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Collected in this anthology of death-defying passion are four of MaryJanice Davidson's wildest novellas of paranormal romance, featuring an amorous ghost, a witch and witch-hunter, a love-struck psychic, and a vampire and a werewolf.

4-in-1 novella reissue

Together for the first time, four devilishly entertaining novellas by the New York Times bestselling author prove that there's not only life after death, but desire too...

The Fixer-Upper (originally published December 2004 in Berkley trade paperback MEN AT WORK anthology and November 2005 in mass market paperback)

Cathy's new home is handsomely furnished—by an amorous male ghost. If only she had something she could...touch. Her neighbor may have a lousy personality, but he does have a perfect body. Now, spirit is about to meet flesh, to Cathy's delight.

Paradise Bossed (originally published July 2006 in Berkley Sensation trade paperback SURF'S UP anthology and May 2009 in mass market paperback)

While traveling in the Cayman Islands, Nikki loses her life in a tragic accident, but has no intention of cutting her vacation short. When a handsome male psychic is engaged to get a grip on Nikki's spirit, he does more. He finds himself falling in love with her.

Driftwood (originally published January 2007 in Berkley Sensation mass market paperback OVER THE MOON anthology)

A Cape Cod werewolf agonizes over the death of a woman by his own paw. Well, to be fair, he never really killed her. She's a vampire. Now she needs his help to kill the bloodsucker who turned her.

Witch Way (originally published March 2007 in Berkley Sensation trade paperback DEMON'S DELIGHT anthology)

For centuries their families have been embroiled in a violent, irreversible feud. Today, can a witch and a witch-hunter find common ground...without killing each other first? Sometimes opposites do attract.

Dying for You Details

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Cathi says

I love MJD but this was not one of her best.

Kayla says

Really, I think this should be a 3.5. I will go ahead and rate each story separately. The Fixer-Upper: I would give this story a solid three. It was a good concept, but I still had issues with the ending. Paradise Bossed: Unfortunately, I would give this story a two. This was by far the weakest of the stories, and I did not really enjoy it. Driftwood: I usually enjoy when MaryJanice does the werewolf stories, but this one was lacking the usual charm, so I would give it three stars. Witch Way: I loved this story, and I wish it could have been longer. It was a great concept and great execution. My only issue is that MaryJanice has a way of making most of her characters (even guys) sound like Betsy (and Chris is very Betsy-like). I still enjoyed it enough to give it four stars.

Sarah says

Rarely to i love all the stories in an anthology- but i really enjoyed all of these. They were great short paranormal romances. I would read these again. My favorite by far was the first one with Jack, though the second one about nikki was pretty good as well.

i don't think there were any blatant- described- sex scenes, but sex was mentioned and referred to many times. Yes the characters in all the stories had sex- but it wasn't descriptive.

Kara says

At first I thought "Wow, this is some of the best stuff MJD has done in YEARS!" Then I looked at the copyright page and saw that most of these short stories came out in 2004 or 2005, and were just collated in 2012. But, no matter, I'd never read any of these stories before, so I really enjoyed them.

I feel that the Wyndham Werewolves are some of MJD's better characters, so it's always nice when she goes back to that family. I wish she'd explore them more and stop beating us to death with Betsy the Queen of the Dead (seriously, Betsy is dead, leave her that way).

Beckie says

Audiobook - listened on my Shuffle. 4 short stories that were a decent listen, but I know I would have not finished the book. I used to really like MJD, but the past few years worth of work have just been subpar, in

my opinion. Crazy and convoluted. So much potential, but not enough follow through. Too many repetitive phrases, and the sex scenes make me cringe. Maybe she just has a lot of ideas, which is great, and doesn't know how to get a handle on them. Anyway...I would still recommend her to someone looking for a fun paranormal writer, but I wouldn't have them start with this book.

I guess I should add, now that I read a few other reviews, that the narrators really did not add anything to the stories, either, which may be why I didn't love these stories.

