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While Seth searches for Jenny, Dr. Heather Reynard of the CDC unravels Seth and Jenny's secrets.

Alexander opens Jenny's mind to her deep past, and to the full horrific extent of her powers.

Torn between her feelings for Alexander and Seth, and between her past lives and her present, Jenny must prepare to face her enemies, as well as the darkness within her...

## Alexander Death Details

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## Y.k. Greene says

This one wasn't quite as much fun for me as the previous books since there's pretty much no Ashleigh in it but it was a great look deeper into the world of these interconnected characters so I still enjoyed it.

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## Darleen says

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**Title:** Alexander Death (*The Paranormals #03*)

**Author:** J.L. Bryan

**Rating:** 4/5

Even though Jenny hardly knows him, Alexander is the person she trusts the most right now. He rescued her from the police, so that has to mean something. He is not her opposite, yet she can't help feel drawn to him. Perhaps also because Alexander helps her to remember some of their past lives and their deep connection back then.

In the meantime Seth is trying his best to find Jenny, which isn't the simplest task since Dr. Reynard seems to discover their secret.

It's time for the final battle between the good and the bad.

Eww. What a dumb summary of mine.

I can't believe it's over now. I loved this series so, so much. I think *Alexander Death* was the weakest book in the series, but I loved it anyways.

In the third book you first notice how deep the love of Jenny and Seth really is. I mean, you noticed it before but that was more like a typical first love thing. Now you truly understand that they belong together and what being the opposite for someone really means.

Though, I've got to confess that my favourite couple in the whole series was Tommy and Esmeralda. Or even Pedro and Esmeralda. Too bad Pedro is just a normal human :/ But wait! That means I can have him, right? :D I would have liked to read more of him.

So, Ashleigh is still in possession of Esmeralda's body, which really annoys me actually. Perhaps because I can't stand Ashleigh. Who could anyway? She is such a bitch and manipulates everyone around her. I'm surprised that she didn't find a way to rule the world during her past lives. Should have been easy for someone like her to get to that goal. Whatever.

Tommy doesn't really take any side in this fight. It seems as if he is on the bad side, but all he actually wants is Esmeralda and since she is on the bad side, because she is Ashleigh right now, he thinks that Jenny and Seth are the bad guys here.

Alright, so why on earth does Alexander have to disappoint me so damn much? I don't want to spoil

anything, but you'll eventually figure out that he is not who he pretends to be. This crazy plan he is following, I still can't believe it. I don't even know what else to write, because I would spoil so much and I don't want to do that. To say a good thing, at least just one, I liked him in the beginning. That has to be enough positive stuff I said about him now :P

I don't know what should say about Seth and Jenny, really. They didn't change, they are still the main characters and they still want peace for everyone, which seems still absurd since Jenny's power is to hurt and kill people. But with Seth by her side it seems like a good power somehow. Doesn't make much sense I know.

Two small final confessions: #01. I don't like Heather Reynard, though I don't know why, but I'm not much into reading point of views from cops or even just doctors sides. That doesn't fit into teen paranormal books for me. But that's just how I see it. Heather's view was important for the books anyway. You wouldn't have understood some things otherwise. #02. I love Kisa! She is so adorable and I'm so sad that there wasn't much of her here.

As I said - I'm sad it ended, but the ending is good and I am happy that I read this fabulous series!

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## **Marisa says**

This books marks significant changes in all of the characters. In this one, Jenny finds herself quickly taken under the wing of Alexander and his questionable influences. Despite myself, I was rooting for Alexander and Jenny though something seems off. He helps Jenny see into her past and the true source of her powers. That being said, be prepared for some major twists and turns! I won't say much more because it'd be too easy to reveal too much. Originally, this was planned to be the final book in the series so I will say that most major questions are answered by the completion of the book.

Warning: If you didn't enjoy the level of horror/violence in the previous books, I would not continue with the series. It only gets more intense going forward. Contains horror and violence.

