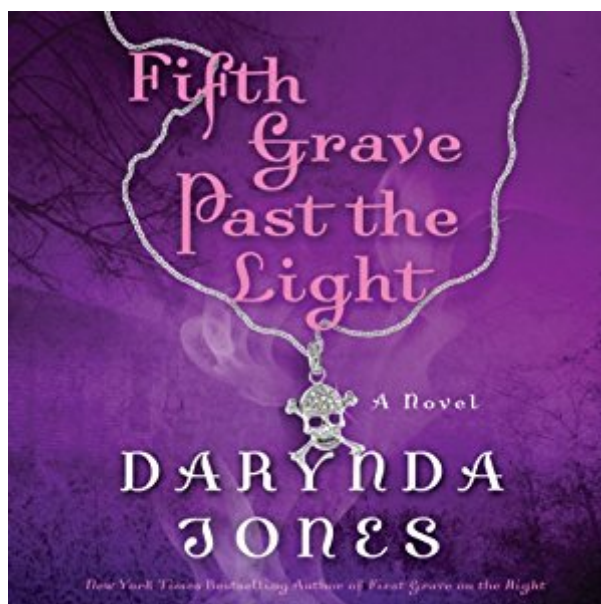


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Fifth Grave Past The Light: Charley Davidson, Book 5



Synopsis

Never underestimate the power of a woman on a double espresso with a mocha latte chaser high. (T-shirt) Charley Davidson isn't your everyday, run-of-the-mill grim reaper. She's more of a paranormal private eye/grim reaper extraordinaire. However, she gets sidetracked when the sexy, sultry son of Satan, Reyes Farrow, moves in next door. To further complicate matters, Reyes is her main suspect in an arson case. Charley has vowed to stay away from him until she can find out the truth... but then dead women start appearing in her apartment, one after another, each lost, confused, and terrified beyond reason. When it becomes apparent that her own sister, Gemma, is the serial killer's next target Charley has no choice but to ask for Reyes' help. Arsonist or not, he's the one man alive who could protect Gemma no matter who or what came at her. But he wants something in return. Charley. All of her, body and soul. And to keep her sister safe, it is a price she is willing to pay. Charley Davidson is at it again in Fifth Grave Past the Light, the sexy, suspenseful, and laugh-out-loud funny fifth installment of the New York Times best-selling series by Darynda Jones.

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Customer Reviews

I absolutely love this series and have had them on pre-order since I read the very first installment. It is fun, witty, very sexy, and completely packed with mysteries and action that never drag the story down. Quite the opposite, if anything, our protagonist has attention deficit and you feel it coming from the pages since she's tackling so many different things at the same time, meanwhile distracting

herself with her own inner ramblings. For some, this is distracting, but I find it campy and engaging. If you haven't read any of the previous installments, this is not the first place to start. The fifth book brings a very satisfying turning point to a rather stalled relationship that I find to be one of the most compelling and unique couplings in paranormal romance and the fantastic supporting characters are all back without recaps of who they are and what they do. The story begins with Charley back in the swing of things working on your typical infidelity investigation, but her workload gets much larger when traumatized ghosts, ranging in ages from 7 to 35, all women with blond hair, start turning up in her apartment. Charley also finds herself completely stumped when she tracks down a body from one of her ghostly visitors only to find she's not a ghost. With backlogged cases, family matters and most importantly, relationship issues, Charley finally makes a decision about what she wants from her long list of boyfriend potentials. This installment is simply non-stop. Like the other installments, multiple mysteries unfold in the beginning, but this one piles on even more mysteries, red herrings, violence, possible alliances and potential antagonists for future stories.

For those new to the series, Charley Davidson is The Grim Reaper. Yes, that's "the" with a capital T. Only instead of her approaching people as they die, those that have already died and are finally ready to move on approach her shining light as she's the portal to the next realm. She works as a PI that consults for the local police department, specifically for her uncle whose close rates have the precinct captain following her to see how she does it. Her secret is the fact that she sees and communicates with ghosts and gets information from them. Oh, and she has a relationship with the very sexy son of Satan, Reyes. The ghosts of 27 blonde women start showing up in Charley's apartment, only they're all so traumatized that they don't even acknowledge her presence; all except for a girl under her bed who is about seven. But even she isn't talking. So part of the book deals with discovering what happened to them. An arsonist is also burning down the buildings where Reyes had lived and she's not sure how to ask him if he's doing it as she'd have to have him arrested if he's guilty. There are changes with this latest story. First, Charley had been suffering PTSD in the last book and she's much better now. But her lack of sleeping in the last book had her slap happy and the humor was much more laugh out loud--like it was in prior books--than in this tale. There's still humor and Charley is still as sarcastic as ever, but the humor feels more subdued, almost like Charley has matured. Another big change is her relationship with Reyes who has a bigger role which also provides humor and the intimacy has moved to a new level. We also learn about a number of really old prophecies regarding Charley and the real reason Reyes was sent to her.

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