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From one of America's most acclaimed writers, a startling and visionary novel about a race of demons who inhabit humans and wreak havoc on the lives of two small-town boys. In a small town in upstate New York, best friends Q. and Jasper live typical high school lives filled with parties and girls. When Q. starts acting recklessly, defacing lockers and misusing Bunsen burners, Jasper thinks his buddy is just letting off steam. But when his actions put both of their lives in danger, it's clear that Q. is possessed by something far more sinister than mere teenage high spirits.

Meanwhile, halfway around the world in Khartoum, Ileana Magdalen is tracking an elusive man who has left a trail of blood and bodies behind him, bringing strife, war, and genocide wherever he goes. It is Ileana's mission to stop him, for she is a member of an elite group of hunters initiated into a mystery that plagues humanity and drives men and women to commit unspeakable crimes.

When Ileana, Q., and Jasper are brought together, the loyalties of friendship are tested in unimaginable ways, and the living, the dead, and those who are beyond death become entangled in a violent battle as old as mankind itself.

In "Body Surfing," celebrated author Dale Peck presents a beautifully written page-turner of a literary thriller. It is a mesmerizing tale in which a complete parallel universe is filled with shockingly dark corners where the secrets of human nature wait to be discovered.

## **Body Surfing: A Novel Details**

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## **From Reader Review Body Surfing: A Novel for online ebook**

### **Suzanne says**

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### **Rita says**

Too many plot holes. Things left unexplained.

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### **Lauryn says**

More paranormal fiction...this was a good one, i blew through it in a week; I liked the concept, very "invasion of the body snatchers" with a cool and raunchy twist. Looking forward to the next installment...

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### **Dennis says**

Reads on two levels at once, okay, three if you include imagining the AWESOME t.v. series it's gonna make. Dale Peck has written challenging literary fiction. This time he works way harder than his readers have to but we have just as much fun. And yeah, I'm pretty sure that's semen on the cover.

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### **Livius Nedin says**

Demons that posses bodies and jump from one to another, including our hero who's new to it. Surprisingly fun ride.

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### **Katie says**

I really liked the plot of this novel. There was action, intrigue, the classic struggle of good vs. evil. But the reason I am giving it two stars is because Peck is one heck of a fan of graphic detail. Every punch, every rape, every impossibly disgusting thought was described in excruciating detail, and it was a bit much, even for me (someone who reads fantasy novels, which can have very violent content).

Not for the queasy or faint of heart, but horror fans and people who enjoy fast-moving plots will appreciate this chronicle of demons who inhabit the bodies of normal people.

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### **Nate says**

This book was a lot of fun. A high school kid gets possessed by a vicious and ancient demon. He then crashes his car with his best friends in the backseat and his girlfriend giving him roadhead (awesome!). Meanwhile an assassin is doing her best to kill these eternal fiends. And when his best friend turns into a demon when he dies... Well, things get interesting.

The characters were believable, even the demons. The sex and violence were amusing. And it's a great setup for another story. It reads like a good quality B horror flick. Definitely recommended.

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### **Tim Peeples says**

Starts out good but the further along I read the more I grew tired of all the demons jumping in and out of bodies until I decided I didn't care anymore and quit. I finished most of the book but was disappointed.

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### **Scotchneat says**

High school buddies discover what happens when a body-hopping "demon" comes through. A demon huntress arrives on the scene to destroy it.

Some of the characterizations had moments of clarity, but the pacing was a bit uneven and some of the plot turns were heavy-handed. Where the author slows down and follows the emotions, it's much better.

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### **Timothy Juhl says**

The first chapter is a grabber, and I wish I could say the rest of the book was as captivating.

Dale Peck is a phenomenal author, among my five favorites, and I know he enjoys experimenting with all forms of writing and this was perhaps his examination of commercial (horror) writing.

The book has its moments, some graphic violence, lurid and disgusting and intense to read. My overall problem with the book is the varying and confusing points of view; demons who possess humans and dispossess them, leaving them with memories and skills or crazy or dead. All of these viewpoints get twisted in the storytelling and as a reader, I was never able to really flesh out any one character, demon or otherwise. I have a feeling it was as complicated and difficult for Mr. Peck to write.

I did encounter two editing mistakes in the text; once when the word should have been 'through' not 'though' and later on, a sentence in which the form should have been 'known' not 'know'.

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### **John Bradford says**

This was an engrossing book, not badly written. Great escapism, though grotesque in places (perhaps not for the too squeamish). I enjoyed it more than I thought I would.

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### **Taryn says**

I absolutely LOVED Body Surfing. It was so intense and raw. Just badass! You feel like you are watching the most outrageous horror flick of your life! I have recommend it to all my friends that love supernatural books and not that I have a Nook, I'm buying it on there and reading it again! I wish there was a sequel!! Come on Dale Peck!! What a thriller!!!

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### **lynne naranek says**

A unique idea that explains phenomena like vampires, possessions and bloodbaths, wrapped up in a relatively well-written tale about a teenager who ends up as one of *them* -- the Mogran.

Call me a prude, but the whole sex aspect of the tale kinda put me off of this book. It's an integral part of the tale, however. As I said, I appreciate the unique idea that Mr Peck puts forth, I just wish it didn't have to be so focused on sex. Yes, I am probably a prude.

All that sex notwithstanding, this book also struggled with instances of page after page of exposition when the author is trying to give background history on a certain era, or person, or concept.

And yet, I can still say I recommend this book. Enjoy the possibilities presented. Just be prepared - the Mogran have voracious, deviant sexual appetites.

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### **Sasha Sapp says**

I loved it!

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### **John says**

This book kind of reminded me of that Denzel Washington movie Fallen in a way. Page turner!

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