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It's the summer of 1974 and 21-year old Dawn Emerson has only three things she wants to do: compete one last time in the Ellensburg Rodeo, win back her ex-boyfriend Ryan, and become the best damn music journalist at Central Washington University. But all her plans are left in the dust when she's contacted by Creem magazine to go on the road with one of her favorite groups, the up-and-coming metal band, Hybrid.

At first the assignment reads like a dream come true. Not only will Dawn land some much-needed credibility as a female music journalist, but she'll finally get to experience life from the other side of the stage, and maybe crack the drunken, enigmatic code that is guitarist Sage Knightly. Instead, Dawn finds herself on an aging tour bus filled with ego-maniacs, band politics and a whole lot of sex, drugs and rock n' roll. When monsters start showing up in dressing rooms and some of Sage's groupies become increasingly strange and dangerous, Dawn discovers the band is not only going places – they're going straight to Hell.

And Dawn has a backstage pass.

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*The Devil's Metal is the first book in a two-part New Adult Horror/Paranormal Romance and very (very!) loosely based on the author's exploits as a music journalist. Hell comes in different forms.*

## **The Devil's Metal Details**

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## From Reader Review The Devil's Metal for online ebook

Alejandro says

### One heck of a book!

#### SYMPATHY FOR THE DEVIL

I knew about this book thanks to the enthusiastic review by a reader friend. She commented so highly about this book that it picked my curiosity and interest.

I checked the premise of the book and I found it so cool that I knew that I want to read the novel at some moment.

However, the second book in the now a series came out (back then in 2013) and I knew that if I really want to read it, it was better to hurry up.

I started to read the book without knowing if I'd like it or not, but soon enough I knew that I will enjoy a lot the reading experience with it.

First of all, I loved the idea of setting the story in 1974, since indeed the 70s was a strong decade for the metal music and it was even able to fit comments and references about iconic bands like Led Zepellin, Black Sabbath, Alice Cooper, etc... in a "contemporary" context inside the story. Also, there were priceless moments like the lead protagonist buying a book by a "new author", the novel: *Carrie*. Wonderful!

Since the plot was not only about metal music but also a horror story, I found this as a statement of the merging of the age of metal music with the rising age of contemporary horror novels. Having a female lead protagonist was also one of the key factor that it sold me the idea of reading the book, since I found thrilling the concept of a young woman trying to become a professional music journalist picking a golden opportunity of getting along in a country tour of a popular metal music band, where things aren't like they seem and demonic forces are involved.

Wow!

Sold!

#### ROCK ON!

I don't know if there are some novels with similar plots, but I thought that it was just a perfect combination of a metal rock band and demons, I mean, all the time, there has been all those stories, rumors, etc... involving rock bands with satanic stuff, so, there were a lot of potential here for a good book.

I loved how Karina Halle, the author, managed the narrative, since she put here and there some odd quick moments to get you remember that it was a horror story but also, she didn't rush herself on hitting you with the paranormal plot, she let you to enjoy the real feeling of being in a tour with a metal rock band. I enjoyed a lot that, since it was the decisive different angle for what I chose the book and I got what I was looking for.

The way that she conceived the band was interesting, I think that the name of the band, "Hybrid" was for

things more that it's style of merging rock, blues and metal, since one of the members in the band is a female one. And while I know a lot about rock music, I don't think that it was even a single band on the 70s with a female member, and if so, it was because she did the vocals, but in this "Hybrid" band, the female member is the bassist, so I found it cool, making a revolutionary statement in the forming of this fictitious band in the 70s.

### **SEX, DRUGS & ROCK N' ROLL**

Also, I like that the romance stuff is managed in a very realistic way without making instantaneous love affairs, but taking the due time to establishing the relationships. However, you can bet that the slogan of "sex, drugs and rock n' roll", it's well exposed and developed here, without modesty but also without excess, just the right amount to make it real and believable.

The novel integrates quite well the thing about groupies that in metal rock bands is something expected, and in here, you can see all sides of the topic, and even used in very creative ways when the story kicks in.

An interesting fact is that Karina Halle is a music journalist herself, so I have no doubt that she put many of her passion in the development of the lead protagonist in the marvellous book. Definitely, this novel is entertaining, smart and a page-turner.

