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Darina is in denial. Even after all she's been through, the Beautiful Dead can't be real. They must be a figment of her grief-stricken imagination. But visions of Phoenix and Hunter prove otherwise and soon she's drawn back to Foxton, to the barn, to Phoenix - where they have, what may just be, their final reunion.

It's the moment they've been dreading - time to solve Phoenix's mystery. Everything has been building to this but Darina knows that revealing the true circumstances of Phoenix's death will lead to their final parting. With this impossible mixture of emotions, Darina begins to unscramble the facts, but she's up against mounting obstacles: the distraction of Hunter's personal mystery, Phoenix's returning father, threats of gang violence and conspiracies to blur and block the truth.

With time pressure mounting and the risk of Phoenix being sent back into unending limbo, Darina puts herself in danger, and so the mystery of the Beautiful Dead builds into a heart-breaking climax ...

## **Phoenix Details**

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### **Esmeralda Verdú says**

Final de una saga que ha pasado sin pena ni gloria entre las muchas que he leído. Parte de una idea que puede considerarse algo original: mueren cuatro adolescentes en el pueblo de la protagonista (entre ellos se encuentra su propio novio), se encuentra con sus almas en un granero abandonado y les ayuda a resolver sus muertes porque no las recuerdan y puedan descansar en paz. En cada libro se resuelve una de las muertes, por lo que la estructura de todos los que componen la saga es prácticamente la misma y bastante predecible: sabemos que la protagonista va a resolver el caso sí o sí aunque se lamente muchas veces de que no le va a dar tiempo a hacerlo. Los personajes son bastante planos y el romance no es nada del otro mundo teniendo en cuenta que uno de ellos está muerto... Si leéis mis reseñas de los libros anteriores veréis que no tienen una valoración nada mala, pero eso es lo que me parecieron cuando no había leído ni la mitad de libros de esta temática paranormal romántica juvenil. Si los volviera a leer ahora, no sería tan buena. Así que no es que este último libro me haya decepcionado, sino que ha estado igual que los anteriores y me lo esperaba tal y como ha sido. Si he seguido con la saga es porque éste era el libro que más estaba esperando leer de todos desde que leí el primero, pues es en el que se resuelve el caso del novio de la protagonista. Ha sido bastante predecible. Son libros que se leen muy rápido porque al menos se hacen entretenidos, pero si tuviera que recomendarlos, no lo haría especialmente.

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### **Emma says**

I am so heartbroken right now!

From the first book, I have had an idea of who killed Phoenix. And through all the books I have become more sure that I had the right person. It turned out that I was right, even though I wished I was wrong. Why could it not be another person?

This book was amazing, and sad. The only reason this gets a four stars instead of full, is because the ending was a bit rushed. Darina and Phoenix did not get the full closure they deserved.

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### **Samantha Haviland says**

I honestly do not know why I was so determined to stick with this series until the end. The initial concept was very interesting and I was intrigued, but the writing is less than fantastic. This book ended predictably and I wasn't at all surprised, but what can you expect when the whole damn series has been leading up to this inevitable conclusion? For some reason, Phoenix bothered me even more than the previous three novels in the series. Darina is a pitiful heroine, with a backbone that only presents itself when entirely inappropriate. If I'm being truthful, her "love" for Phoenix is disgusting, nothing more than a teenage infatuation that seems to be turning into a disturbing obsession. The only reason I'm glad I read this book all the way through is because I demonstrated incredible will power. If you don't agree, I'm sorry, but that is simply my opinion.

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## **Linnéa Söderberg says**

Really easy reading. Everything just went too fast and the epilogue sucked. Well, it's a book for young teens, but okay. The reason I read this book (the last in the series) is because I started the first book when I was twelve and I just had to finish the rest of the books since I already read the first one.

Good book if you like supernatural things and a book that you want to read in a day.

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## **SeaBook says**

Slzy na krají?ku, nervy v kýblu :'(  
Bože m?j, pro??!

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## **Heather-Jane says**

\*FUMES ANGRILLY

Spoilers\*\*\*\*\* I WILL use capitals ALOT!

It. Just. Ended.

There was no twist of, OHMYGOD, WOW! It, just, finished.

I thought Phoenix might find a way to be with her, or she dies and stays with him in heavn, but no!

I can't even write a review right now im SO mad:(

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## **Kristýna says**

Nebudu hodnotit každou knihu zvláš?, ale ohodnotím celou sérii jako celek. Nám?t je zajímavý, je to opravdu trochu n?co jiného v tom mo?i upír? což na m? p?sobí jako závan ?erstvého vzduchu. Kniha je napsána celkem dosp?le. Není p?eslazená a všeho je tam tak akorát. Detektivní linka je zajímavá a udržuje ?tená?e napnutého. Knihy jsem p?e?etla v podstat? za pár dní... mé nadšení bylo zp?sobeno hlavn? tím, že jsem chtěla v?d?t jak to dopadne s Phoenixem a Darinou. Konec byl takový... není to klasický happy end, ale asi to tak m?lo být. Knihy jsou napsány velmi ?tiv?, ob?as je d?j malinko p?edvídatelný, ale autorka dokáže i p?ekvapit. Tohle rozhodn? není ?etba na zlepšení nálady. Totáln? to z vás vycucá emoce... snad u každé knihy jsem bre?ela jak želva a poslední byla pro m? nejsmutn?jší a nejdepresivn?jší. Autorka skv?le zachytila to, když vám odejde n?kdo blízký. Nep?sobí to strojen? a nechce se vám bouchat hlavou o ze?. Snad jedna z mála knih, kdy sympatizuji s hlavní hrdinkou.

