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Jake Preston is on borrowed time. If he doesn't stumble upon a miracle and soon, he'll end up dead. And even if he does, he still might end up dead with a clever killer hounding his heels. He believes that the one miracle and antidote to save him is in Margot Davenport's house, across the country and miles away from Boston. Somewhere locked in her home is the key to reversing an experiment that is killing him with each breath he takes.

Margot doesn't particularly care if she ends up dead. She's lost everything she's ever cared for. A divorce and the loss of her job as a corporate lawyer has left her with little faith in herself or in anyone else. Most importantly, she's lost the one person on this earth she's looked up to and cherished—her brother, Johnny. His death in a car accident has devastated her, and she can't find the willpower to pull herself from the chasm she's fallen into. Her only solace is at the bottom of a wineglass. Having moved back to the small town in northern Arizona where she was raised, she's made a point of isolating herself both mentally and physically from everyone other than a few chosen friends. Little does she know that her life is going to explode into chaos.

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From Reader Review Shrouded in Darkness for online ebook

Rebecca says

Interesting story - keeps you wondering. Many tense scenes and even a few romantic (hot) ones. Some of it was a bit far-fetched for my taste but then again, I liked the characters and I will likely read the next one in the series.

Reviewers for R.N.J says

4.5 stars

BRIEF SUMMARY

Margot's life is spiraling out of control, she lost her job, got a divorce and her brother and best friend Johnny was killed in a car accident. Margot could care less what happens to her and is drinking her life away. Jake is dying and the possible cure lies in Margot's house. Jake worked with Johnny at Miltronics and became friends. Now his friend is dead along with others from Miltronics and Jake is on his way. Can he find his cure and stop a killer in his tracks?

THOUGHTS

This is a suspenseful story! Margot is broken and a lonely woman who drinks wine to numb the pain. Jake shows up at her door trying to gain her trust and allow him to stay with her so he can look for the disk that may help cure his condition. This is dangerous for Jake since he has heard so much from Johnny about his dear sister, Margot and already has feelings for her. Malcolm is Margot's ex and also works for Miltronics and plays a hand in the secrets lies and murders. Margot and Jake find comfort in each other's arms to ease the pain but feelings are quickly developing. Margot knows Jake is hiding something and Jake is determined to keep Margot safe even if it costs him his life. This story is a page turner full of suspense and desire. I found myself rooting for Margot and Jake and a lifetime of happiness!! My applause to the author on an entertaining read.

Storyline: GOOD

Enjoyment: GOOD

Intimacy Level: VERY GOOD

Romance Novel Junkies

* Reviewed by Davia

<http://www.romancenoveljunkies.com>

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Margot Davenport's life has been turned upside down. She divorced her husband two years ago and lost her

corporate attorney job soon after, but none of that compares to the heartbreak she's dealing with now – the death of her brother, Johnny, who she adored.

Jake Preston doesn't have long to live, thanks to an experiment gone wrong. He needs to get his hands on the antidote, but the last known person to have it is his friend and co-worker, Johnny Davenport. Unaware of Johnny's death, Jake shows up at Margot's front door looking for him, and a place to stay. When he learns about Johnny's car accident, which he's pretty sure wasn't an accident at all, he's even more convinced that the cure he's looking for can be found somewhere in Margot's house.

Maybe it was the way-too-much alcohol she'd been drinking to deaden the emotional pain of her brother's death, or the fact that Jake is a living, breathing connection to her beloved Johnny, whatever the reason, Margot reluctantly agrees to rent Jake a room for the couple of weeks he'll be in town. Odd things start happening around the house, things she can't explain and when she starts to think that maybe Johnny's ghost has come to visit, she realizes she's really losing it. But when Malcolm, her ex-husband, shows up desperate to find some file Johnny had been working on, Margot is certain there's much more going on than meets the eye, and that Jake isn't who, or what, he claims to be.

Shrouded in Darkness is book one of the *The Shrouded Series*, and I'm glad I was given the opportunity to read it. Jake Preston is the kind of hero I can love – tormented, honorable and strong, yet vulnerable and desperate, but I had a tough time connecting with Margot or sympathizing with her over the things she was going through. The story was good and kept me guessing, wondering who the bad guys were and what they were hiding. I don't want to spoil the story for you, so I can't go into a lot of detail, but I do want to mention that, in my opinion, *Shrouded in Darkness* felt more sci-fi than paranormal, though not futuristic or techy.

The bottom line - If you enjoy mysteries with a twist you might want to check this one out. The writing isn't without flaws, but *Shrouded in Darkness* is an entertaining read, and left me wanting to know more about the dark world Jake Preston and Johnny Davenport had found themselves caught up in.

My thanks to the author, H.D. Thomson, who provided me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

3.25/5 stars

Samantha **ParaNormal Romance Party says**

Original review posted on blog

****4 STARS****

1st line in the book---> Margot Davenport should never have opened the front door.

From the moment you begin to read this story, you are intrigued with the plot. Like a puzzle you are slowly putting the pieces of a big mystery. Author H.D. Thomson does a great job of keeping the reader guessing.

Margot Davenport has known tragedy. Having divorced her husband two years ago, losing her corporate career job and now suffering through the loss of her beloved brother Johnny. Margot is living a nightmare that she hasn't woken up from.

