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There's no such thing as magic and monsters. Or so I once thought.

After a fateful night before my junior year that starts out as innocent goofing around with friends, strange shadows and mysterious noises seem to be everywhere and I'm starting to think something sinister was let into my life. When my boyfriend is brutally murdered, the police write it off as a freak accident, deciding my "strange" testimony is given under duress. I know whatever got to Gavin wasn't human and I refuse to stop looking until I find his killer, even if it proves once and for all that there are monsters living among us.

With the discovery that ghosts, mothmen, witches, vampires and all supernatural beings are real, Harper Young finds herself amidst a complex bundle of unseen heroes who call themselves "Keepers," sworn to protect the secrets of the paranormal creatures that walk this earth. As she tries to understand what's so special about her that she's able to break an old Keeper law and attend Guardare Academy, Harper has a baffling vision of kissing a mysterious guy before a blade is brought down on him. Before she can get a handle on her future, she becomes central to a battle between the questionable "heroes" and the evil she's been training to fight, leaving her to wonder if there's any way to change the fate that has been foretold before it's too late.

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Danielle Sibarium says

Jen Naumann has done it again. With her fantastic imagination and beautiful writing style, she sucks the reader into her latest thriller Paranormal Keepers. I was hooked from the first page and engaged throughout. In the world she has created of creatures and keepers, much like Harper Young, I wasn't sure who I could trust. With the exception of Dexter. At least I hoped he would be strong and trustworthy and not turn his back on Harper.

The action is started when Harper and her friends have an experience with a Ouija board. That is the catalyst to her whole world changing. From that moment on, it seems like Harper's life is riddled with lies and secrets. Deemed an outcast at home, and then again when she is swept off to Guardare Academy where she is trained along with the keepers. Questions race through the readers mind, who or what is she really? The ending was situated perfectly for a sequel. Not it's not satisfying as a standalone, but let's just say the door for more is open, which makes me happy!

Lauryn April says

I was instantly hooked by this story. The very first chapter sent chills through me, and I couldn't help but be sucked into Harper's life. You quickly learn that Harper's boyfriend has died and everyone thinks she killed him. From that point on you're pulled into a dark mystery as Harper tries to find out what happened to Gavin. His death changes her and because of it Harper finds herself dragged into this paranormal world and a battle between good and evil.

As the story goes on there are a lot of guys introduced to Harper's life, and I liked that I didn't know who her love interest was going to be right away. All of the characters felt so real and were developed well that their relationships with Harper grew naturally. In a lot of YA it's obvious who the love interest is from the very beginning and I liked that Naumann kept me guessing and made this more about who the characters were than just making it a love story.

When Derek is introduced I immediately wanted to see him and Harper together, but Harper isn't over Gavin yet and there's a lot of great tension between them. As for Leo, you kind of love to hate him. At first I really wanted Harper to fall for Dex, but as the story went on I kind of wanted to see Leo redeem himself too. There is a little bit of a triangle that develops between Dex, Harper and Leo, but it was done in a way where I didn't feel like Harper was being wishy-washy.

This book was full of twists and turns. As soon as I thought I knew what direction it was going in, things would change and nothing would be what I expected, and the ending was just awesome. There are a number of bitter-sweet moments that will pull at your heartstrings. And, while I would love to see a sequel, things do get wrapped up well in the end.

This book had scary moment and sweet ones as well. All together it was an exciting and entertaining read.

For more reviews by Lauryn April go to <http://laurynapril.blogspot.com>

Alia says

I received a copy from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Paranormal Keepers got me hooked right from the start, and because of the hair-raising events that happened to Harper that sent chills down to my spine. This is the first novel that I've read by Jen Naumann, and I love it. Hopefully, there will be a continuation, because Jen Naumann can't just leave us hanging like that, right?

Check out my full review [here!](#)

Emma Meade says

Harper, like most of Jen Naumann's female characters, is witty, brave, relatable and down-to-earth. I liked her immediately. I fancied Dexter up until he showed his prejudiced nature. Tsk tsk.

The mural on Dexter's wall was beautiful, though - photos of Harper and snippets of their conversations. Aw, I have to admit I found that lovely.

Paranormal Keepers is a fast-paced and fun monster story with a likeable lead character.

Jen says

****Paranormal Keepers recently received a major update that significantly changed the story. If you left a review before 3/9/15 and would like a free copy of the updated version, please message me with your details! The sequel is coming in 2015!****

Check out the official trailer for PARANORMAL KEEPERs!

Jessica Surgett says

I received a copy of this in exchange for an HONEST review

Wow! I had high hopes for this book, and it still managed to exceed them!