Who Should Read it? Fans of fantasy in a contemporary setting or horror.

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## **Natasha says**

### **Round 3 is a go**

Book three in the series was better than book two, for me at least. I enjoyed all of the characters and the journeys they ventured.

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## **Heather says**

SPOILERS IF YOU HAVE NOT READ JENNY POX AND TOMMY NIGHTMARE DO NOT READ

REVIEW BUY BOOKS!!!!!!

ALSO I'D LIKE TO CAUTION THAT THIS IS FOR OLDER YA READERS DEFINITELY NOT FOR YOUNGER READERS

JL Bryan is a master storyteller and if you don't believe me, then read any of his stories and see for yourself. I'm writing today about the third book in his series, *The Paranormals*, *Alexander Death*. If you're up on the story thus far, you will not be disappointed with *Alexander Death*. It is fast paced and filled with so much energy and character that it is legendary. The characters have powers like none I've seen in YA.

Jenny, tortured throughout two novels is now coming into her own. Jenny Morton, has been through way more than any single character that I've read about in my reading history! She's been tormented by Ashleigh Goodling all her life. She's been unable to touch people because she can give people a deadly disease, "Jenny Pox", her classmates have nicknamed it. She can't even hug her dad or pet the dog. She craved human touch and finally found it with her opposite, Seth. But after the town attacked them and Jenny unleashed herself, after her father was scared of her and after Seth betrayed her trust and she's in danger, the sexy stranger that claims to know her better than anyone and saves her seems like a great idea. So off to Mexico she goes with Alexander, El Brujo. Like the other *Paranormals*, Ashleigh, Seth, Esmerelda, Tommy and Jenny, Alexander also has his own kind of power. It's an interesting power and Jenny's power enhances it.

But Alexander claims he wants to be with Jenny because they've been together through many lifetimes. He seems to remember all of them, while Jenny has no memory of the lives they've shared. Alexander treats her like no one has ever treated her. She has a servant who becomes her first real friend, Kisa, and her own room. She goes shopping and buys her own clothes and is actually able to save herself and Kisa from two thugs using her power, for good instead of evil for the first time that she can remember. And Alexander treats her with respect, he throws her a party and shows her what her power can do. He treats her like the goddess he says she is.

But, is he really as good as he appears to be? JL Bryan leads you to think so. We never really know more than Jenny knows about Alexander. We know what Seth is doing to try to find her and we know that she isn't safe going back to the United States. But JL Bryan keeps what's about to happen a closely guarded secret until its thrust upon you and you're left wide open trying to deal with your emotions and the situation, just like Jenny. Who to believe? Who to trust? There is an underlying darkness, but there's always been that. And what about the Mayans? And the snakes? And the zombies? And the drugs? And is the CDC and Homeland Security still poking around the Fallen Oak "chemical plant" disaster?

As I said this is such a fast paced novel I read it in one night. I sat there and drank in every word and the cautious person in me was saying, "Jenny, don't open the basement door." While the one that wanted her to finally have some fun and get some revenge was saying, "Go for it!" I vacillated throughout the entire book.

And then I got to the last twenty pages and I kept thinking, "No way he can pull it all off in this amount of pages." And I kept reading and watching the page numbers go down and kept thinking, "No way he can finish this story in this amount of pages." I was worried about info dump or a neat and tidy bow or something like that. But the more I said "no way" the better the story got. That final battle, it was legendary! I've read some kick ass fight scenes this year and I've read some great fight scenes in this series, the one in *Jenny Pox* at the end is not to be missed! But this one, this one has got to be right up there with *Buffy* when they blow up Sunnysdale High at graduation minus the mayor turning into a giant snake. It is monumental!

By the time I got down to the last few cool down tie up loose end pages, I was so pumped full of adrenaline I

was bouncing up and down on the bed. I felt like jumping on the bed, but the ceiling fan gets in the way. As it was I used the f-word on Twitter! That is how great this finale is to this series!