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### **Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

#### **Buddy reading with the sweet girls Alex and La-lionne :)**

Karina Halle is brilliant!! Not only are the characters so real and likable but the plot moves so well. It felt like a movie being played out in my mind!!

She has become one of my favorite authors not only for her writing style but her strong character developments and the fantastic plots!!

#### **Let's start our trip back in the summer of 1974..**

The main character Dawn is given the opportunity of a lifetime as both a fan and as someone who hopes to become a music journalist. She is asked to go on tour with her favorite band, **Hybrid**.

Dawn is a small town farm and rodeo girl who has been taking care of her father and brother since her mother's death.

Dawn jumps at the chance to find out what goes on behind the scenes of the rock and roll world..

Dawn is thrust into the world of Hybrid and is seeing and experiencing things that she never has before. But she takes it all in her stride.

She try to handle to be near the man whose posters she has on her wall. The man who is her musical crush, Sage Knightly...

Sage is totally hot and drool worthy!!I want a Sage for myself..I loved the moments he was around and the sex scene..

But then not long into the tour she starts seeing and hearing strange things. At first she tries to write them off, but eventually they can't be ignored...

The demons in the story,they were seriously creepy. Definitely not your usual paranormal fair...

I look forward to the next in this series to see what demons Sage and Dawn must face together!!!

For more reviews you can check mine and Kristinas's blog. :D

my link text

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### **Karen says**

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### **Kristalia says**

**Final rating: 5/5 stars**

*“Hell is empty and all the devils are here.”*

? William Shakespeare, The Tempest

*“Everyone has the chance to become dangerous. If the right weather patterns are created. If the right feelings are invoked...feelings of injustice. Jealousy. Feelings of being owed*

*something they believe they have a right to have. To...collect. We all have it in us to become a danger, either to others or to ourselves. It's only a matter if the right clouds are brewing. Certain clouds will create a storm."*

Karina Halle has done it again! Awesome setting (1974 year + music tours + pure awesomeness) + story + characters + main characters + metal music + musicians = epic! While we are at it, who doesn't love musicians(not to mention I am also metal girl)? Anyway, I really loved this book. It was interesting, it was attention gripper and it certainly didn't disappoint me. I actually didn't know what to expect at first, because I didn't even read the summary, but then again, it proved to be wise decision, it made my guessing far more interesting.

*"Be careful what you wish for..."*

Actually, it turned out that I guessed right and that it wasn't much of a plot twist (view spoiler). **And this story is scary, really scary**, so if you are fan of horror, this is a book for you! Writing style is awesome as usual, and I have no complaints there.

And ending...that freaking ending! It was mostly "what the hell..." or "no freaking way that just happened" type for me, and I loved it. Thankfully, there is no cliffhanger, or I would go crazy with anticipation.

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### Story :

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Dawn is a musician journalist, and she got an opportunity job – to write about the Metal Band "Hybrid". She accepts, being a fan herself, but when she meets the band members, weird stuff starts happening. And what she didn't expect was that she will fall in love.

*"Those bands, you plan your life around them. You plan vacations around concert dates. You save babysitting money for records. You live for those days when Creem magazine arrives in your dusty mailbox and you frantically flip through it for any information on your favorites. The bands, the musicians that you love, they love you back. And when they quit, when they fall apart, when they die—they ruin that future you thought they'd always be a part of."*

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### Characters :

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Karina Halle is damn awesome about one thing especially: her characters! You care about every one of them, and they are usually well developed. You will fall in love in some of them. The whole book is from Dawn's first person point of view, but I didn't mind it, because Karina Halle is excellent in writing that way.

◆ **Dawn:**

She is strong heroine, capable, redhead (for me it's important), she was never annoying. She is in a sort of dysfunctional family – her father is alcoholic, but he loves them, her mother committed suicide, her brother Eric has Tourette syndrome and he gets picked on at school. And Dawn is forced to be a mother now. She has a best friend Mel, who is crazy as hell and usually calls Dawn a “bitch”, but it is just how they poke each other. And then, she gets a dream job – and she wants to do it. But she never expected that job to be dangerous. Even when the weird stuff started happening, she didn't truly believe in them, she thought she was hallucinating or that maybe she was drugged or something, Not to mention her sense of humor – it made me lol so many times!