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## Evelin says

Musím priznať, že si posledná časť série o Krásnych mŕtvych udržala svoju stálu úroveň. Štýl písania autorky je mi sympatický. Autorka sa však snažila možno až príliš často dať čitateľovi podozrivých. Keď sa konečne autorka rozhodla, kto to bude, koniec bol naozaj skvelý.

4-krát opakovať ten istý úvod a takisto cestovanie časom na vyriešenie vraždy mi neušetrilo. Autorka predsa len mohla byť trochu kreatívnejšia. Ak prehliadnem pár nepriaznivých detailov, kniha sa mi veľmi páčila.

Som rada, že sme sa toľko dozvedeli o Phoenixovej rodine a takisto Darina sa mi zdala síce na pokraji síl, ale ochotná pustiť svojho milovaného akej a pomôcť mu vyriešiť jeho vraždu. Presvedčili ma, že sa naozaj ľúbia.

Čo by som ešte autorke vytkla je to, že podľa mňa nechápe celkom definíciu slova spravodlivosť. Podľa nej má vrah umrieť a vtedy nájde obeť pokoj. Niekedy má fráza "Oko za oko, zub za zub" správnosť a je na mieste, ale uviť svojich čitateľov, že previnilec musí za svoje hriechy bezpodmienečne zomrieť, to je za názor? Predsa mladšie decká, ktoré sú plné hnevu a vzdoru si majú z príbehu zobrať názor, že ak im niekto niečo urobí, tak správna spravodlivosť pre nich je smrť? Voľakedy a niekedy aj teraz sa stotožňujem s názorom spomenutej frázy, ale zobrať život ľloveku nie je vždy nutné. O čo sme potom lepší ako vrahovia? S týmto nemusíte so mnou súhlasiť, ide len o to, že ja prostě nesúhlasím v tomto s autorkou. Kniha by asi viac prospelo, keby niekto išiel v skutočnosti aj do väzenia.

Napriek tomu sa mi táto séria zapáčila a veľmi pekne a ľahko sa číta. Knihy sú tenké, nenáročné a majú dobrý námet. Ja sa prikláňam k fanúšikom tejto série 8)

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## Terena says

goin 2 cry readin this 1 but Can'y wait

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## Sonette says

\*\*\*\*\*SPOILER ALERT\*\*\*\*\*

At last we get to read about how Darina's beloved Phoenix died. I have already expressed my dislike for the denial which Darina finds herself in at the beginning of each book in my review of Summer, and of course this book was predictably no different. However this time Darina's denial (and presumably her fear) causes her to refuse to face and/or solve Phoenix's mystery.

She ultimately finds the courage to look for Phoenix's killer. In this process she steps on some drug gangs' toes and almost gets herself killed (once again). I find the fact that she is miraculously saved from every life threatening situation a bit unrealistic and it left me feeling a bit ambivalent toward this book.

At the end of the day she solves Hunter's mystery first and unwittingly uncovers that she is in fact a distant relative of Hunter. He then heads off to the Afterlife and leaves her to pick up the pieces of Phoenix's mystery. In the end she travels back in time again with the new Overlord and Phoenix and discovers that Phoenix's brother, Brandon, was in fact the one who killed Phoenix in the mix up of the fight between the different gangs and drug barons during which Phoenix died. This is a devastating discovery for both herself

and Phoenix.

Phoenix moves on to the Afterlife and leaves Darina grieving for him once again. Ultimately she finds the strength to move on with her life after a seemingly dramatic realisation that Phoenix will always be with her in her heart.

I once again gave this book three stars. Being a hopeless romantic I expected the author to find some way around Phoenix's death in order for Phoenix and Darina to be together, but I suppose it is more realistic this way. I did find the last book ended very abruptly though and at the end of it felt wholly unsatisfied. I still give it a thumbs up though as I ultimately enjoyed the series.

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### **Elena says**

The end of Phoenix's mystery was ok, but I wonder what happened to Iceman. There is no mention of his body being found, but he leaves at the same time as Phoenix. It is either an amazing coincidence or he was somehow allowed to stay longer. It is never explained.

This is not the only weird thing in this book. Hunter's name is different. Hunter was the man's last name in book three, where Darina learned his first name. In this book, however, Hunter is his first name.