You will not stop to eat or drink or even pee. You will glare at humans and animals that dare to interrupt you and you will kick yourself if you don't hurry up and read this series. The real origins of the Paranormals comes out in this book so you need to make sure you've got all three because once you've read the first one, you'll never want to wait for the second one and definitely not for Alexander Death.

I loved every minute of this book. Every question was answered everything was completed, but not tied up with a bow. There were a few extras thrown in that I didn't expect and I loved the ending. Read it! Enjoy it! Tell me how much you loved it!

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## **Lorre says**

In the beginning of this book I thought having Alexander in Jenny's life was a good thing. But then bit by bit we discover how Alexander is really like and how him knowing about his past lives has shaped him. I wasn't really liking who Jenny was becoming because of Alexander.

Funny really that Alexander doesn't like Ashleigh because she's manipulative cause he's certainly a master in manipulation himself!

Alexander is an interesting character to read about and getting a glimpse of Jenny like she was in past lives with the influence of Alexander was terrifying.

I can't wait to see what the next (and sadly last) book of the series takes us!

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## **Victoria Zigler says**

While there were things I liked about this book, there were also things that made it my least favourite in the series. It was great getting to learn more about the paranormals, and how things came to be the way they are. On the other hand, I felt like half the book was taken up with people manipulating other people in to having sex, and quite frankly wanted to get on with the actual story. Excellent ending though.

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## **Smash says**

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**\*SPOILERS FOR PREVIOUS BOOK. YOU'VE BEEN WARNED.\***

**Smashtastic Synopsis:** The final installment in the Paranormals Trilogy by J.L. Bryan, Alexander Death packed a punch. At the end of Tommy Nightmare, Alexander steps in and saves Jenny's life from a mob riot caused by Ashleigh and Tommy. She is being pummeled to death, and has been severely hurt by Seth, so she makes the only viable decision. Alexander sweeps her away to Mexico, where he slowly opens her mind to her past lives, showing her that they are meant to be together. Meanwhile, Seth never gives up on Jenny, and

searches until he finds her. Jenny is torn between her feelings for Seth and Alexander, both present very different futures for Jenny. What will her heart tell her to do?

**Interest in the book:** I dare you to read Jenny Pox and not follow through with the entire series. And if you don't...\*sticks out tongue\*

**Characters:** I wanted to like Alexander during certain parts of this story, but deep down, I knew he was an evil dude looking out for his own arse. I knew it wasn't wise to trust him but he was a charming son of a gun! Plus, he raises the dead. Win! Jenny really morphs in this book, and she is almost unrecognizable in the middle of the story. She has come to terms with her past, and with help from Alexander's manipulation, becomes something she despises. Tommy takes a serious turn in this book, and I was quite pleased with his growth. Ashleigh brings her wickedness down like scalpels, and she is relentless when it comes to destroying Jenny! Seth knows in his heart that Jenny needs him, and he does not give up on her. \*swoon\*

**Worldbuilding:** This story opens up with a memory of Seth and his older brother, Carter. It's a touching scene and really sets the tone for the book. Throughout this entire series, we're presented with a group of individuals who are so much more than meets the eye. As old as time, they've lived throughout the human history, molding history like putty in their hands. In present day, these individuals all have serious choices to make: Do I continue down the path I've always walked, full of death, destruction and deceit, or do I carve out the new path that my heart yearns for?

**Lasting Impressions:** I was quite entertained, horrified and engrossed in this series from page 1 of Jenny Pox. The author created dynamic, interesting characters, a world rich with mythology that spans back to the beginning of time, horrific scenes and touching moments. I connected with the characters, even the not-so-sweet ones, and I was invested in their safety and future from the very beginning. To me, this is what a good story is all about.

