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The truck should have flattened Libbi into a pancake, but a mysterious boy named Aaron saved her life. The problem? Aaron's the local Grim Reaper. The bigger problem? He saved her so he could ask her to take over his job. Now, Libbi has just days to choose between dying like she was supposed to or living a lonely life as Death Incarnate. The choice only gets harder when she learns Aaron's reasons for wanting out of the whole morbid business. Basically, his job is beyond terrible.

Still, when Aaron looks at her, there's something more in his eyes. Something sinister, dark and secret. Something he's hiding. Libbi will be damned if she'll die without figuring it out. And she'll be damned if she takes over as Reaper and lets him go.

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BookLoversLife says

What drew me to this at first was the awesome cover, then when I read the blurb, well I knew I'd read it!! Even better though, I got the chance to listen to the audio of this instead of reading!

What would you do if faced with the choice of dying or becoming the local Grim Reaper? Well that's the choice Libby is given. She is supposed to die but someone saves her. It's the same guy she has been seeing around for the last few days. This boy tells her that she can either die or take over from him as Grim Reaper. He tells her that he has a job to do then he will die and she will be the Reaper.

It may seem an easy choice but could you live forever and see everyone you love die, with no way to help them. Could you live forever where no one can see you until they die? Libby doesn't think she can but when her BFF turns up with a tear in his soul, Libby has no choice but to accept and hopefully find some time to help him.

I loved Libby! She has such spunk and is a well rounded character. She was a no nonsense kind of girl. She is offered the choice to die or live forever and chooses to die, but when she see where her BFF is headed she immediately takes the offer and tries to do what she can to help. She is also so level headed, she doesn't just fall for the hot guy but thinks everything through.

Aaron is so mysterious and aloof at first but it's still hard not to like him. Finding out his story was heartbreaking!! I loved his loyalty too. He hates that he has to get someone else to take his job but he knows he doesn't have any other choice. I loved seeing Aaron and Libbys friendship grow.

Anyway, Call Me Grim was such an awesome read. It was a fun yet grim read. The choices we make can not only affect you but everyone else too. It was fascinating learning about the splits in the soul and how and why they were there :) I loved that spin on the Grim Reaper story, I also found it intriguing when Aaron was showing Libby how to take the soul and what happens at the gateway. This isn't just a story of the Grim Reaper, it's about loyalty, friendship, hard choices, right or wrong choices and consequences.

Overall, I loved Call Me Grim. Its such an intriguing and captivating read. From it's lovable characters to it's enthralling world, Call Me Grim is a must read. I can not wait to see what happens next!!

I listened to the audio of this and Kelly Collins Lintz did an amazing job. She really brought Libby to life and had her spunk and fun spirit down perfect. She delivered some of Libbys sassy lines perfectly. I will definitely check out more narrated by her.

Mike says

I have just finished this and all I can say is wow, just wow.

Call Me Grim is the story of Libbi, a young talented artist. Libbi lives in a small town and has a lot going for her. She is a talented artist who has a piece in a big competition. She loves her Mother and little brother, Max (even if he does annoy her from time to time). She has her best friends, the twins Haley and Kyle. Life might not be that exciting but its full of things that she loves - and its hers. All of that changes when she meets Aaron. Aaron both creeps Libbi out and yet she cannot help but feel drawn to him. His creep factor takes a

major upturn however when he tells her why he's been following her for the past day. Aaron is a grim reaper. Surprisingly he wants to save Libbi who is scheduled to die. Now Libbi has a choice, become the town's next grim reaper or die like she was scheduled to the next day.

Call Me Grim is one of those books that you do not want to put down. At the same time there is something about it that makes you just want to savor it - you want to know what is going to happen next but at the same time you do not want it to end. At first I was not sure how I would feel about the book. I was worried about my attachment to Libbi. There was a wall at the beginning of the book, a distancing. I was not really sure how she felt about the other characters in her life and that made me unsure how I felt about her. But after the first 20 pages or so I realized that part of the beauty of this book and of Libbi is that you have to earn her trust so to speak. The more you read the more you begin to see her, the more you fall in love.

