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*I can see ghosts. I can talk to ghosts. And, if necessary, I can kick some serious ghost butt.*

Susannah Simon has an unearthly gift: she's a Mediator. She must help trapped and tortured souls move on to the next world. But not all spooks want her guidance or want to go quietly - that's when Suze has to get tough. Then she meets Jesse, a drop-dead-gorgeous ghost who just happens to haunt her bedroom. It's hard to boot a guy into the afterlife when he makes your heart beat faster - even though he's been dead for 150 years...

## **Love You to Death / High Stakes Details**

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## From Reader Review Love You to Death / High Stakes for online ebook

### Pavitra (For The Love of Fictional Worlds) says

It's been a long time since I read the original mediator series (and lost my books!), but I remember loving them, so when I found that the books are coming out in gorgeous covers, I just had to buy them! And the fact me and my lovely friend Habiba on Instagram - I chose to re-read these books <3

I still love Jesse and Suzie! I do, but the magic of reading paranormal for the first time is sadly gone and hence the 4 star rating! But I do love it! And I find myself learning new facts altogether.

It is after all true - you never read the same book twice :)

For The Love of Fictional Worlds

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### Nic says

*"I may have been dead for the past hundred and fifty years, Susannah," Jesse said, "but that doesn't mean I don't know how people say good night. And generally, when people say good night, they keep their tongues to themselves."*

This books was loads of fun. It kept me entertained with it's witty characters, action packed plot and a budding romance.

The plot was fast paced and well written. It was a little bit predictable, so I thought. But Cabot through in a few unexpected surprises.

Suze is a character who isn't afraid to kick some butt. She won't take crap from anybody and will stick up for her friends. Jesse is a sweetie and a bit of a mysterious character. We haven't got his full story yet and it will be interesting to find out why as a ghost he is still hanging around. Suze and Jesse have some great chemistry even if they both won't admit they have feelings for each other yet. But the most entertaining character is Doc (Suze 12 year old stepbrother who knows facts about everything). There is a scene in the book where he is giving his 16 year old brother a lecture in front of their parents about condoms and how effective they are. It had me laughing out loud and getting some very strange looks.

Overall, if you are looking for a book to brighten your day read this. You'll find yourself smiling the whole way through!

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### Kerri O'C says

i extremely enjoyed this book it was amazing and really funny !!!! she reminds me of myself apart from the seeing ghosts thing ! i really look forward to reading 3&4

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**☆? Victoria ?☆ says**

2.5\* for both books

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**Rachel Heather Sangster says**

\*\*\*THIS REVIEW CONTAINS SPOILERS\*\*\*

Cute book about a girl that can see/communicate/kick the ass of ghosts. I have the paperback and there were still many typos, which I'm only really used to finding on ebooks, I had to fight the urge to underline them and post it back to the author ?

It's probably a book I'd have loved as a 14year old! Here's the whole story summed up: Very young protagonist, her mum remarried and has moved them across the country to be with the new husbands family, she meets a ghost who lives in her new room , commence swooning over the 150year old dead guy that haunts said new room, she meets a cute guy at school, is then chased by his psycho ex-girlfriend ghost, almost killed a few times, head teacher/priest of her school can also see ghosts, she saves a boys life, makes new friends, does an exorcism and swoons a little bit more.

Next book! Meets another guy, gets haunted by a wailing ghost at 1am, swooning, chases after new guys Dad to give him a message from the waily ghost, who is mentally ill and convinced he's a vampire, stabs him with a pencil, figures out he's just an ill human, guys Uncle turns out to be a serial killer she accidentally uncovered, gets kidnapped, almost dies, smashes an aquarium and electrocutes the Uncle, swooning. Oh and she gets a cat.

So...there's a lot going on there really, good book for teenagers, not really my cup of tea but I unfortunately purchased the trilogy in my book haul, so more reviews of this series to come! ?

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**laurie says**

in the first story 'love you to death' Meg Cabot introduces the main character,Susannah Simon, really well. all the books, from what i can tell, are going to be exciting and adventurous. the story is made even better because they are all written from Suze's point of view.

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**Limonessa says**

I got until page 152 before I decided to shut the book.

It is fast-paced and action-packed but I am not sure whether it is because the young-at-heart that is in me is dying and i am entering middle age or because this book is channeling Buffy The Vampire Slayer so much that i just find it plain boring. Needless to say I hope it is the second option.

Suze is a ghost slayer rather than vampire but since ghost can't die she is the one who sends them on their

way, therefore a mediator. The nerdy friend, instead of being red-haired is, in this case, an albino, already we have an Angel in the name of Jesse on the way.

I am rather sorry because the writing flows and it is catchy but i really can't be bothered to finish this book. After all: so many books, so little time and i won't waste it reading something i am not enjoying.