**Smashtastic Entertainment Scale:** Wicked Enjoyable

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## **Craig Hansen says**

Alexander Death wraps up J.L. Bryan's trilogy of novels that began in Jenny Pox and continued in Tommy Nightmare. The series, now called "The Paranormals," delivers more often than not when it comes to satisfying resolutions to character arcs.

The first half of the novel is taken up by establishing the new player introduced at the end of Tommy Nightmare, Alexander, who finally wakes Jenny up to her past lives and her almost-godlike nature. After that, the novel moves at breakneck pace toward a final resolution for all concerned.

Most satisfying were the clear fates laid out for key players Seth, Jenny, Ashley and Alexander. Less satisfying was the somewhat murkier, more suggested than detailed, fates of Tommy and Esmerelda.

The story reaches all the way to Mexico and Central America, and eventually returns to where it all started: Fallen Oak.

The story offers believable motivations throughout, and ends with a sense that the tale is at last complete. A mostly-satisfying read that should please those who enjoyed the first two installments.

As before, Alexander Death focuses in young-adult-aged characters, but is not a young-adult novel. It's content is a bit more mature than that, though with all the climactic action, seems to benefit from a lighter touch of the intense stuff this time around.

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## **Loretta says**

This book starts off with Seth, as a child. Reliving his past, when his brother Carter, 1st learned about Seth's... touch. Taking you into that moment, when his family received that dreaded phone call. Carter had died. This was not easy for Seth. As I was reading this I was so 'emotional'! Really, wiped a tear. All Seth wanted was to save his brother. But, it was too late.

At the ending of book #2 (Tommy Nightmare). Jenny had left with the ever mysterious Alexander. Who saved her from the riot in Charleston that had been created by the ever so evil ass Ashleigh & Tommy. After her rescue, she leaves with Alexander to Mexico. At the ending of book 2 I was so mad at Seth. I mean COME ON. Then I was like, Ooo Alexander, sounds... rather.. delish.

For a second I think I changed sides. For a SECOND that is.

Something about Alexander I didn't like. I just could not put my finger on it. But, something was up with this... a perfect specimen...to perfect. After some time in Mexico, Jenny finds answers to some questions. But, are they the truth?

Alexander treats Jenny as a Queen. \*ahem\* Zombie Queen. Buying her gifts, having party's, wanting nothing more than for Jenny to remember him, her past, their past lives 'together'. As Jenny tries, she only remembers minor things.... at 1st...

Seth is left, in Fallen Oaks, with no idea of where Jenny is. Or what has happened. What happened in Charleston? The girl, the mob, everything is just a little fuzzy & very weird to him at this point. He feels, it is almost like, Ashleigh's doing. But, Ashleigh is dead.... UH, NO!

Thinking that Jenny was Kidnapped, Seth seeks her out. Turning to some big guys to find out what has happened. But, will they be able to help him? Or will he be left with more questions.

When he finally finds Jenny, he is surprised.. Jenny has changed.

Everything that happened in this book (and all the others) was simply genius. Edge of your seat, make you want to smack your momma good. Ok, maybe not smack your momma. But, def something.

JL Bryan has this way, of pulling you in with every word, every page, ever chapter.. until your sitting on the edge of your bed, book in hand, biting your nails until they are nonexistent. You will think one thing is going to happen, then the switch will flip, leaving you with your mouth hanging open in awe. Never think you know what is going to happen. Because, once you do that idea will smack you in your face, revealing something new.

Alexander Death was a great ending to a AMAZING trilogy! Although, I am very sad that it is over. I am so very glad that I have read this trilogy, as I can say it has been one of my favorite sets of books, in a while. You get very attached to the characters. I would love to learn more about them. JL Bryan rocked these books. If you do not read them, you are missing out on some very AWESOME things.