Mary Ellen says

Intertwined lovely fun stories! Some old characters from previous books and some brand new ones. Enjoyed it immensely!

Starr says

I liked 2 out of the 4 stories. I did the audiobook also and was ready to call it off on the first one because of the accent. Glad I hung in there. 3 and 4 were fun.

Braincandy says

The story was a 4/5 but the narrator of the audio book has grating female voices, and gave them horrid accents. It made me do something only the narrator of the Jeaniene Frost Night Huntress series has driven me to before. I returned the audio book and read the ebook. The book was much better read than listening to the annoying voices the narrator used.

Lori J says

I really enjoyed the first story in this, and was pleased to find that the best friend from the first story had her own story, but it just fell flat for me. I related more to her than the main character, and her story just didn't hit the same notes. I think if she had been the lead in the first story it would've been a lot better.

Syntha Green says

This was written earlier in MJ Davidson's career so not as polished as her newest stuff, but still quirky and funny. I listened to the audio (though I had read a couple of the stories previously in an anthology) and the first 2 stories were narrated with a darling Minnesota accent where warranted. The 4th story, however, the narrator seemed to slip into a southern accent occasionally.

Lesli says

Set of 4 Davidson short stories that have been published in other collections. I'm pretty sure I've read all of these. Then again, they all seemed new to me. Typical Davidson -- snarky, fast paced, likable characters, unrealistic events. Then again, it's fantasy.

Shannon says

Overall, cute, but as with any short story compilation, varying degrees of interesting or good. With Davidson, you just have to let go of all sensibilities and the result is quite entertaining with her rather slapstick humour. The narrator was a lot of fun in the first story (also my favourite), employing a Minnesota accent to full effect that was great.

The remaining stories were less interesting to me, but still enjoyable, so I averaged everything at 3 stars.

Jen (The Starry-Eyed Revue) says

I borrowed this audio anthology from the library because a friend lent me her bind up of the first four Betsy the Vampire Queen books and I wanted to get a feel for the author's work before starting that massive thing. It's funny. Kinda quirky. I may like the longer series. But I didn't care over much for this series of short stories based in worlds she's previously written in. I liked the amorous ghost. The psychic story kinda left me scratching my head. The witch/witch-hunter story was my least favorite and just bleh. And the werewolf/vampire story I listened to while distracted but I know it wasn't a favorite either. Ugh. I hate when someone foists a book on me like this because then I feel obligated to read it. And that thing is a flippin' doorstop. And unfortunately, my library doesn't have the audio. Waaaahhh.

Carolynn says

I should have known better. I don't pick up one of Ms Davidson's books unless I am ready to read for several hours (to finish the book). I was just going to check to see if it was "worth reading." Ha! Next thing I knew I was turning the last page on the fourth story, and the end of the book (several hours later). I hadn't washed dishes, sorted papers, or anything. I just read and smiled, and laughed.

Ms. Davidson has at least five series I can think of and each is leavened with plenty of humor--almost a required ingredient in the series I read. In fact, to cut to the chase, I would recommend just about anything Ms. Davidson has written (it does help to read series books in order) simply because she wrote them and that's almost an iron-clad guarantee you're going to like them, maybe even get some chuckles out of some of them. The werewolf series are just about the best in the laughs department, although the rest are pretty funny, too.

This book has four of her short stories in it, each a wonderful example of her skills in storytelling: whether about "normals," vampires, werewolves, witches, or whatever. Try it, you'll love it!

Erin Cataldi says

I've never read any of Mary Janice Davidson's paranormal romances before and after reading this short story collection I think I'll be passing. They were cliché, cheesy, and practically written for kids (minus the sex scenes). Each of the four short stories was horribly predictable and flat. The romances were over the top, unimaginative, and lacking. There are two short stories about falling in love with ghosts, one about a witch hunter, and another about a vampire and werewolf falling in love. Honestly the short stories could have all even been shorter. I wouldn't have minded one bit.