Harper's story is mysterious, intense, dark, shocking... And many other wonderful adjectives. I won't say I was sucked in from page one; I did find it a little slow in the beginning, but not enough to lose my interest. It begins escalating soon enough, and then- BAM! From the moment Harper entered the Academy I couldn't put it down. I read the whole book in a day.

The world building was well done, and the characters were simply fantastic. Each character was well developed and felt natural. I cared about them deeply, and definitely formed an unhealthy attachment to

Dexter. I especially loved that they were each so complex. Even Dexter (the new love of my life) was pretty flawed. They all are in a way, and that's what's so wonderful. That's real life. Nobody is perfect. And now I will stop raving about the characters, and discuss the plot. (Spoiler alert: it's going to be more raving.)

Holy plot twist Batman! Jen did an amazing job laying out this roller coaster of a plot line. I felt just as confused and frustrated as Harper as she tried to piece together what was happening. Why is she there? What makes her special? WHO CAN WE TRUST?? I was constantly changing my opinion on that last question. There are so many sides to everyone, you never feel certain about who is trustworthy.

Basically, I loved it. I had mild whip lash by the end, but it was worth it.

4.5 stars

♥ Jane ♥ says

I really liked the beginning and intro of this book, especially after introducing the wonderful Gavin. I was hooked with their relationship. They have a connection with each other even though they're still young. After the death of her boyfriend, it was exciting to see what would happen next. Since her friends turned on her and she was cast out, it was interesting to see if she will get her revenge. She never stopped looking for clues as to what or who killed Gavin. The only friend she has is her online friend Vhunter. I was disappointed with the preceding events. It became like a cliché thing. Here is the secret world of paranormal and she goes to this Academy of people who knows about the paranormal world or IS a paranormal. The classes were also a bit like HP. Witchcraft 101, Handling the Undead. Maybe it was supposed to be hilarious? Did I fail to see it as funny?

Another thing, I wasn't really hooked with Dexter. I'm more of a fan of Gavin or Professor Davies.
Insert GIF here

I guess the lesson here is that never let peer pressure let you do things you don't want to.

Tamara Philip says

I have nothing but praise for Jen Naumann's Paranormal Keepers, I mean WOW!! from the very first page I was riveted. It was well written although I think the dialogue itself had some issues, Harper's internal narration made up for it. Harper, the main character is refreshingly brave if not a little foolhardy about dealing with the people in her life after her boyfriend Gavin's horrendous death. She is frigging fearless about telling people off when she maybe should think twice but I appreciated the fact that Harper realized she had no real friends in the popular group anymore so she basically took no prisoners.

Now the academy and all the fantastical creatures was well described and wonderfully written even if I thought all of them were shifty as hell. I don't know if I would have been able to sleep with those crazy people hanging around but the book was great and very imaginative. I ended up going to bed at 5am while reading it, I didn't want to put it down. Definitely recommend anyone who likes a darker edged YA fantasy novel!

Nicole Hewitt says

This review and many others can be found on my blog - Feed Your Fiction Addiction

Paranormal Keepers was a fun and interesting YA paranormal romance. The book follows Harper, who is convinced that there are paranormal creatures in the world and that one killed her boyfriend. When she's proven right, she is whisked away to a school for Keepers – people who keep supernatural beings at bay. Once she gets there, though, she finds out that she just might be destined for more than she ever imagined.

What I enjoyed:

The slow-building romance.

Since Harper was still getting over her dead ex-boyfriend, the romance in this book developed relatively slowly, which I appreciated. Dexter and Harper started the book out as friends – they actually had developed a friendship over the internet for a full year before they even met, so they did have some mutual feelings for each other the first time they met, but neither of them jumped into anything. By the time they got together, I was definitely rooting for them as a couple!

Fun paranormal elements.

There were lots of interesting paranormal creatures in this book – mothmen (that one was new for me), zombies, vampires, demons, fairies and both good and evil witches – they were all there. I really loved all of the paranormal characters, and I thought that Naumann did a great job of making all of these characters blend in well with the story.

The ending.

This book had lots of excitement and twists and turns toward the end that kept me guessing. And I appreciated that things were wrapped up relatively nicely in this book, while there was still a little bit of a cliffhanger to make you want to read the next book.

The negatives:

The school setting.

I was really intrigued by this book at first, but it lost a little steam for me when Harper went off to a school for Keepers. For some reason, the book just dragged a little bit for me in the middle and became a tad too Harry Potterish, with sketchy teachers and supernatural classes. Harper was the outcast at her new school and people seemed to be just a little too randomly mean to her, which I had a hard time understanding. While I enjoyed the beginning and end of the book, I just had a bit of trouble connecting to it in the middle for some reason.