Jenny Pox, Tommy Nightmare, & Alexander Death, will take you into the world of 6 extraordinary characters, all who have different stories, abilities, and challenges along the way. Some you will love, and some you will love to hate. But in the end, you will be so wrapped up in each and every one of them. \*Sigh\*

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## Heather says

### Contains Mild Spoilers for Books 1 and 2, *Jenny Pox* and *Tommy Nightmare* in The Paranormals Series

*Jenny Pox* and its sequel, *Tommy Nightmare*, are two of my favorite paranormal books that I've ever read (click the titles for the reviews by Pushy and me). And the final book in The Paranormals trilogy, *Alexander Death*, and has just made the top of my list for favorite book.

Jenny Morton has lived a hard life, one where she has to avoid all human and animal contact or risk infecting those unlucky enough to brush against her with a plague-like pox that can kill. In the first book, *Jenny Pox*, she finds that there is one person she can touch without the risk of killing them. Jenny's opposite is Seth, who has the power to heal with just one touch. But he is the boyfriend of Ashleigh, the girl who has made her entire life a living hell, and she ramps up her campaign of evil to take down Jenny when Seth leaves Ashleigh for the outcast.

At the end of *Jenny Pox*, Jenny and Seth learn that there are more Paranormals out there than just the two of them and Ashleigh and that they have been reincarnating in the bodies of humans over countless millennia. In *Tommy Nightmare*, they learn that the other Paranormals always try to find one another when Tommy comes looking for his opposite. While Ashleigh spreads love with her touch, Tommy instills fear and hate with his, and he can't wait to meet up with Ashleigh. But when he can't find her, he takes aim at Jenny and Seth to get revenge for the missed opportunities. While finding a way to team up with Ashleigh, employing the powers of another Paranormal named Esmeralda, they set off to rip apart Jenny and Seth. Just when it looks like they've succeeded, Esmeralda's opposite, Alexander swoops in and rescues Jenny from the middle of a huge riot at the end of *Tommy Nightmare*.

In the beginning of *Alexander Death*, Jenny is grateful to Alexander for saving her from the crush of people that tried to rip her apart. While she didn't want to infect anyone, she couldn't help but feel bad about anyone that was harmed because of the powers that have plagued her forever. While Jenny has few memories of Alexander and their past lives together, he remembers every single incarnation. And he offers to help Jenny remember and bring her back from the pathetic mess that she is now to her former glory.

While Alexander brings Jenny to his estate in Mexico, he treats her with respect and ultimately helps her get all of her past lives memories back. Alexander longs for the companionship that Jenny has given him throughout the incarnations, but he also wants the power that comes from just having her near brings. But does Jenny like what she was so many times before and what she then becomes when she remembers? I won't spoil that here, but she ultimately has some very hard decisions to make when Homeland Security, Mexico's version of the same entity, and the CDC bring out the full court press to find her.

While Dr. Heather Reynard tries to figure out the mystery behind Jenny's disease spreading ability and subsequently Seth's ability to heal, Ashleigh inhabits Esmeralda's body and is up to her old political power plays while keeping Tommy on a very short leash. Throughout the book, Seth doesn't give up looking for Jenny, who has seemingly vanished without a trace. But if you have enough money, anything is possible and are willing to do some of the detective work yourself as Seth soon finds out.

Ultimately in this book, Jenny finally comes to terms with who she is, what her powers are, and what she's been in the past, and how it has affected those around her. And she finally owns the situation, making what she finally wants out of it, not what others want her to do. *Alexander Death* is an excellent series ender, full

of deceit, subterfuge, and danger. Each of the books in the trilogy is truly solid.

JL Bryan did a fantastic job with this series, and in the end, an even better way of proving that just because you've always taken one path, doesn't mean that you can't make a new one that will make you happier and lighter. And Jenny and the man she chose in the end will definitely be happier with those choices, blazing a new trail. I give this one a five out of five.

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## **jD says**

Wow!!!

This trilogy has been one wild ride. Alexander Death was more than I expected. It's gotta be hard for any author to crank out three books that close together utilizing one core concept and a handful of key characters and turn it into perfection. I can't find a flaw in JL Bryan's vision. The man has skills.

