait for the next book to be written and released to find out what happens after a major cliff-hanger of an ending.

Elise Stokes says

I'm very pleased to announce that the fourth book in Cassidy Jones Adventures, Cassidy Jones and the Luminous, has been released.

Much changes for Cassidy in the latest installment, circumstances and relationships become more complex, as she faces her greatest challenge yet. Essentially, The Luminous changes the course of the series, in a new direction which, frankly, took me by surprise. I'm inspired by the turn of events and look forward to seeing where Cassidy and Co. take me from here.

Many thanks to all of you who have joined me on my young superhero's journey. Hope you'll enjoy this story as much as I enjoyed writing it.

Randy Tramp says

Cassidy Jones has superpowers that very people know about. She wants to keep it that way.

Evil lurks in Lake Washington. Can Cassidy stop them?

Cassidy is a normal teenager, at least that's what she portrays.

What a story. Science fiction at its best. The plot kept me interested, the characters kept the story exciting. Twists and surprises with each scene.

Liliana says

Reviewed on Lili Lost in a Book

Oh my gods, you guys, this series is so awesome! But I've already told you that ;) It's just such a fun world full of insane villains trying to take over the world for one reason or another. Good thing Seattle's got Cassidy, superhero extraordinaire!

I love Cassidy! She's got a lot on her plate and things are just so much more complicated in this book. She struggles so much, she really does, but she somehow makes it through with the help of her friends. Speaking of friends... I seem to be falling in love with Emery with each passing book *swoon* And I am so glad Cassidy finally got to see a little of what I've seen in Emery from the start! Yay! I am telling you there is more to the guy than he lets on!

As for the other boy in Cassidy's life, Jared, well, what can I say that I haven't already mentioned before? I like him just fine. He is a really sweet guy and I can see why Cassidy likes him so much. I actually did swoon a little bit when they had a moment... but *Emery*, man! Anyway, this book was a bit more centered around Jared, which I found very interesting. There were some crazy plot twists I did not see coming!

Speaking of plot twists, Cassidy's two worlds are colliding in more ways than one. In the midst of a life or death situation, Cassidy finds herself exposing her abilities to someone very close to her. This person's reaction, as you can imagine, was full of shock, and probably a little horror. I mean, Cassidy is a fifteen-year-old girl who is basically Supergirl! Dealing with this was insanely hard for Cassidy! Good thing Emery was there for her... gods, I love him! Are you sick of me swooning over Emery yet? ;)

Cassidy Jones and the Luminous was another great, action-packed read with amazing characters and an insane villain you won't believe! It was a crazy plot that in a world like this, actually worked really well! And that cliffhanger at the end... what going to happen to him?! I cannot wait for the next book in the series!

P.S. I kind of missed the fun costumes. I mean, the ninja, bigfoot, the mummy... and a ski mask in this one? But hey, Seattle has given her a name, so that's something. **The Seattle Shadow**, oh yeah!

Rick Gualtieri says

If the events of this book are any indication, Cassidy Jones's world is about to get bigger and a whole lot more dangerous.

I'll admit I was a bit worried about the way the series would progress following the conclusion of book 3, but Elise Stokes proves she's more than up to the task of evolving the lives of her characters and upping the stakes in the process.

Cassidy Jones and the Luminous serves as the fourth book of the series and the first to veer entirely away from Arthur King Sr. and Jr as major antagonists. Their presence is felt in the background, but her new foes - the mysterious Luminous - are a welcome breath of fresh air, presenting an enemy that's both powerful yet somewhat sympathetic at the same time.

While a small part of me feels that at times the characters are a bit too wholesome for their respective ages (and in some cases professions), the series continues to be family friendly - giving its target audience a hero that readers of any age can cheer for.

I look forward to seeing where Stokes takes things from here.

Joanne says

Wonderful sci-fi adventure stories for teens and adults

I have read 4 Cassidy books and have thoroughly enjoyed them. I convinced my 13 year old granddaughter to start reading them. She has read through book 3. Since some readers have suggested that book 4 and 5 are for an older age, I suggested she wait until next year to read more. However, book 4 seemed to have less violence than the Hunger Games, which are read at this age. These books have no overt sex and have very interesting plots. The characters seem plausible, individual and likeable. Perhaps a couple of movies could be produced from this series, but they would have to be skillfully directed to achieve the right ambiance and not seem preposterous.

Tara says

Cassidy Jones is a spunky heroine who hooks you with her charm and vulnerability right before hitting the fast forward button on a rocket ride of adventure. You won't be able to put this down until the very last zinger! While this is not a Christian novel, it is clean, with no foul language, sex or blood and gore.

In Luminous, Cassidy faces a perplexing mystery as people in her town go missing. She and her friends investigate only to discover the threat is much bigger than expected and closer to home! The Luminous lurking in the deep are creepy and mysterious and my favorite big bad of the series. Very creative! Tension between Emery and Cassidy's new boyfriend builds and adds a fun dimension to the story. As a fan of the series I really enjoy how the characters are developing and growing. Elise Stokes is a talented author and one to watch!

