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The Unearthly



Synopsis

The first time I was declared dead, I lost my past. The second time, I lost my humanity. Now I'm being hunted, and if I die again, my soul is up for forfeit. After enrolling in Peel Academy, an elite supernatural boarding school on the British Isles, the last of the sirens, Gabrielle Fiori, only wants to fit in. Instead, the elixir meant to awaken her supernatural abilities kills her. When Gabrielle wakes up in the morgue twelve hours later, something wicked is awakened in her, something even the supernatural community has never seen before. Now the only person who can help her is Andre de Leon, the community's infamous bad boy and the king of vampires. Yet even his help can't prevent the repeated attempts on Gabrielle's life. Someone is after her, and they will stop at nothing to end her short existence. Only Gabrielle cannot let that happen now that her soul hangs in the balance, because she may have met the devil. And he wants her. Bad. The Unearthly is a YA novel that will appeal to fans of paranormal romance and those who love vampire novels.

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Customer Reviews

The Unearthly was a pleasant surprise! Based on the first couple of chapters, I felt like this was just another YA Paranormal Romance where the heroine is super super special and gets the attention of the most popular supernatural guy around and they're destined to be together and they live happily ever after after he saves her from some baddies. Well, it is that, plus some interesting twists!

Gabrielle was adopted when she was five after her parents died in a fire, so she has no clue what legacy is mentioned when she's invited to attend Peel Academy. When she gets there, she learns that it's a special school for supernatural teens and it's time to be Awakened. Special schools are my weakness, so of course I liked The Unearthly. Peel Academy isn't the most original version of this trope, but I still liked it. All kinds of supernaturals are allowed in, but only if they're "good." No evils allowed, which basically means those who would use their abilities for bad and all vampires.

Obviously this means that Gabrielle has to be a vampire, which causes quite the ruckus! Not just because she's deemed automatically evil, but because no one has ever been born a vampire before. Super special! The Unearthly also comes with the requisite insta-love romance. I did not like Andre at all, especially when he literally grabs Gabrielle, throws her over this shoulder, and shoves her in the car when she refuses to go on a date with him. WTF, dude?! I suppose he had his reasons, but still not cool. At all. If you didn't guess already, Andre is a vampire, and the most important vampire EVER, so he's the one to help Gabrielle learn about her heritage and abilities. Lots of mentoring time leads to falling in love, and saving her life because someone is out to kill the only natural born vampire! Dun dun dun! I probably didn't do a very good job explaining why I liked The Unearthly. I just did. I thought it was fun. Vampires and special schools are my favorite, so it was hard to not crack a smile every few pages, even with cliches running amok! There's also a pretty interesting twist at the end about someone that Gabrielle thought she had been hallucinating. So onto The Coveted!

First of all, I found it hard to read this book. It was HARD TO PUT DOWN! I started and finished reading it in ten hours. Would have been less if I didn't need to eat, drink, or breathe! When I started reading it, I thought to myself: This sounds very much like Harry Potter. Orphan, check. Magical school, check. Two funny sidekicks, check. Main character clueless about own power, check. Only difference would be it's about a teenage girl rather than a little boy. Then as I read on, all comparisons disappeared and I was taken into a completely different world. Both magical, both captivating but oh so different. Gabrielle is an ass-kicking, fighting machine who can hypnotize you with her glamour and convince you to let her

drink you dry. And everyone wants her dead. My only issue with it was Gabrielle's level of maturity. Maybe I've never been around a lot of sixteen year old girls but she seemed far too mature in the book. Able to hold her own against a 700 year old vampire and the likes. However, it didn't deter the pleasure of reading the story. Yes, this book is just another teenage paranormal where the main character turns out being the most powerful person on the planet. Just another story with vampires, fairies, werewolves, shape-shifters, etc. Just another doomed romance. BUT OMG! It is so much more than that! The author had spun a common story into something else. I enjoyed it so much I bought the next book in the series! I can't wait to sink myself into the next one.

4.5 Stars I love this author! Everything Laura Thalassa writes is hard to put down. I've also read her Fallen World series and the first book of her Bargainer series, both also very good. The concept of this story is fairly simple- a girl starts at a school for supernaturals without knowing she is one at first (a very unique one) and then gets immersed in that world- but it really catches your interest right away. There's elements of mystery, drama, and romance to the story. Gabrielle is a fun heroine and meets her match in sexy vampire Andre. My only minor criticism: Gabrielle can be a little annoyingly stubborn about doing things her way to the point of recklessness. But otherwise, I don't have any complaints. Lots of fun characters, not too much heaviness even though there's plenty of intrigue. You'll like it. I read it in day, couldn't put it down.

I liked it but didn't love it. The story jumped around a lot, brought in new things without ever closing up the already open. I have lots of question that I hope will be answered in the next book but if they aren't its not that big of a deal (story wise) its only for my benefit that I'd like the answers. I don't like lingering questions left unanswered, no matter how small or insignificant the answer might be, it irks me like no other. Other than that the book was pretty good, I liked the characters and the story was able to hold my attention well enough, so that's definitely a plus. In the next book I hope to see more badassery from Gabriella and hopefully two soulmates come together.

It was a good read. A little rough around the edges, but it kept my attention. As far as vampire books go, the author did manage to come up with a new take on an old scenario. As a reader of this genre, I thought the concept had been played out, so it was nice to read something different for a change. I think the author needs to reconsider some of her word choices a little, and add more backstory

between the protagonists. When Gabrielle first encountered Andre, she had all of these memories of them together in other times and other places. That wasn't a fully evolved or explored idea in this book. It's kind of like she was just mentioning it casually the way a person would mention that they ran into an old acquaintance at WalMart or something. I will probably read the next book. However, I am hoping for a more fully evolved story. Overall, this book was ok, but not great.

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