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### **Devina says**

OMG

its too ghostly

with exorcism and stuff it was fabulous

i recommend this book to all paranormal lovers

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### **Nikki says**

Susanna is one of my favourite female characters, if not my number one favourite character. I always enjoy books more when the female roles are badass and strong willed (I have some feminist traits) and Susanna is definately both of these. It even had the whole forbidden love thing going on which is always a bonus. And even though I've never been much of a Meg Cabot fan, I absolutley adore these two stories.

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### **Paige says**

absolutely brilliant, though it was a bit repetitive that both of the boys had to move away that she liked at the end of both books...

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### **Susan says**

3,5 stars.

I liked this book. I especially liked bad-ass Suze. But I thought there wasn't a lot of character development. Also not a lot of moments between Jesse en Suze. So I liked the book but it wasn't a breath taking book.

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### **~Tina~ says**

TBR Reduce Challenge #2- 2011 (Jess)

For the oddest reason I've always struggled with Meg Cabot books. She's obviously a skilled writer but something about her style annoys me that I can't seem to shake, so I was surprised that I really enjoyed this one!

**Love You to Death & High Stakes** were both really great fun books. I enjoyed the supernatural concept and adored the characters. Suze, Jesse, Father Dom and even the brothers Doc, Dopey and Sleepy were pretty

cool.

The whole concept kinda remind me of the whole Buffy-vibe, well, minus the slayer/vampire bit, but Suze is kick-ass like that, she also has a bit of a chip on her shoulder which is why the attitude looks so good on her, but it's good to see it crumbling, even if it's just a little bit at a time.

It seems that I've gotten quite attached to Jesse and I hope to Gawd that I'm not headed for heart-fail once I've finished off this series. I can already tell a relationship of some sort is in the works for these two and I'm only hoping that they find there HEA.

All in all? Looks like I finally found a Cabot series that I'm actually enjoying and looking forward to continuing with the next installments.

Fun, feisty and fantastic. Loved it!

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### **Kelly says**

Suze has just moved to California, and transferred into a new school there. Her first day is a little different than she imagined though when a nasty spirit decides to try and scare Suze away from the school, but Suze has dealt with ghosts like this before, and isn't afraid to show it who's boss...

This book was mainly about introducing us to the cast of characters, many of which are pretty loveable. I really liked the ghost mediating aspect of it and thought that it was something interesting to read about. I thought Suze's spunky attitude was funny and I liked reading her interaction with Jesse, can't see where that goes in the future! A predictable story, but quite sweet, and an enjoyable quick read.

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When a crying ghost appears in her bedroom, Suze is asked to track down and pass on a message to someone. But as Suze gets close to who she thinks is the recipient, she starts to worry that he's not entirely human...

High Stakes is just as good as the first book in the series, and builds upon the story started there. I really enjoyed the evolving relationships in this book, mainly between Suze and Jesse and Suze and her new little brother Doc, who is so adorable! The story is engaging and kept me gripped right until the end, although I did find the ending was kind of repetitive as a similar thing happened at the end of the first book, and that was a little disappointing. Over all, these books are enjoyable for a light, easy read.

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### **Melannie :)** says

This is my ALL TIME favorite series,  
and I won't try to describe how awesome it is,  
and believe me, I would know *exactly* how awesome... I've read each book about 7 or 8 times. And more to come.

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## **Lola says**

I would like to give 3.5 stars to this book. This book is actually two books in one, book one would get 3 stars and book two 4 stars. I really looked forward to reading this book. I haven't read that many books about ghosts, so I was really looking forward to it. I like this book and story, but I just don't like the beginning. The book begins when the lead character Suze is moving from New York to California. In the beginning it is really slow, with many details that aren't really necessary to the story.

So the first 90 pages are pretty boring, after that the story gets really interesting. Suze is a mediator who has to guide ghosts who are still in the living world to the world thereafter. This sounds really peaceful, but in fact Suze can "kick some serious ghost butt", as she likes to state. She actually gets in fights with the ghosts. She quickly adapts to her new home and has two ghosts to bother with.

One is an aggressive ghost of someone who recently died and now haunts the school. The other one is Jesse, who haunts her new bedroom. The text on the back of this book makes it sound like she falls instantly in love with him, while in fact this is a really slow process. I like it that they don't fall in love immediately. Further I have to say that I like Suze, she is not afraid to get in fights with the ghosts she has to guide to the hereafter. And doesn't back off easily.

To conclude, this book starts off really slow and there are too much details and descriptions that are unnecessary to the story. After the first half of the book this seems to disappear and it becomes a really good story about Suze, a likeable character who helps ghosts to the afterlife in a sometimes aggressive way. Although she also helps ghosts the normal way, by talking to them. I like the fact that this book is about ghosts, because it's something different and I think ghosts are an interesting supernatural creature that can use some more attention in this genre. I am definitely reading the rest of this series. I am looking forward to read more of Suze's adventures.

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