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Zombies plague the apocalyptic landscape, insatiable and wreaking havoc on the remaining uninfected. Settlements desperately hold out, fighting for the last remnants of civilization while striving for a return to normalcy.

At twenty years old, I should be worrying about final exams and where I'm going for spring break. Instead, I'm sharpening blades and loading guns.

My family chooses to make its home away from the settlements, deep in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado. We raid stores across the state, gathering supplies which we in turn trade to the settlements.

It's a simple, but dangerous, existence and biters haunt us every step of the way.

Lucky for us, I have a secret . . . I'm a necromancer.

My name is Anya Donovan and this is my survival story.

## Dead Chaos Details

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# From Reader Review Dead Chaos for online ebook

## Tasha says

I enjoyed Dead Chaos, but feel like the short read was just a teaser. The world building was great, and the characters were interesting. However, the short adventure Brookshire lead us on made me wish the book was longer than 166 pages. Regardless, I look forward to the second installment. Hopefully Brookshire gives her audience a little more meat to chew on.

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## Kerris says

Velke zklamani, a to jsem se na tuhle knihu tak tesila. Neustale me stvalo to, ze se hlavni hrdinove soustredili na totalne nepodstatne veci, kdyz kolem nich vybuchla apokalypsa. Tohle by v realu nikdy neproslo. Zombici jsou moje oblibene tema a tahle kniha je pospinuje. Meh.

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## Ikati says

I was pleasantly surprised by this book. Zombies aren't usually my thing but I liked this book. Anja is a necromancing, zombie-fighting girl in an apocalyptic future. I like her and most of her family.

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## Wayne Porkus says

I loved this book! It was a fresh take on an old subject. The authors' writing style was humorous and engaging. It was also extremely well written. So often I read a book where there are obvious grammatical errors. Nothing weakens an author's credibility more than that!

Things I liked:

1. Anya was a strong female lead.
2. Humor effectively mixed in.
3. Completely new idea for zombie books.
4. Zeke! So funny!
5. Short read that I couldn't put down! I would have read it in one sitting without life's interruptions.

Thing I disliked:

1. It was short! I wanted more when it was over. (I know it's contradictory to have it in both sections.)

It would have been easy to write this reviews with spoilers in it, but that's not my style. Anyways, in closing I loved this book and can't wait for the next!

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## **April Brookshire says**

First in the Dead Chaos series

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## **Beth says**

A zombie apocalypse has ravaged the world.

A survivor camp hidden deep in the Rocky Mountains has an advantage, Anya Donovan. You see, Anya is a necromancer and in a time when the walking dead are taking over the world it definitely gives them an advantage. Fighting for their lives against the zombie horde isn't the only problem Anya and her family face...the other human survivors will do anything to endure. The other groups must never discover what Anya can do or her family will never live in peace.

Hold on to your seats and prepare for a non-stop, white knuckle, action thrill ride! *Dead Chaos* is a completely fantastic dystopian zombie adventure.

The writing team of April Brookshire and Ryan Brookshire bring us characters that jump to life (yes, even in a zombie based book :D)...creating a heart felt connection to their plight. *Dead Chaos* is a super start to a great new series.

This copy of *Dead Chaos* was given to me by April Brookshire in exchange for a honest review.

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## **Jessie says**

my only weakness is zombies and this book got me hooked!

amazingly written, and so graphic I was very impressed.

would have liked to have known more about her gift, I'm not sure what she is or what she can really do apart from make the dead sleep.

while reading I could picture myself there living through it, and that's how I know it is a great book! I never lost interest.

damn that sister of hers is a huge bitch! I get the attention seeking princess before the end of the world but not after, and she saved her life so many times and all she gets in return is being called freak, when she slaps her I'm so happy it was a long time coming.

the epilogue wow I loved how it was from his pov..

can't wait to read more, hope you don't keep me waiting long..

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### **Britan says**

#### **Not bad**

Not a bad zombie book. The story followed one family and the day to day lives they lead after the apocalypse. It was interesting albeit a little boring. I enjoyed the characters and am interested in continuing the series.

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### **Anya says**

ZOMG! ZOMG! ZOMG!

Zombies! And the protagonists name is Anya!

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### **Abbie says**

An okay read, but I'm glad it wasn't too long.

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### **Sarah says**

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to author April Brookshire.)

20-year-old Anya lives in a post-apocalyptic world overrun by zombies, where she fights with her family to keep herself and her loved ones alive.

Anya has a special ability, just by thinking about it, she can send out a signal which can switch the zombies

off for an hour. This is obviously a very useful skill, and soon Anya finds her group attacked by a rival gang who want her for their own because of her ability.

Can Anya's family keep her safe? Is her fate to be kidnapped or killed? And will she ever get the wedding she dreams of?

This was an okay zombie story, but parts of it irritated me.

Anya was an okay character; I was a little concerned about how blasé she was at times though. Firstly I found it a little silly the way she started going on about her wedding, I mean, in this sort of post-apocalyptic world would you even bother with a minister and a church? Wouldn't that be kind of unnecessary? And if she and her boyfriend had been together for so long, why hadn't they done this before?