So when last I left off, Jenny had a few new problems. Namely, Ashleigh may not actually be dead just because her body is gone. Seth may or may not be the love of her life. Tommy and Esmeralda may or may not actually be important to the outcome. The CDC may or may not finally have the proof they need to put Jenny in a lab for the rest of her life. But most of all, Alexander may or may not hold the key to everything including who and what Jenny is.

As it turns out, Alexander is one of the beings that has shared many lifetimes on the same side of the battle as Jenny. He finds a way to unlock her memories and she discovers that she has loved him for thousands of years. Alexander can raise the dead and when he is with Jenny, he can extend his puppet master talents tenfold. Jenny is safe at last with the being who compliments her talent. She now understands that there was a time when she was worshipped as a goddess. She starts to find a new groove in life and doesn't plan to reinstate Seth as a lover and friend. He crossed her bad in the last book or at least it really looked that way.

Ashleigh 2.0 is back at her old tricks and evil to the core. I hate her. She has pulled her traditional team of powers together to fight Jenny and Alexander. It seems she has had Tommy Nightmare by her side in every previous life. Esmeralda has been a wildcard but pretty much in Ashleigh's court. Seth, it would seem, has always been Ashleigh's pawn. Alexander believes that although Seth and Jenny hooked up, Seth is still Ashleigh's tool even if he doesn't know it. That little twist just about killed me. I loved Jenny and Seth together. I believed everything Alexander did was for Jenny's happiness. I believed he loved her and I was happy to see her safe at last. The problem for me was the fact that only Alexander remembered everything and was well ahead of everyone else. It seems they have to die and come back in the same lifetime to remember. Until this lifetime, Jenny had not died and come back so she did not know her own story. The question that nagged me the whole time was whether she remembered everything.

I won't say if I was right or wrong about Alexander but I will say I was wrong about a whole lot of things. Everytime I thought I had this thing figured out, my internal genius took a blow. The story never did what I thought it would do. The characters were not as predictable as I thought and expected. This only made me love the story more.

I am so happy to see there is another book planned although this one had a perfect wrap. I really want more and am excited to know that Mr. Bryan is not done with Jenny. I don't know if I could take Ashleigh again so

I am hoping she is really dead this time although she will surely be reborn as they always are. At least now I can get some sleep. Whew!

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## **Baily says**

### **Interesting**

It was a good middle school read for those interested in fiction and history alike. I'm more into non-fiction, but this was easy enough to enjoy.

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## **Giselle says**

### **\*Spoiler free for the series!\***

This series started so innocently didn't it? I mean, we have Jenny who's a timid, broken girl with the touch of death--or disease, who keeps to herself (for good reason) being all innocent and sweet. Ha! Good one! Sweet little Jenny is no more. Her character changes tremendously between the first and third book of this series, both emotionally and mentally. Such a plot would not have thrived otherwise, It was a need, and it was done with perfection. Her growth mirrored the plot exactly, going from the Jenny she thought she was, to the Jenny she didn't know she had to be.

Like its protagonist, this series has evolved from a cryptic horror into a complex, even scandalous plot. Again, and I keep mentioning it because it seems to be an ongoing misconception on these books, this is not intended for young readers! Yes it may have teenage characters, but it's a fully adult read that comprises of horror, sex, and drugs, followed by more horror, stronger drugs, and fully described sexual acts! Capish? \*shoves book in your face because it's awesome\*

Isn't it the worst to review sequels and up? I feel like I've said it all in the previous reviews, and since I refuse to use spoilers, I'm pretty much at a loss. Don't take this the wrong way, it's a great installment that fully lived up to my expectations--although the first remains my favorite. I'm really enjoying how deep we're getting into this epically unique plot. The ending of Jenny Pox blew my socks off, which was the first leaf that turned this series into something completely unexpected. In this third book, and as the title portrays, we get to learn more about this Alexander fellow who started to appear mysteriously in the sequel. I thought his character was very unnerving. I knew I shouldn't trust him or his intentions, still, I found him indefinitely alluring. He has this charm that makes it easy to put our concerns on the back-burner. Besides Alexander, we also get glimpses into the perspective of the other characters, who are all on the hunt for Jenny; some to save her, others to kill her. It's an exciting and drama filled novel, like its predecessors.