If you're a fan of YA paranormal romance, this is a fun, quick read with some interesting creatures. Overall, I give it 3/5 stars.

Disclosure: This book was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review. No other compensation was given and all opinions are my own.

Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says

Check out the blog tour with a cool giveaway, and read some excerpts too. Just click the tour banner below.

I really enjoyed this book. It reminded me in a way of a more grown up Harry Potter world. Now don't get me wrong, the similarities are scarce , just that the world of the Keepers who are basically police over the Paranormal's, the Creatures (fairies, vampire's, Mothmen, werewolves ect).The world of the school/village reminded me of Hogwarts and Hogsmeade, and a little with Harper growing up thinking she was a regular human (till almost 18). That's really the only similarities I seen, and it was not a bad thing at all. It was great. I love the bit of magic and the spells and stuff.

There were many twist and turns I did not see coming, and took me by surprise, which is unusual as I normally see that sort of thing coming.

I liked Harper our main character ok, I did find the first part of the book a little dragged out, before entering the Paranormal world. But I do easily get bored if it's just "normal" stuff, though the first part with her boyfriend getting killed by something that is clearly paranormal was interesting.

I was shocked at some of the betrayals from certain people I did not see coming. I was also appalled at a certain part where Dexter's attitude was just awful. But won't say what. No spoiling it for you. What I stated so far is not anything the blurb won't tell you.

Though the idea of this magical/paranormal world is not a new one, the spin taken on this one was awesome. One thing Harpers housemates do to her is just awful, I could not believe they would do that to her. Man, this girl just can't get a break from the 'mean girls' of the world.

I was surprised by the ending, but its left open to wait for the next book, which I sure hope will be out soon. I sure hate waiting, lol.

I recommend this to anyone who enjoys a bit of magic and paranormal. Not heavy on romance or anything, just a sweet possibility I guess you could say.

5 out of 5 stars for me.

I received a copy of this book for my honest review.

These Violent Delights (Robin) says

I was given a free copy of this book on a read to review basis

I definitely liked the beginning of this book, and this book did stay consistent in quality. I did enjoy this book thoroughly. I enjoyed this book because the main character, Harper, wasn't annoying and was realistic. I also loved Sophia, she was so nice and a great side character. In the end, this book had me utterly impressed and

wanting more.

Farrah says

Paranormal Keepers was a wonderful YA paranormal read. It reminded me a lot of the show Supernatural (which is a good thing because I love that show), with its mythology and terminology. It had thrills, secrets, and a few unexpected twists along the way and I enjoyed it all.

Harper was a great heroine. She was thrown into an entirely new situation and kept both her head and her sense of humor. She was tough, clever, and a truly likable character.

Dexter was the love interest in this book and he was wonderful. He stood by Harper no matter what and he was very sweet with how he treated her. I thought he was a delight.

The romance was light but well done. I liked the progression of Harper and Dexter's relationship, going from infatuated friends to a devoted couple. After the events of this book, I'm hoping that they manage to hold on to a happy ending.

The plot moved quickly and kept me interested the entire way through. There were twists along the way, as well as an unexpected secret that really took me by surprise. I enjoyed the story and the ending has me curious about what will come next.

I really liked Paranormal Keepers. It was an enjoyed YA paranormal romance that had a few surprises along the way. YA lovers, this is a book worth checking out.

*I received a complimentary copy from the publisher in exchange for an honest review

Melissa says

Disclaimer: I received this book for free through the Goodreads First Readers program.

When Harper Young's boyfriend is snatched away from her by unseen forces and brutally murdered, she is convinced that something otherworldly is to blame. Over the summer, she devotes all her time to researching the paranormal, looking for proof that what she saw wasn't a product of shock. Eventually, her suspicions are proved to be correct, and she's whisked away to Guardare, an academy for "Keepers". Their job is to, well, keep humans and creatures of the night separate.

With so many paranormal novels out there trying to make their mark, I wasn't certain how *Paranormal Keepers* was going to stick out. Look no further than Professor Gehret -- a mothman. Gehret is a delightfully-creepy character whose true colors aren't revealed until the novel's final moments. An honorable mention goes out to the zombie professor, who's not your textbook zombie -- more like a spirit reintroduced to its preserved corpse.

The narrative is well-paced and I never found myself getting bored with the story. Just wondering if there

will be a sequel, because although it ends on a good note, there's still so much left to explore.

Sophia (Bookwyrming Thoughts) says

It seems, that when it comes to books, death almost always grabs my attention. There's nothing really special about death – you die, you move on, right? Maybe there's something beyond us, maybe we're floating around – but anyways, I haven't figured out precisely why I'm drawn toward those types of books. Perhaps I really do need to see a psychologist.