Another thing that is not revealed is how Hunter could stay in the world of the living for more than a year. Also, are we supposed to understand that there are no more dead people in need of answers about their deaths? The first book gave the impression that Hunter had been doing that job for a long time. However, in this book, the place ends up empty with everybody having departed for the afterlife. Everything would have made much more sense if, for example, there had been some mention of the other ghosts relocating in order to avoid unwanted attention, now that Darina had helped all of her class mates.

Longer review soon.

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### **Nelo says**

well for those of you who haven't read this book prepare to have a tissue box beside you when you get to book four.

General plot: four kids die in Ellerton and the heroines(Darina) boyfriend phoenix was among them . she is enlisted to help them(the beautiful dead) to find justice so that they can move on in peace while in turn she gets to spend time with phoenix. well she meets other people and discovers that people aren't always what they seem to be.and discovers secrets and helps patch thing up for the beautiful dead in the present.

OK this book had my emotions flying all over the place.....i mean i knew i had a hunch bout hunter being related to Darina but who would have expected it to be this great.

this book is awesome. and no i haven't read twilight series because i don't want to and yes this book is a roller-coaster of emotion from anger to joy to shouting get a freaking grip Darina. this book has it all.

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## Abi Holligan says

**Beautiful Dead: Phoenix** follows Darina to the end of her journey working for the Beautiful Dead, the final book concentrates on Darina trying to find the answer to who killed Phoenix before his time runs out...

I enjoyed the final book and had massive expectations for Phoenix's book, I thought it would be emotional, sad and mysterious but still have to laughter. I was a little disappointed by this book, to me Darina seemed a little off, remembering what she was like through the other books she seemed desperate to find out the answer for them and did anything even putting herself in danger for people she barely knew.

Then get to Phoenix, her boyfriend of a year or so and the time they have spent together going through the Beautiful Dead, you would think she would be even more desperate to helped the person she loves but it seemed like she wasn't that bothered. It started with only 7 days to go and she was putting off going down to Foxton Ridge which I can understand but then it gets down to about 2 days left, she still doesn't have that much of an idea and is too busy running around after Phoenix's younger brother Zak.

And it seemed like she didn't so much as go looking for the clues more like they just came upon her.

Don't get me wrong I still enjoyed the storyline and the mystery behind Phoenix's death and the danger but I found it lacking a little.

I also don't get the endings of these books. It seems the whole book is about Darina trying to find out how this certain person died so that they can go to Heaven ( or wherever) but when the book gets to the end and she isn't sure or hasn't found out, Hunter or Dean just turn around and say, "Oh well, let's just time-travel and find out what happened."

If they could do this, what is the point of Darina doing anything!? I think this option should have been left out and the books just end with Darina figuring it out.

I expected the end, for some reason I knew there would be a twist and everything would not be as it seems.

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## Connie says

**Source: I own this book.**

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**Title:** Phoenix

**Series:** The Beautiful Dead #4

**Author:** Eden Maguire

**Overall Rating:** 3 stars

Here we are. The end. The last of the beautiful dead is here and much to Darina's despair, it's Phoenix. Her one true love. All heart broken and stuff, she begins to investigate her boyfriend's death with the help of his brothers, his long lost father and his mother.

There isn't a lot to say about this installment, expect for it was an okay end to an okay series. It didn't leave any lasting impact to me. I liked Michael, Phoenix's dad, and my heart really broke for him. He never got to see his son grow up, never got to see his traits or his personality and Phoenix died resenting him. How sad is that?

Also Phoenix. If you've read my previous reviews of this series, you know that I have issues with him and boy was this book no exception to that. Phoenix, you're dead. You keep claiming that you want Darina to

move on, you want her to be happy but is she? No because you're being a butt.

(INCONSISTENCY ALERT: Robert Hunter? Who's that? His name was Hunter Lee in Summer?)

**Death Toll: 10+**

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## **Chelsea says**

Love lingers long after death, doesn't it? That is the question Darina has been trying to answer since the death of her boyfriend Phoenix almost a year ago. Four teenagers from her town died during the course of a single year and turned into the Beautiful Dead. Darina was enlisted to help each of them solve the mystery surrounding their deaths, to help them cross over permanently and not remain as tortured beings. At last it is Phoenix's turn, only Darina is torn between wanting to help Phoenix and wanting to keep him close by her side.

I picked this one up almost immediately after finishing Summer's story. I needed some closure with Phoenix! I haven't enjoyed a series this much since reading Helen Dunmore's Ingo books. Eden Maguire wraps things up beautifully. No questions go unanswered, no character is left hanging unsatisfied (even Hunter!). Honestly, I thought it would be a lot more difficult for Darina to say goodbye to Phoenix, but when I look back at all she's been through, it was incredible to see her grow to be so strong. It showed a lot of talent on Maguire's part to tie all four stories in together in some way, much like how small towns are so closely knit. Wish I could say more, but don't want to give away any spoilers. Her next series is called Dark Angel and it sounds equally enticing. Thanks for the great reads, Eden!

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