



Review of **Never-DEAD** by *Ann Greyson*

Customer Rating:  5 out of 5

Let Hannah and Jenna into your hearts.

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"Have you ever read a few pages of a book in a bookstore to see what it's about, then you were into it and before you know it you've read it all in one sitting? **Never-DEAD** by *Ann Greyson* is exactly that kind of book.

Zombies will get me every time! The way *Ann Greyson* weaves the impossible with the normal is like magic and keeps me hanging on every word even if it's describing gruesome body parts of zombies. The sense of creeping dread makes you unable to turn away from the pages and makes you squirm the way horror fans like to. It's unpredictable in the ways you hope for.

The skillful creation of atmosphere and the fact that *Ann Greyson* laces the novel with catch-you-off-guard humor, including a memorable scene of a zombie wearing a Grateful Dead T-shirt, is cliché comedy at its best.

At the beginning of the story, Hannah Winter is comfortable, so when the world starts to shake, she's not ready. I relate to her emotions being all over the place, which makes me want to spend time with her. I feel warm and fuzzy all over connecting to her straightforward narration and her uniquely analytical way of looking at the zombie pandemic.

The journey Jenna Winter goes through traveling from Texas to be with her sister Hannah in New Mexico, is so fascinating, there is never a moment that feels false. The buildup to the ending is a blink and you'll miss it experience that has everything to do with the way *Ann Greyson* captures the emotions of her characters and makes us connect with them. It's like every choice Jenna Winter makes leads to the exact moment, a conclusion that leaves a smile on my face and a giddy feeling inside. This surprises me, because **Never-DEAD** begins with action of a plane with zombies aboard crashing right off the bat, and I can't assume that this is going to be a happy ending for sisters Hannah and Jenna.

Never-DEAD is just so good, and by good, I mean this one puts me through the wringer, eliciting a range of different emotions - making me angry, happy, and sad enough to cry. And I don't usually cry over books. This book is one of my top reads, my undoing from the very first page, and just thinking about it makes me want to re-read it all over again.

If you're in need of something complete with awesome characters and zombies, I suggest **Never-DEAD** because it ticks all the boxes!"