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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 7 Up—This title will initially grab readers with the mystery of Breezy's death and her new undead identity, but many will be left dissatisfied. Breezy Lin doesn't remember her death, but she does remember waking up in a shallow grave a year later, clawing her way to the surface, and killing with just one touch the man who woke her. Now she's wandering, testing the limits of what her body can handle (because she definitely can't die again) and taking out murderers, whom she can sense by the shadows surrounding them. But when she's directed to a church with a ministry for runaway youth, she realizes the secret of her past. Wallace experiments with narrative structure, unveiling Breezy's personality via flashbacks, memories, and her philosophical musings, but her treatment of the present is less compelling. Breezy is directionless until she finds herself running for her life, but even then she's not committed to anything in particular (learning more about her new nature, understanding the world she's discovered, avenging herself, hunting down murderers) for very long. Except for a stilted conversation in which Breezy asks a new companion which kinds of seemingly fictional creatures (ghosts, unicorns, vampires, and so on) are real, very little of the paranormal world is revealed. This peculiar lack of curiosity about the world Wallace has created spoils what might otherwise have been an intriguing paranormal mystery. VERDICT Too shallow a world and too aimless a protagonist.—Gretchen Kolderup, New York Public Library

Review

"A fast-paced story with an interesting hook, and a thoughtful look at what it means to be human versus what it means to be a monster. The end result is a superbly crafted debut bound to entrance." (Booklist (starred review))

"Kali Wallace has created a world that's both natural and unsettling ...and reminds us with Breezy's story that true terror is not a monster, but what lurks in the dark corners of human nature." (Madeleine Roux, New York Times bestselling author of the Asylum series.)

"Shallow Graves is a stunner. Gripping, gory, and insightful." (Kendare Blake, author of Anna Dressed in Blood and Antigoddess)

"Constantly entertaining, intriguing, and suspenseful." (Kirkus)

"A fast-paced ride through a dark, imaginative world." (Mindy McGinnis, author of Not a Drop to Drink and A Madness So Discreet)

"A phenomenally written, spine-chilling story...sure to keep you up all night." (Kimberly Derting, author of the Body Finder series)

"Writing in Breezy's pragmatic and engaging voice, Wallace weaves an unsettling tale that explores Breezy's strange existence, while also thoughtfully examining a life cut short...her struggle to reconcile what she has become with the human she used to be forms the heart of this bittersweet story." (Publishers Weekly)

From the Back Cover

Breezy remembers leaving the party: the warm, wet grass under her feet, her cheek still stinging from a slap to her face. But when she wakes up, scared and pulling dirt from her mouth, a year has passed and she can't

explain how.

Nor can she explain the man lying at her grave, dead from her touch, or why her heartbeat comes and goes. She doesn't remember who killed her or why. All she knows is that she's somehow conscious—and not only that, she's able to sense who around her is hiding a murderous past.

Haunted by happy memories from her life, Breezy sets out to find answers in the gritty, threatening world to which she now belongs—where killers hide in plain sight, and a sinister cult is hunting for strange creatures like her. What she discovers is at once empowering, redemptive, and dangerous.

Debut author Kali Wallace interweaves folklore and myths from all over the world in this stunning novel about the heartbreaking trauma of a girl's life cut short and her struggle to reconcile her humanity with the monster she's become.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Gary Lopez:

Here thing why this kind of Shallow Graves are different and dependable to be yours. First of all reading through a book is good nevertheless it depends in the content of it which is the content is as yummy as food or not. Shallow Graves giving you information deeper as different ways, you can find any book out there but there is no guide that similar with Shallow Graves. It gives you thrill reading through journey, its open up your own eyes about the thing that happened in the world which is might be can be happened around you. You can easily bring everywhere like in playground, café, or even in your means home by train. If you are having difficulties in bringing the branded book maybe the form of Shallow Graves in e-book can be your alternate.

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