More characters means more story, which means more secrets revealed. We learn a great deal more about Jenny and the history surrounding her. I thought the various twists were woven in greatly and, while they're not made to shock necessarily, I appreciated how unexpected some were. And as I've mentioned previously, I do enjoy how JL considers the consequences such a plot would have on the real world, like the CIA and CDC's involvement. Not everyone can be oblivious to a bizarre disease that is sporadically and freakishly killing people, seemingly at random, and always with a particular girl present. I was satisfied with the way things ended in this novel. The series is filled with details ranging from their abilities to their complicated

relationships, and I was weary of how things would all tie up at the end. BUT, a little bird told me that there was now (or will soon be) a fourth book \*gasp\*, so we will see how that ending compares. I will either be impressed at the ability of a planned trilogy to continue without feeling like we're beating a dead horse, or I will curse JL for life. Hey, it's totally his call!

If you're a horror fan--think Carrie--then I'm sure you have read this series already so I have nothing else to say. Right? \*glares\*

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## **Jenny says**

The moment a very young Jenny Morton released her pox on a rattlesnake she hoped to turn into a playmate but instead watched in horror as it died a gruesome death she made herself a permanent fixture in our minds and hearts, the pain and vulnerability resulting from her curse so tangible we almost didn't want to continue her story knowing things for her would inevitably get far worse before she was granted happiness. The road through the trilogy has been a dark and twisted one, Mr. Bryan's ability to inflict shallow emotional wounds that make us feel just enough of Jenny's hurt without overwhelming us to the point we can no longer bear to read creating a reading experience we won't soon forget. This final installment is as difficult to read as its predecessors, Jenny's story reaching perhaps its lowest point yet as past and present collide to bring the truth of the six paranormals' existence fully into the light.

Alexander Death manages to be both the most enjoyable and least enjoyable of the three books, Jenny's downward spiral into someone we don't recognize as a result of an intimate betrayal and insidious manipulation unbelievably painful to witness, but at the same time our faith that Mr. Bryan will not lead us into the darkness without providing a flame to guide us back out is at its highest, and we just have to call on our patience as we read, continually scanning the blackness for that first flicker of orange to appear. Still distraught by the events at the conclusion of Tommy Nightmare, it's easy for us to understand Jenny's willingness to shed the sweet human innocence of this most current reincarnation and embrace the power memories of her past life help her to harness, but her change takes its toll on us as readers and we long for the moments when her need for Seth was strong and pure and something to truly envy before it was so monstrously corrupted.

Added to the despair over Jenny's new persona is the pain of Seth's unwavering devotion to her now that he's been freed of Ashleigh's disgusting influence. Though we can't help but still want to see a grand show of groveling for his past behavior, our love for Seth returns to its previous fervor as we watch him endlessly search for what has slipped through his fingers. Seth therefore continues to ascend as Jenny so tragically descends, and we spend much of the story wondering how and if they might ever meet in the middle again, or whether their feet have carried them too far in opposite directions to find their way back. We know each of them has an unbelievable strength of will however, allowing us hope that all will be well eventually despite the staggering evidence that continues to suggest otherwise.

As with the previous two books, Alexander Death has some bothersome drug use and some more detailed sex scenes, so it's recommended more for older readers. Overall though, Mr. Bryan has written a brilliant

series that challenges us emotionally and proves to us that he has little fear of knocking his characters down before slowly building them back up. For those who like dark and gritty tales with characters who scratch, tear, and claw at you until they work themselves under your skin permanently, this series is for you.

Rating: 4/5

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