And I was absolutely captivated. Utterly captivated. Whenever I would look up (usually after an hour had passed) at the local coffee shop where I was reading this gem, the barista would comment on how absorbed I was reading, how intent I was and how you could just see every emotion I was feeling. And I believe them because there were so many times that I was blown away - unsure what I felt, unsure where this was going and more importantly how unsure I would feel at the ending of this. This is such an amazing world that is created here. So intense. You cannot help but be blown away by it, swept up in the emotions. I absolutely adore Libbi and Aaron. They are both so tortured in their own ways. (And Max brings such warmth and humor to this book!!) The ending is a little ambiguous and I for one cannot help but hope that this story continues. There is so much more to be told here. At the same time if it does not continue I know that this is world I will definitely revisit much like you go to look at your favorite painting - just to live in that world again even if it is only for a brief time....

Jennifer Eaton says

I received a pretty, signed copy of this book after winning a contest. When I flipped it over and read the back cover blurb I thought: "What was I thinking? Who wants to read about The Grim Reaper?"

But okay, I had a book in my hands, and I'd just finished another book, so why not?

Let me say that I was pretty happy I gave this book a chance.

I have never read a Grim Reaper story before. Apparently this is a genre in itself, because I received two more Grim Reaper books by another author from the same contest. The whole idea of the Grim Reaper is kind of weird. I mean, how the heck do you come up with a story about the guy who collects your soul when you die? And make it a romance, no less?????

Somehow or another, this author pulled it off— and in doing so created a world that I was easily pulled in to. I felt for the Reaper, and I felt for this poor girl that had to make a horrible decision.

Great Great Great characters. Easy to believe and easy to relate to, in a story that really moved and kept me turning pages.

So why did I give it four stars and not five?

Well, Five stars I would consider the perfect book. There were two things at the end that bothered me.

Niggle #1 I didn't believe the one character in the end would do what he did. Even though the "why" was

explained, and we were given a little safety net to make it more believable, I just didn't buy it. This character was too good and too "on the right path" to do what he did. It was a little off-putting when all the other characters were so solid and real. (Including him until the last chapters)

Niggle #2 If there were one, maybe two more lines in the book, I would have been happy. I am not a fan of an ending that leaves you hanging mid-scene. I understand there is a book two, but book one should have closure. I should not have to read book two to read the ending of book one.

So I'm subtracting half a star for each of those little nit picks, but overall, I was really delighted with this story. It was well written enough that I will absolutely be reaching for the next book... not just to find out what happens, but because the author weaves such a nice tale that I know I will enjoy the next book.

In a world where there is so much poop being published, it's nice to find a little bright and shining star like this. Even if it is all wrapped up in a scary-old Grim Reaper costume.

Rachelann says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

4.5 Wonderful Stars

I was scheduled to die, and there was no avoiding my fate.

My soul belonged to the gateway. After Aaron saved my life not once, but twice... I either faced death, or a life condemned as a Grim Reaper.

I've been told there is no way to escape, but I am stubborn.

I don't often take no for an answer.

(^^Not actually from the book. It is my Summary in the main character's point of view^^).

I FRIGGEN LOVED THIS BOOK!!! I read it in a couple of hours. I knew it had good reviews, but I didn't know I would love it so much. The story line itself deserved 5 STARS... there were just a couple of reasons the overall rating wasn't rounded up.

The pace of the book wasn't bad. The beginning was a bit of a drag. But it picked up really fast. There were only a few parts in the story where I felt like more should be said. Some things happened too fast with not enough information. Like... some interactions between characters for example. Whether it be Libbi and her best friends, or Aaron the Grim Reaper. Some things that took place just didn't flow.

AND THAT ENDING. Whew. Cliffhanger. There's so many things I could say about that.

Characters: I LOVED THEM. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM. Their personalities were described wonderfully. They could of been described better though. I felt like the only clear image I got for a character was Aaron. I wanted to know more about Libbi other than her big boobs. And I LOVE her little brother Max.. I know everyone will.

And Aaron... Well let's just say that if the Grim Reaper looks like him, I'm ready to move on to the next life. ;)

Imagery: Like I said, character imagery wasn't the best... but everything else was awesome! Whether it was scenery or something that was happening, the descriptions of what we were supposed to see were on point.

The Writing SUCH A BREATH OF FRESH AIR. I love it when writers know how to capture us. I loooovveee it when they know how to make us want more. I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M SUPPOSED TO WAIT FOR BOOK 2!

Okay, just the story line over all was GENIUS. I have NEVER EVER read a book like this before. It was just so original and plain awesome. MEGA props to the author. I'm still grinning from what I've read. I highly recommend this book. I will be adding a physical copy to my shelf.

ABSOLUTELY LOVELY

Sris says

Imagine you are at the top of the world because you won something, and then this weird guy shows up. And you haven't seen him before, he tells you that "something bad's going to happen to you tomorrow." How will you react?

