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Synopsis

Physician Anna Roberts runs a free health clinic in Kansas City where she spends her days taking care of the living and avoiding the spirits of the dead. A late-night accident leaves Anna at the mercy of the strange man who saved her life, but Anna soon learns that meeting Jed was no coincidence. As Anna is drawn into Jed's dangerous world and a feud 3000 years in the making, she must come to terms with her own secrets and decide what she will do when they come calling. A 2016 MIPA Midwest Book Awards finalist.

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Customer Reviews

Dr. Anna Roberts runs a clinic for the homeless and the poor in Kansas City, Missouri. One night, as she's walking home from work, she is saved from being run over by a beer truck by a huge, dark stranger named Zedediah. This isn't the strangest thing that's happened to Anna. She sees ghosts that haven't passed on to the next realm after death. And she releases (banishes) them to travel on. Zed, as Anna calls him, seems to know way too much about Anna for someone she's just met and strange happenings start to escalate around him. This is an unusual story and I liked that about

it. It's not your run-of-the-mill ghost story. And Zed has many surprises waiting for Anna. I liked the characters, drawn with a generous hand, so that I wouldn't mind calling most of them friend. The story is funny, suspenseful, scary at times. There's just a tinge of romance. I am not usually a huge fan of series books but this first book in a new series caught my interest and held it all the way through. And it ended at a good spot, without having a nasty cliffhanger. NOTE: I received this book from Atthis Arts through Net Galley in exchange for my unbiased review.

This book was such an engaging read. I found that I couldn't put it down, I was so drawn into the story and into the characters. Sarah Mountford has a deft hand with suspense, but also with her characterizations, a rare combination. I am a high school librarian so I read a lot, and my standards are pretty high. This book was a particular pleasure; I can't wait to share it with my students. This is one of those books that I think will appeal to both adults and teens. I am already looking forward to the second one in the series!

You'll be captivated till the very last page. Dark. Engaging. Very well written. If you are a fan of the show "Ghost Whisperer" then I would definitely recommend this book.

When They Come Calling was honestly such an amazing read. This book kept me on my toes and interested throughout the whole thing. The way Sarah Fleming Mountford portrayed Jed and Anna and told their story was unlike any other book I've read. It would definitely be worth it to read this book and I cannot wait for her to write another one. NOTE: I was given this book in exchange for my unbiased opinion from a LibraryThing giveaway.

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Nightmare #1 Genres: Fantasy, Paranormal, Ghosts, Suspense, Fiction Goodreads Date Read:
06/02/16 Pub Date: 04/05/16 4.5 STARS Physician Anna Roberts runs a free health clinic in Kansas City where she spends her days taking care of the living and avoiding the spirits of the dead. A late night accident leaves Anna at the mercy of the strange man who saved her life, but Anna soon learns that meeting Jed was no coincidence. As Anna is drawn into Jed's dangerous world and a feud three thousand years in the making, she must come to terms with her own secrets and decide what she will do, when they come calling. When I first spied this book on NetGalley, I was initially drawn to the cover. It was so beautifully creepy! I had seen this one pop up on my Goodreads feed from a couple of friends who had read it, and thought I'd give it a try. At

225 pages, I figured it wasn't too deep an investment if I ended up not connecting with it. I hugged her as much as anyone can hug a strong breeze. She slipped through my fingers and I breathed in the scent of sunshine when she passed around me. If you read the plot summary then you know this book has a good bit to do with ghosts. When picking this one up to read, I noticed the jacket blurb was rather short and vague; after reading I realize that is exactly as it should be. The entire story is spoiler central, so I will try to stay away from giving anything away as it seems there was a new twist or bomb dropped within every chapter. There is SO much more to this story than just ghosts. It truly defies genre limitations- if I had to classify it as alternate history meets light romance (think romantic suspense vs. typical romance or erotica) meets thriller. I found myself googling constantly during my reading of this one as I kept questioning what was fiction and what was deemed factual history; the author did a fantastic job of seamless weaving the two together and making this story that is so outrageous it just might be true in another world. The lake was picturesque. The pastures, framed by hills and woods, were covered in a layer of perfect snow. One of my favorite aspects of this book were the beautiful descriptions of the scenery; I truly felt a part of the setting and could envision every single chapter as if I was in the story myself. The descriptions of places, characters, even of the ghosts and weather were fantastic! I also surprisingly enjoyed the bit of romance between Anna and Jed; I'm not a huge romance reader but this was just enough to keep me interested in their relationship without making me want to gag. I thought all of the characters were diverse and extremely well-developed. The ending clearly was left open a bit for the next in the series, but the author gave plenty of closure and didn't leave a giant cliffhanger which I greatly appreciated! I did a little research and found out that the author had a sort of kickstarter fundraiser to gather the money to publish this book; so cool! I'm always interested in a book that has readers backing the author before its even published. She said that book #2 is in the works and I'm anxiously awaiting it! Water douses flames every time. I received my copy from NetGalley in exchange for a fair and honest review. This did not influence my opinions and all thoughts are mine.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book from beginning to end. I read a lot of books due to excessive travel on airplanes, and often I find that I'm reading a book that I don't find overly interesting but I read it anyway since there is nothing else to do on the flight. This book was different. I was pulled into the story right away and found myself wanting to know more about what happens next to Anna and her friends with each turn of the page. I had no idea what to expect from the story, and it ended up going in directions I had not imagined in the beginning. I can't

wait to now give it to my wife to read as well. I'm looking forward to the next in the series.

A fine start to a new series -- this one paranormal with ghosts both evil and good. Dr. Anna Roberts has always seen ghosts but mostly is not bothered by them. Then along comes Jedediah and following him lots of evil ghosts trying to take over the world. With that plot set up comes plenty of scary (but not so bad you have to have the lights on all night) action, broadly described characters (alive and dead), and a small touch of romance. Even though this is a series, fortunately no real cliff-hanger at the end just my desire to find out more with the next book.

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