I first came across Paranormal Keepers after I finished A Different Kind by Lauryn April. The entire idea of everyone assuming a girl kills her boyfriend – in reality, Harper was a witness, but no one believed her and probably thought she was on drugs – was pretty interesting. A few roads could have played out: 1) Harper would be in a mental institution, 2) said boyfriend by the name of Gavin would come back to life and everything goes to normal and it's all happy – blah blah blah, or 3) something else entirely. Really, I didn't actually remember the synopsis – I almost never do. Then again, the excerpt in A Different Kind, like all excerpts, are maybe one or two chapters tops.

Of course, as I got into the story, I thought Paranormal Keepers was basically another Mortal Instruments type of story – no angels majorly involved (they're mentioned). Technically, the Keepers in the story are similar to Nephilim, but the only similarity is how they basically keep the secret of paranormal creatures (sort of). That's pretty much it – oh, and they go to a school... which to me, looks like the movie version of Vampire Academy. The school in the movie, that is. Not the movie. It seems pretty gothic and isolated from the world, being in the Alps – that's a cold place to stick a school, isn't it?

But here's what's really different: Paranormal Keepers have mothmen and yetis. And yes... ZOMBIES. Unfortunately, said zombie is a professor and just looks gruesome. I was so hoping for an apocalypse of sorts.

“In that spirit, I’m going to introduce you to Professor Gehret. He may come off as a little intimidating at first, but he’s harmless. He’s the real reason you’re here. He’s what they call a mothman.”

I seriously wanted to see how that actually played out. Would Harper scream? Run? Or the hopefully least likely option: just widen eyes and accept it. If it were the last option, I would be pretty furious. There’s a fur man! How could you NOT be scared in some way?!

Another thing that’s different? Harper, as a certain character says, makes the light of every situation. She’s not exactly cheery cheery, but when everyone’s looking down at her because she’s an outsider whose family didn’t originally start at Guardare since forever, she tries to makes a joke out of it. Very much like Leo from The Heroes of Olympus series. Add on the sarcasm, of course.

“Wow, I’m starting to think I should run for homecoming queen, if there is such a thing here. That guy seemed really into me.”

One cannot simply leave a review hanging without talking about the love interest. Dexter has got to top one of my favorites... for most of the book. We don’t actually meet Dexter until another situation pops up in

which a jogger gets brutally murdered a year after Gavin's death, but Dexter makes quite the appearance as Harper's online friend who understands and believes her. He's even addicted to M&Ms, which is absolutely awesome. Or, I should just admit I'm addicted to M&Ms as well.

Then Naumann sort of had to ruin the picture by well... tossing in a surprise, I suppose.

Pictures of me plaster the plain white brick on the right side of the room, surrounded by handwritten words. When I step in closer, I realize they're little snippets of conversations Dexter and I had online before I came to Guardare, and the pictures are all things I once had posted to Facebook.

O_O!!! Even though it's an art or mural, it's just plain creepy. It's worse than stalking, posting pictures of a crush on your wall. Unless it's a hot actor or a cool movie poster. Then, there are no problems at all, because chances of meeting them are pretty small. It's normal! But Harper is not a movie star and doesn't play Tris Prior or Katniss Everdeen. There is something remotely wrong with the picture.

Either way, Dexter has pretty much landed off of my favorite bookish love interests. But I do like how he's pretty supportive of Harper, even when he finds out something about her that's against Keeper Law. Have I mentioned he's the one who's around when everyone thinks Harper is a murderer, even though he only speaks to her online before they actually meet?

Naumann's latest work is a must to look at for Paranormal fans – especially those who would like to see a mothman. But while Paranormal Keepers sort of hints at a possible sequel or two, it's a stand alone from the looks of it.

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Original Review posted at Bookwyrm Thoughts

Kerry Paolucci says

This book hooked me after the first chapter and kept my attention the whole time. If it weren't for finals I would have finished this book in one sitting. There were many things I liked about this book and only one thing I didn't.

The characters were great. I absolutely loved Dexter. Even when he was about to walk out of Harper's life. He was so kind and supportive, but also very brave. He is exactly the type of book boyfriend us girls like! Harper continually surprised me with her reactions to situations. Like when she ended up in her combat instructors "nest" and learned he was a vampire. She didn't freak out as much as I thought she would. Harper got right down to business.

I was pleasantly surprised to see unusual paranormals in the novel. It wasn't just the usually werewolves and vampires. The Mothmen and Wraiths were a great spin.

The only thing I wish was developed more was Abbadon. I want more of his story and what happened with him in the past.

In all this book was fabulous and I look forward to more from Jen Naumann. I give Paranormal Keepers 4 stars!

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