And this is what happened to Libbi.

But instead of making me swoon with his stalker prowess, he's caused me to fail my final, piss off my best friend, and he's given me a bloody nose. Smooth. And now he wants me to use his nasty snot rag? Gross.

Libbi Piper meets Aaron only to find out that she's going to die the next day. Aaron was the local grim reaper of Carroll, and he choose to save Libbi. Only to appoint her the next grim reaper, if she defy's it, she will die. She has to go through a grim reaper's training. Basically her life turns into a huge mess in two weeks. Her best friend Haley isn't talking with her anymore and Haley's twin brother, Kyle, who is almost like brother/best friend to Libbi, is acting weird. Plus she only have a week before she would be the official grim reaper.

Maybe it's the "tall, dark, and dangerous" thing.

Libbi and Aaron had a very slow and steady chemistry. I liked that she was trying to get rid of him before he tells him who he is. They wanted to kiss each other but they didn't. Twice. It pissed me off, but at the same moment I liked the intensity of their feelings towards each other. Then they also kissed (by the end) twice. I liked how Libbi took some time to trust him and wasn't scared of him. The romance in this book is nice and cute.

This book is funny, mainly because of Libbi. I expected it to be funny after reading the synopsis in Goodreads. But was ready to be disappointed too. But it didn't.

I think after reading The Twilight Saga and The Complete Hush, Hush Saga: Hush, Hush; Crescendo; Silence; Finale, I developed a slight dislike towards a fantasy set on a high school background. This book proved me wrong. This isn't corny or anything. And I wouldn't call the main lead an "Alpha male", but he seems like a pretty normal guy with good looks, and is sweet and sometimes funny.

I loved all of the characters, in this book. The lead pair was charming, and really brought my attention. The other characters were nice. I liked how the story was going, neither too fast nor too slow. I liked Libbi's stubbornness and her actions were very much reasonable throughout the book. I was kind of a bit shocked to see Hayley react so calmly after knowing what Kyle has done for Aaron and Libbi.

The ending was really good, although left with a cliffhanger, which we shall come to know in Living Grim. The second half of the book is filled with twists. Aaron's secrets got revealed.

It is a really good book. I liked the writing. I can't wait for the second book.

4.5 stars

Monty Cupcake ? Queen of Bloodshed ? says

It was ok. I expected more grim reaping.

Donna says

I'm always looking for a great "reaper" story similar to that show "Dead Like Me" which I LOVED. Call Me Grim started off great but then began to lose me. I felt like there were a bunch of unnecessary plot twists and weird character personality shifts, especially closer to the end, to the point that it pretty much ruined the story for me. The first half was definitely entertaining but it began to fall apart in the second half and completely disintegrated into a convoluted mess by the end.

Michelle (Scarborg) says

Read this review and more at Classy Cat Books.

Rating: 4/5

I was really quite impressed with this novel. Holloway has something rather unique going with Call Me Grim, and I was pleased with the direction she took. I've read just a couple of books with grim reapers as the central supernatural being, but this is one of my favorites.

The characters were great—right from the very beginning I had a good feel for Libbi. I loved her little brother Max from the moment we met him. And, you know, Aaron's great too. Kyle and Haley, two of the supporting characters, took a little while for me to get my bearings with simply because they weren't as present quite as much, and for good reason. It didn't matter, because Libbi gave us the context we needed to understand them.

One of the reasons I didn't give this an even higher rating is because some of the rules of the world don't quite sit well with me. I spotted some potential holes that were appropriately patched and elegantly explained away, but nothing overbearing—certainly nothing a frequent fantasy reader should have a problem with suspending disbelief for. I'm still a little uncomfortable with the whole "being marked" thing (as alluded to in the description)—it seemed a bit messy to me, but it worked out well in the end. Otherwise, Holloway clearly knows how her magic works and has a good understanding for the nuance of the reaper community she's established. She's made sure there aren't any holes, and she effectively communicates all of the necessary tidbits to the reader without being overwhelming about it.

All in all, Holloway did a great job with the pacing in this one—the slower moments came where they needed to, and there wasn't any excessive fluff. This book is very comfortably positioned to be the intro of a multi-book plot, and I'm definitely looking forward to reading more—I'm super intrigued to find out what happens next in the series.