The twists and turns will keep you on the edge of your seat. Enjoy the ride.

The Doctor says

This is one of the best books yet! I loved the relationship development, the action, and the luminous. They were so eerie and yet I could see and understand their motivations. I love how the family is involved with Cassidy's new predicament and how they are working together to stop the big bads of Seattle. But, I especially loved the developing relationship between Jarod and Cassidy. I am a Cassidy/Jarod shipper, or Jassidy, amongst a sea of Cassidy/Emery, or Cemery, shippers. I find their relationship sweet, considering they have known each other since elementary and I always root for a 'Boy Meets World' Topanga and Cory relationship. Jarod has many fantastic qualities from bravery to loyalty and I can just see how a Jassidy relationship could bloom and be incredible. That being said, I know I'm in the minority, but I hope with this

book people will start noticing Jarod's wonderful traits. Overall, an enjoyable read and a book I'd recommend to anyone.

Rich Weatherly says

Cassidy Jones combines special gifts & ingenuity to solve another mystery

Once again, Elise Stokes demonstrates her skill at leading us through an adventurous, engaging novel in the Cassidy Jones series. Cassidy is older and dealing with the challenges of having two suitors while solving another challenging mystery.

Expect more intrigue and suspense as Cassidy faces her most daunting challenges yet.

Check out this fast paced thriller!

Lindsey Gray says

Every time I read a Cassidy Jones book, I don't see how the series can get any better. Elise Stokes is a master storyteller and has developed Cassidy and the cast of characters around her to perfection. Going into book four, Cassidy Jones and The Luminous, I expected another bone shaking thrill ride and I got it and so much more.

Cassidy is a bit seasoned now and more comfortable with herself as a super human. Now that her family knows of her abilities and why the Phillips family has moved across the street, she is able to relax and let go of the mounting stress of keeping secrets from the people she loved most.

One person Cassidy still kept in the dark was her friend and crush, Jared. I started seeing Jared in a different light through book three. I loved the development of his character even more in this adventure. Unfortunately, Jared finds out Cassidy's secret the hard way when he's attacked in his own home and Cassidy is the one that saves him. With help from her best friend, Emery Phillips, his parents, and the Jones family, Cassidy is able to calm most of Jared's fears about her "condition".

I loved so many things about this book. The idea of The Luminous was something I had never heard before. They were unique and ingenious little villains. The new relationships Cassidy is developing with her family now that her secret is out is a testament of a loving family. After a night of near death experiences, she arrives home after three am to find her parents and twin awake and waiting for the details of her nighttime adventure. The fact that Cassidy has a bigger support system now has me breathing a little easier.

One of the things I found I loved the most was the friendship that developed between the two boys that had Cassidy on their romantic radar, Emery and Jared. Becoming confidants in Cassidy's secret world forced an unlikely comradery between the boys which I enjoyed more than I thought I would. I've seen bits and pieces of Emery's genuine affection for Cassidy from the beginning. Jared was another story. Once his life was endangered and he learned on Cassidy's secret, his true feelings for her were evident. Even though fifteen-year-old Cassidy isn't supposed to date, that didn't stop both boys from placing themselves in romantic situations with the heroine. My heartstrings plucked a joyous tune in chapter 16 when Emery got his flirt on

with Cassidy, something that I had been looking forward to since book one. Now, I believe there is a real competition. Cassidy is discovering that she and Emery are linked in more ways than one, changing her feelings for her closest friend and confidant.

With several laughs, tears, and bitten fingernails, I came to the end of this book as an even bigger Cassidy fan than I was before. Elise Stokes has entranced me with Cassidy's world, her family, her friends, and even her enemies. I rest easy in the knowledge that Cassidy's story is far from over. I look forward to reading more of Cassidy's thrilling adventures.

Thank you to Elise Stokes for creating such a brilliant series and sharing it with me in exchange for an honest review.

Jessica says

Okay, so, I'm going to start by saying that I have absolutely LOVED this series since I picked up the Secret Formula, and this book was no exception. I also want to thank Elsie Stokes for being such a great author.

Alright, now, for my review/summary/rant.

From the very beginning, Cassidy has had a HUGE crush on Jared Wells. In the last book, *The Seventh Attendant*, Cassidy found out that Jared shares her feelings. Now that they know that the feeling is mutual, they are not attempting to hide it. Now, as far as I know, most major fans of the series have been in agony since learning that Emery is hopelessly in love with Cassidy, and are now feeling somewhat better, and somewhat worse. I know that I am! I personally believe that this book was somewhat like *Vulcan's Gift*, seeing how it didn't involve Arthur King JR., or Arthur King SR.. I hope that, now that Jared has become evil, Cassidy will realize that she is meant to be with Emery. But that is just my opinion.

All in all, this was an amazing book. We, the fans, really need to get this series out there! Not enough people have read it!