Then there was the fact that both Anya and her boyfriend Kyle were saving themselves for marriage. I know that's a personal choice for people to make, but when any day could be your last, would you really wait? I mean they were twenty already, not exactly kids.

I also found it a little odd, that considering how valuable condoms were, and how they could be used as currency, that Anya would make a comment about having to soon start collecting them for herself. Wouldn't she have been collecting these in raids from the get go? Would there even be any left at Wal-Mart if they were so valuable? I doubt this to be honest. Surely anyone with half a brain would have been taking these off the shelves on raids for as long as possible, knowing that there's not exactly going to be more being manufactured anytime soon.

The storyline was alright, but I didn't find myself sucked into the story. I kept noticing things that annoyed me, and I got irritated by the way that people seemed to focus on things that I would not have labelled as important. I felt that maybe Anya and her clan were a bit too nice and too naïve to have survived so long in a zombie apocalypse, and I didn't really get why they had survived as long as they did, even with Anya's ability.

The ending wasn't really an ending at all. The story basically just stopped, leaving us with a cliff-hanger, and unfortunately I didn't enjoy this enough to want to read the next book in the series.

Overall; an okay, if slightly disappointing zombie novel.

4.5 out of 10.

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## Amy says

Welcome to the Post-Apocalypse with a super secret power! Ayna is a necromancer; she can control the dead – in theory. What she does it puts them to sleep for about an hour, while her 'family' scavengers for what they need or to escape. This is the super power I would want during the Zombie Apocalypse.

The story follows Anya and her 'family'. They aren't all related, but let's face it, if you can survive an apocalypse with me, we are bonded and family. She is with her dad, brothers and bratty sister, Riley who by the end of the book I wish would have gotten bitten. I do love how Anya deals with her. So that was good. They live in a secluded area that no one knows about but them and their neighbor Mac, who is miles away. Once in a while they do travel to other hold outs to trade goods. It's almost like Anya is the last girl on the Earth with the way men act around her. It did get old. Anya and her boyfriend Kyle are getting serious and are about to take the final step – marriage. Really? Who would worry about getting married during an zombie apocalypse? There are more important things to deal with, you know surviving.

I did enjoy how April Brookshire put her spin on the animals after being bit. I also liked how she would portray the zombies, older were slower, newer ones were fast! Plus she did a great job of making each character's voice heard and distinct. I didn't like how Viktor had his own chapter near the end of the book. That threw me completely off. The book was told by Anya and then one chapter by him?

While the story was good, it was predictable. You knew someone was going to get sloppy and bit, you KNEW there was no happily ever after any more. What you didn't know was that Anya could do more, she didn't even know it. Until the end BOOM!

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## **chucklethescot says**

I was disappointed that we joined the story in the middle of the zombie apocalypse because I like to read about the outbreaks and how society breaks down. I find that if we join the apocalypse late we then get info dumps looking back at how they got organised etc which can slow the books down too much for me. But that is a personal preference and I didn't mark the book down for that.

Put simply, I marked this down and didn't finish it because I hated the characters. You know you are in trouble reading a zombie novel when you want several of the 'heroes' to get ripped apart. In this book I would start with Anya's brother Alexi who is a moronic, rude, obnoxious, reckless, childish dumbass who seems to be more of a toddler than anything else. Seriously he's like a loudmouthed child with no concept of how to behave and when to shut his idiotic mouth. One page after he was introduced I wanted him dead. Then we have the rescued prisoner Zeke who is a foul mouthed, racist, bigoted little shit to put it bluntly. Add to that the spoiled little madam of a sister that Anya has who has tantrums every ten seconds. Feed these idiots to the zombies NOW.

I don't like plots where getting around the zombies is too easy. During the apocalypse, Anya discovers she is some kind of necromancer who with a single thought can put a group of zombies to sleep, allowing them to waltz into any shop they want to raid with ease. I love it in zombie books when the heroes have to do a dangerous supply raid and take on zombies in a dark store or shop! It takes all the tension out when Anya can just put them to sleep for a bit so that was a real disappointment.

The authors also seem to be obsessed with condoms and sex in the plot which was very boring. We constantly get talk about Viktor and his girlfriend having sex and him collecting condoms on raids. We get Anya wondering if Alexi is gathering condoms to be ready if he gets a chance-yeah like any girl would be desperate enough to want HIM even during an apocalypse. And Anya is then thinking about getting condoms to use with her boyfriend, then they want to trade condoms for medical help and on it goes. There are more condoms than zombies in this book. The characters are meant to be capable adults but all act like spoiled kids, bickering and arguing and talking rubbish when they should be concentrating on raids and zombies that could actually kill you. I pretty much hated them all.

I didn't find much of interest in this book and I won't be picking up anything else by the authors. I prefer zombie books that focus on the zombies not the sexual exploits of a foul mouthed cast of idiots that I hope all die!

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