Dee ~ Funny Cat Reading says

Libbi Piper should be dead. But thanks to Aaron, she is still alive. The only catch? Aaron happens to be the town's Grim Reaper, and he's looking for a replacement. At first, Libby just can't get her head around the whole idea of Death in her little town, till she finds out that her best friend is marked for murder...or suicide. Either way its Hell on a one way trip! So she eventually changes her mind, rather reluctantly.

I started reading 'Call Me Grim' with the thought of, this is just another (OTT) fantasy story. But hey, was I in for a huge treat! I really loved the whole Grim Reaper deal. This was my first outing, and to be honest it stood out big time! I found it a bit hard to believe that good looking, suave, Mr Nice Guy Aaron, was indeed one of Death's henchmen. But eventually, he grew on me, and fitted into the story with ease. Libby was a very likeable character, except for a few annoying parts, and Aaron, well he hit me right from the start. I think he made a pretty cool Grim Reaper!

I did love the storyline though, mainly because it was a new concept in fiction for me. The cover was a bit disappointing, as I expected maybe Death in there somewhere. Nevertheless I found it unique, and definitely a draw card. The title could have been a bit more self explanatory, because I was a tiny bit confused, having associated it with Grimm(The TV programme).

Anyway, overall it was an excellent read, and if you love a new type of fantasy, pick it up, because its well worth having a look at!

Paula M. of Her Book Thoughts! says

You can also read my review [HERE](#)

I don't think you understand how much I love this book.

Another grim reaper story you might say, but I'm gonna stop you right there. With fully developed characters and well thought out plot, Call Me Grim stands out!

First of all, you guys know I'm picky about heroines. They're very important in a book and it sucks big time when you really want to like the book but the heroine keeps ruining it for you. Right? Am I the only one? So imagine my relief when I found myself liking Libby so much. She's... real. Funny, smart, not flawless at all and practical. GUYS. This girl knows how to say **'I DON'T CARE HOW CUTE YOU ARE YOU HAVE TO STOP STALKING ME!'** Finally!

Aaron is not an exception, as a former reaper who entrusted Libby for the new position, he admits his shortcomings. He's not perfect and he knows that. Though he's hard to read sometimes, the reader (me) will also feel for him. I felt sorry for him because of his backstory and though the author provided that bit of Aaron's side.. I want more. So expect me to line up first for the sequel. But I'm not talking about the two main characters only, all of them were great. No one was wasted and everyone was authentic. You'll get this feeling like you're really connected to them as well. The romance aspect is downright adorable and very much intense, I cannot wait for what's gonna happen. **HOW MUCH MORE DO I HAVE TO STRESS THAT OUT.**

Which brings me to my next point, the author's fantastic, simple yet very compelling way of writing. For me, it's not about the use of deep or grand words. It's about the construction. How everything makes sense and made me sail easily through out my reading experience. Holloway aced that. She's managed to write a novel with dark premise with a touch of humor and sassiness. Yes, I AM BIG FAN.

Overall, Call Me Grim is humor, brilliance and a success altogether. Friendship, love and sacrifice, for a book that deals with death, the characters are alive and the book is nothing but vibrant!

Cassandra says

My Thoughts - 4 out of 5 Unicorns - I really liked it!!

***Received the ebook from Month9Books for an honest review

The cover is pretty especially her green eyes, and I like the soul glow effect on the title :)

Okay when I started reading the book, it was a little slow. This changed, and it was kind of mysterious with all the intrigues and things Libbi was trying to figure out and fix. Of course, I won't go into detail because that would spoil your adventure, but Libbi is an awesome teen lead in the story.

Aaron is mysterious, and you aren't sure what to make of him until the end of the book :) Of course, there is all sorts of drama and action going on to keep your attention especially the last half of the book.

This is the first book in the series, and while there is an ending, it also leaves you hanging and wanting book 2 like now. This is a great start to a new series, and I didn't realize until the end how much I liked it and can't wait to read more. Elizabeth does a great job with details where you can imagine the story in your head while reading. This would be a great book to add to my classroom library when I can afford to :)

I recommend this series to YA fans who want a Grim Reaper story that is new and has all sorts of things going on in the story :)

April says

This book was a pleasant surprise. I went into it thinking it would be an angsty YA read. There was a bit of angsty, but it fit into the story. Everything else about this book drew me in and kept me on edge the whole time.

The whole book comes from Libbi's POV, have sole control of the narrative it is important she is like-able. She is actually rather fabulous for a teen character. Thankfully, she is not boy obsessed like so many heroines in YA. She does have a bit of crushing going on, but it is not her whole world. I love her sass and snark. She is remarkably mature for a 16 year old.

