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When your lover can speak to ghosts and his half-brother can read minds, you get used to life being a step away from normal. But when angry ghosts take over the bodies of the living, seeking revenge for their centuries-old murders, even John and Nick have trouble coping.

Teenaged angst, pushy tourists, and the dead walking... If they want the peaceful summer they'd planned, they're going to have to fight for it.

Side by side.

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Kaje Harper says

The third book in the series, this takes place ten years later, with John and Nick well settled in their island community. They are accepted, if sometimes distantly, and life is going well. Then Nick's half-brother, who is now 18, turns up for a visit. Josh has some paranormal abilities of his own, and the local ghosts turn out not to have been as completely laid to rest as Nick would have hoped.

This book escalates the paranormal adventure to a more dramatic level. I liked the fact that Josh is not gay (and does kiss a girl, although there is no significant M/F here.) Some series seem to make every interesting guy around become gay, and I find that less satisfying than a diverse community. Josh is a good character, and the adventure is fun.

One thing I felt about this book, more than the other two, was just a hint of superficiality. Josh's ability should, IMO, have had far more serious issues for him, past and present. And the crisis events through this book were dealt with from more of a plot than an emotional angle at times. But the balance of plot to sex was also better, so this was also a four-star read for me in the end.

A fast-reading, fun, sometimes hot, paranormal series, with a loving main couple. Not ground-breaking or deeply emotional for me, but it hit the spot for what I wanted to read at the time.

Andrea says

I liked that this book took place after they'd been together for a long while. It was nice to see how time had changed some attitudes. I also enjoyed more about the brother. As always, the writing is excellent.

T.T. Kove says

Could've done without the m/f fluff in the scenes with Josh and Caitrin, but if I ignore that, and focus on John and Nick, the book was absolutely amazing! I kept hoping Josh would ditch that girl and go gay through the whole book, but no such luck... How annoying.

Lily says

This is the third and final book in the Laying A Ghost series.

It's been ten years since John and Nick met and they are still happy and in love. Nick has written a few books and John is a tour guide around the islands now and occasionally they do still deal with ghosts.

As the story starts they are headed to the airport to pick up Josh, Nick's younger half-brother who has just graduated from high school and is visiting before heading off to college. Josh has his own psychic ability to deal with but is still a well adjusted 'normal' young man. He quickly makes friends with John's niece and the two teens are soon caught up in a local legend with frightening results.

I really enjoyed this action packed story. The first two books in the series focus primarily on John and Nick's relationship but in this one it's the paranormal aspect that takes center stage. Their relationship is solid and their love as strong as ever which will help a great deal as they deal with teenagers, angry spirits and a town full of innocent bystanders.

Overall this is a well-written, fast-paced and entertaining book and while there are some hot sex scenes it's the paranormal aspect that's the focus. Since this is the third installment in the series the main characters are already well developed and complete. The supporting characters, especially Josh, were good additions to the story. At only 130 pages long this is the shortest book in the series but I think also the most interesting. A very good ending to a nice paranormal series.

Shelley says

3.75 stars

Mara Ismine says

A few years have passed and Nick and John are happy together. Nick's teenage half-brother comes for a visit and accidentally helps release some ancient spirits with evil intentions. This is more a ghost story than a romance and has some chilling moments.

Aidee Ladnier says

I accidentally read this book first in the series and did not suffer at all for it. Although I was not as familiar with the characters as some readers, I had no problem comprehending the problems they faced, their strengths and weaknesses. A great paranormal story all 'round.

Eyre says

Nick and John have lived together happily for the past ten years, and now they are preparing for a visit from Nick's younger half-brother. Nick, of course, still sees dead people, and his brother, Josh, has a paranormal talent of his own. When Josh arrives, he and John's niece connect and find themselves asking questions about a local legend. As the story goes, two brothers were tied up and left to drown in a local cave because they'd murdered their mother. The teens, some tourists, and Nick and Josh get embroiled in the old legend, and Nick and John must face the most terrifying events of their lives.

I've wavered on the rating for this one, but I've finally settled on four stars. This is the shortest book of the series, but for me, it was the most interesting. The first two books give us a picture of Nick and John falling in love quickly and having to deal with relationship issues while Nick tries to cope with his abilities. In this book, the two are ensconced in their relationship, and I felt that the paranormal events were more of the authors' focus.

Tamela says

Another good story, Nick and John have been together for a while now. Things are going well for them and they are getting ready to welcome Nick's half brother for a visit. Of course, things quickly begin to go wrong and soon there are nasty ghosts ready to wreck their vengeance on the townsfolk. And Nick and John have to step up and save the day. This one gets a little over the top, but it's a fun read, so relax and enjoy.