Jake Preston is also trapped in a living nightmare. Only his nightmare has one final end-Death. This is

because of an experiment that backfired at a Pharmaceutical company he worked for. His only chance of survival is getting the antidote, which was last known to be in the hands of Johnny Davenport.

Not knowing of Johnny's passing, he shows up at Margot's house telling her he needs to speak to her brother. She tells him of the accident and allows Jake to stay in one of the rooms for him to rent. From there strange things begin to happen. Margot begins to question the things Jake says, and later learns the truth of what who and what Jake is and how her brother's death was no accident.

Shrouded in Darkness is a great Paranormal Suspense novel. I loved Jake! If the hero is a tortured soul, and needs to find redemption. I enjoy it and Jake is just that. I also like the plot. It was fast-paced, thrilling with the romance element thrown into the mystery. There is a great balance of action and dialogue, it doesn't slow down. The only thing that will say is that Margot was a hard character to connect to. She is suffering through everything but for me, to keep referring to that just didn't help me sympathize with her. Instead I just got tired.

Overall I loved the story, plot, and the overall theme that this series will be taking. I am happy I was given a chance to read this novel and will be on the look out for the others in the series.

Ali says

Really good thriller with a hint of romance. Never read any by HD Thomson before, and I look forward to reading the next book in the Shrouded series.

Vicki Scullion says

Very creative, interesting plot with lots of action. Good read!

Kathryn Cook says

Tedious

Although the plot was OK off and on, the story dragged. I personally would not read the sequel and feel it should have been blended into the original story line.

Hooked On Books says

Wow, this was full of anticipation, sorrow, greed, loyalty, love and trust. All of the characters brought all of these emotions to the table to be seen as such. Margot's drinking, grief and unexpected reality were felt by all the characters. Jake's situation is the reason Margot had to make some real changes in her life. Changes that brought out the strength for both of them to survive the reality they had both been victims of. Both trying so hard not to hurt the other, but also themselves. I give this a 4 star rating.

Margaret Yelton says

I received this as a arc review this title is the name of the book previously I couldn't find it listed as it is now. ANXIETY: COMPLETE SERIES - EPISODE #1 TO 6 - A SMOKE & MIRRORS BOOK. For me this book was a lot outside of my normal reading and it never really caught my attention. I did read it all the way thru to make a review on it, but for myself its not a book that I would recommend to others.

Olivia says

Good book, cross between medical thriller and romance. Would give 5 stars but both main characters got knocked unconscious too many times and popped back up...

Lady Raven RAVE! says

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Candice Mckinney says

Margot's life is spiraling downhill quickly. She has just buried her brother. She is living alone in northern Arizona and enjoying a lot of wine. She has divorced her husband and lost her job as an attorney. She has had a lot of wine when a knock comes at the door. It is a friend of her brothers named Jake so she lets him in and agrees to rent him a room for a couple of weeks.

Jake worked at the same company as her ex husband and her brother. They had been conducting secret experiments at the lab they worked at. There was a large fire at the lab. Jake is hoping to use Margot's brothers lab to find an antidote.

This is a wonderful book. Really enjoyed it. H. D. Thomson did a very good job weaving the story and keeping the reader guessing. Should Margot have opened the door?

Cami Hensley says

Review Published at My Reading Addiction

Margot has had it rough in the last several years. Her marriage ends, she loses her job, and the icing on the cake, her brother dies. She turns to alcohol and lets just say this woman is a complete and total wreck of emotions. I enjoyed how H.D. Thomson portrayed her grief. Some people actually fall completely and totally apart when facing such dire circumstances and drown themselves in alcohol. And you know what, maybe she shouldn't have opened that door, but with the bad comes good.... right?

Jake swings into her life and turns it upside down. He brings with him a cloud of mystery and weird events. Margot begins to feel like a ghost, her brother?, may be with her. Is that just the alcohol or is there something really going on?

Jake is such a great alpha man who is not afraid to express his feelings and thoughts on his current situation. I love how he is with Margot.

This book is hard to classify, at times it felt paranormal and then at others it felt sci-fi.

Above all a solid mystery/thriller!

Ruby says

What would you do if an experiment went extremely wrong and if you didnt figure out the formula you would die? That is the question this book answers in wonderful amazing detail.. I love that the main characters are likable and that you root for them. The author's portrayal of grief with Margot is genuine and very realistic in the way it would be handled.

Jake was a true hero and I found myself wanting the same answers that the end gives the readers.

This book was well written and awesome, I like that there were not alot of characters in the book and the

author concentrated on letting us get to know Jake and Margot..The plot was wonderful and the twist at the end was mindblowing...Def. Recommend this book.

Sharon Kennedy says

This had an intriguing storyline, involving genetic research and a missing formula. There is a very eloquent spiral of grief suffered by Margot, as she is having to deal with her whole life disintegrating around her, after her divorce, loss of her job and now the loss of her brother.

The storyline revolves around genetic research and a dramatic result which occurs after a formula is destroyed. It was a nice touch that, when he was searching the library, Jake touched on mythology about vampires, because it automatically led your thoughts down that path - it wasn't, but I'm not going to say what happened with the formula - but I thought it was a nice twist.