I love the supporting characters as well. They are complex and yet simple at heart. Everyone in the story helps to draw you in and make you wish things could work out. It is difficult, especially when you know what Libbi faces. Fortunately, the story is beautifully crafted and flows, keeping the reader engaged the whole time.

I listened to the audiobook narrated by Kelly Collins Lintz, who was lovely. Her pace was spot on, moving with the story and keeping the action flowing. She has a wonderful youthful quality to her voice that fit the main character, while still keeping her mature. She has a real gift for adding the natural sass of a teenager into the read. I will definitely be looking for more of her work!

The end of this book leave you at a but of a cliff hanger. It is an unexpected turn of events and I have no idea where the story is headed from here. That is kind of refreshing. It is rare for an author to surprise me. I can not wait for the next book, really hope it will be in audio!

Disclosure - I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. All thoughts, opinions and ratings are my own.

Lepp says

I apologize if this review seems all over the place but I thought this book was great! First off, I was instantly intrigued by the synopsis – a Grim Reaper PNR of sorts? Sign me up!

This story follows 17 year-old Libbi who is soon to be embarking on that time period in life where everything is geared towards your future: scholarships, getting into college, etc. And Libbi is definitely looking forward to it. Until one day when she meets Aaron. Aaron mysteriously shows up at her art show exhibit and Libbi can't help but be a little creeped out by him...especially when he starts saying some rather ominous things to her.

The cold feeling I got when I first saw this guy never really went away, but now ice blasts through me like my blood has been replaced with Freon. How does he know my name?

"Something bad is going to happen to you tomorrow," he says.

Libbi brushes off the strange encounter until the boy comes looking for her in school the very next day. She tries to avoid him, but he's insists that she speak with him. She insists that he piss off.

"I'm really not in the mood to talk right now. Why don't you go be crazy with someone else? Okay?"

"I'm trying to stop something bad from happening to you." He spreads his hands in frustration, palms to the sky. The sunlight glints off the silver ring on his thumb.

Aaron tells her that he wants to save her life and asks Libbi not to cross the street. While arguing with him, two cars collide exactly where Libbi was about to cross. Long story short- Aaron explains that he is a Grim Reaper and since he saved Libbi's life, she has to make a choice: take over for him as a Reaper and be invisible to the living for the rest of her life...or die at the exact same time tomorrow.

I know a book is good when I feel genuinely conflicted as a reader as to what I would decide if I were to switch places with Libbi. I had that feeling quite a bit throughout the story. Would I choose to die? Or would

I watch over my family/friend but never be able to reach out or talk to them again?

And can we talk about Kyle (for those of you who have read the book)?! I can't even figure out my feelings on Kyle.

(view spoiler)

This story was completely different for me. I've never read a book with this kind of premise before and it was very well done. The characters *read* like high school characters, but they weren't annoying or overly immature. I liked them all! The writing was done well and the plot was unique and clever.

4 stars! I really enjoyed this story! I can't wait to read the next book when it comes out!

Dorothy Dreyer says

I was privileged to get to read this book in its infancy. Holloway weaves a wonderful tale in which the protagonist has to make difficult choices. Choices between life and death, what to believe and what not to believe, and what she's willing to sacrifice. I can't wait to put this book on my bookshelf!

Meagan says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

I'm excited by so many things in this book. As one of my first ARCs of the new year, I can definitely say that 2015 has good things in store! Call Me Grim was a well written young adult read. It doesn't suffer from unnecessary love triangles and teen drama. It's just a good story with a quirky plot. Libbi is a great teen narrator. She didn't read too old for me or too whiny. She's snarky, funny, and has an extreme inner dialogue that anyone past the age of The Babysitter's Club but younger than Bridget Jones can relate to. Aaron is not

hunky hunk material, but he's lovable so he grows on the reader rather quickly. I liked their little romance. I could have done with more creativity around the idea of reapers, more innovation in terms of magic, etc. There is a lot here considering that there aren't a ton of books featuring Grim Reapers so I just thought the author could have done a little bit more world building.

Most books about death or the afterlife get a little maudlin after the first few pages, but this reminded me a lot of Meg Cabot's Mediator series. I don't know if there is enough material to span a ton of books like Mediator, but this particular book is good. Well-deserving of 4 stars for a first time read of an author and if the next book builds off of the momentum of this book, it will definitely be a hit.