Recommended

Montana says

John and Nick's relationship is stable in the final book in the trilogy, so there's no relationship conflict/plot and the paranormal suspense plot is a bit weak.

I enjoyed the inclusion of Nick's half-brother Josh, and I can't help but wonder if the authors were setting him up for his own series of novels.

Trio says

Such a fantastic series. The ghost part was pretty intense this time... same wonderful chemistry between John and Nick (and a spectacularly hot love scene in the middle of the book).

Chris, the Dalek King says

This book takes place a decade or so after the ending of Giving Up the Ghost. Josh, the brother Nick discovered he had in book two, is all grown up (if grown up means 18) and coming over to Traighshee for a short visit before he heads off to college in the fall. By all accounts it should be a fairly easy few weeks. Even for a pair of brothers that can either see the dead or hear people's thoughts. But then, of course, a couple of ghosts start acting up—possessing people and trying wreck their revenge—and things go a bit to hell.

I have to admit that after reading this box set for the last week, by the time I got to book three I was pretty much ready for it to be done. The page count says about 500 pages, but this felt a lot longer. Even with how much I was enjoying these stories, there was a part of me that was just looking forward to the end.

Well this book clearly decided to end it with a bang. Or well, will a couple of murderous ghosts and a whole lot of possession. Not so good for of Nick and John (or Josh...probably especially Josh), but good for me. Because it really helped get me thru the last 20% of this box set. The action elements of this story made this a quick read, and the addition of Josh into Nick and John's lives made things interesting.

Though I will have to say I sometimes had problems with how John reacted to Josh. Though that is mostly to do with how well he handled Nick, initially, with all his powers. Though, Nick couldn't see into his mind, so that probably helped there. John is a good guy, but sometimes it felt like he was coming down a bit hard on Josh.

Also, the two J-names, Josh and John, led to a few miss-reads. I kinda like to have all the major characters have names that start with different letters because I tend to gloss over them when reading and it sometimes gets confusing. Not horribly so, but still...

The end of this book kinda reads like a (very very sweet) wrap-up of the series. I can only assume that the authors might have intended to leave it there. But I am happy to see that there is a book four out in the world right now. Though I have to admit that I'm a bit burned out on Nick and John so it might take me a bit to get around to it.

And yes, I totally just One Day'd the rest of this series. Again. It's how I roll.

I think this book might have got a lower rating simply because I was fatigued by the end of this box set. After reading so many pages I think I was just tired and needed a break. But I still think it was a very good story. It is shorter than the first two, and packed with more action, but also has the same lovely romance between Nick and John that has kept me going up till now. And while I would probably recommend you not try and read this whole box set in less than a week, I would say that each book is well worth reading.

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Cassandra says

Gah! I love these two

April says

Read the books in order: 1. Laying a Ghost. 2. Giving Up the Ghost. This is the third book.

This isn't really a tale of partners and lovers taking on the paranormal. It's more of a Paranormal Cozy, with two guys wonderfully in love and partners in all ways who just happen to have to deal with ghosts now and then. They live on a tiny, quiet Scottish isle that sees some tourists in the summer but is cold and inhospitable in the winter--but beloved by them both.

John has lived there all his life and loves it, except for the fact that it wasn't gay-friendly so he was closeted, and lonely until Nick, an American, moves into the house inherited by his uncle. Their relationship is very passionate, but more than that, it is deep and tender and loving. That is the back-bone of these books, and it is worth reading for that alone. These are private men, and it is touching to be able to see into their lives.

In this book, Nick's young half-brother, Josh, has grown up and is coming for a visit before he starts college. All goes well until old legends and ghosts are stirred up in a big way and Nick and John are forced to deal with them.

As with the last book, there are some little threads that aren't neatly tied up, but then, the bits of plot aren't meant to be the focus, I think. The wonderful relationship between Nick and John are the main thing. The plot is strong enough to carry things along, though. Definitely enough excitement goes on to keep the small

island's inhabitants talking for years to come, anyway.

But the fireworks are mostly between Nick and John, and it's more of a nice, comfy fire in the fireplace at home than any big showy conflagration. They are such a dear couple that I would definitely love to see more of them, even though this third book ends on a very good, strong note.

Sunne says

This was the last story with Nick and John. It's ten years later and Nick's half-brother is visiting them on the island.

This story concentrates a bit more on the actual ghost story and less on John's and Nick's relationship. While I liked the story - despite some sudden and fitting appearances of abilities - I missed the love story a bit. I've grown very fond of Nick's and John's lovelife. It's just so beautifully described.

So, I'm sad that this series has ended with this book. *sigh* I think I schedule a reread in a few months.