*Dawn: “You seemed a bit snappish at breakfast, last night too. Thought maybe you have an object lodged up your ass or something. Something a doctor should remove”*

*Sage: “Excuse me?”*

*Dawn: “Well, do you?”*

◆ **Sage:**

I have a new book boyfriend. He is pretty, he is a guitarist of the band Hybrid(why are the main characters of music theme books always singers or guitarist), and he is a mystery. I actually thought for a while that he is a (view spoiler), but when I stroked that thought, it turned out that I guessed the other thing (view spoiler). We find out a little about him, and find that he has some things in common with Dawn too. He is also nice, and doesn't seem like a cheater type of guy (thank god). Let's leave it at that, he needs his mystery.

◆ **Other characters:**

From the members of the Hybrid, we have: Graham, who is way to creepy. Robbie, who is interesting, Noelle is a bad girl type and she has boyfriend Mickey who is cool too. And then we have Jacob, their manager; Bob, their driver; Chip, their sound editor (?), GTFO fanigrls (Sonja being the main groupie bitch) and Mel, Dawn's friend. Mel made me laugh so many times. And ofc, some of them i wanted to slaughter...

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**CONCERNING THE END: \*spoilers - serious spoilers\* :**

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(view spoiler)

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**OVERALL :**

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**Karina Halle is awesome, I love all of her books, and I certainly love this one too. It will probably have everything you need – and will make you lust for more. I am lusting too. Do you see me lusting? Cause I am \*p\***

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***Buddy read details <3 :***

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BUDDY READ with Georgia (my Greek Goddess), Debra (i love you my woman) and Joana and Airah on March 23!

**CHECK OUT THEIR REVIEWS:**

- ◆ Georgia
- ◆ Debra
- ◆ Joana
- ◆ Airah

*This review can be found on my blog: [infinity-of-time.blogspot.com](http://infinity-of-time.blogspot.com) also known as...*

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**? Sammy ?? says**

**5 "It was an epic, flawless, tingling-deep-in-my-belly type of show" Stars!**

Set in the 1970's... The Devil's Metal is about a small town, farm girl by the name of Dawn Emerson who has large aspirations to become a successful music journalist.

**"Being a music journalist in Ellensburg, Washington, home of a big rodeo and miles of Timothy hay, was difficult. Being a *female* music journalist was almost impossible."**

So when Creem magazine offers Dawn the job of a lifetime, she jumps at the chance to work with one of her all time favorite bands, Hybrid. This opportunity will not only get her the credibility she needs for her career but it will also give her insight into the band's mysterious guitarist, Sage Knightly.

But some things are just too good to be true: **"I'll tell you how it all ends. In fire. With a man you'll never be able to save."**

Her trip with Hybrid is full of egotistical rockstars, drugs, music, monsters, sex, and creepy & demonic groupies known as GTFO's.

### **My Thoughts**

3 Words: **SO DAMN GOOD!** I pretty much loved everything about this book but will highlight a few of my favorite aspects for you:

? Sage Knightly \*swoon\* - He is such a passionate musician and is HOT! I loved how he cared more about his music and the people he is close to rather than losing himself and his career to women, drugs, and alcohol.

**"Finding someone you truly love is much harder than finding someone to love you."**

? The music! I loved all the references to all the classic rock bands and musicians that I enjoy listening to.

? This book definitely has an EIT vibe. Do demonic monsters and a certain redhead named Jacob sound familiar? ;)

? Dawn was a badass heroine. I loved the fact that she stayed true to herself and didn't let the sex, drugs, and sometimes asshole rockstars ruin who she is.

I would definitely recommend this book to everyone! Especially those who have enjoyed any of Karina's other novels or her Experiment in Terror series <3 I can't wait to read the second book in the series, The Devil's Reprise which is out now!

So what are you waiting for? Go pick up this series and give it a chance! =)

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### **Brenna says**

**Man... can Karina Halle write her ass off!**

I knew after reading the EIT series, that I **had to** and will **always** read anything that Karina writes. Let me just say that this did not disappoint, not one freaking bit! The writing was descriptive and realistic and awesome!

And the characters, oh the characters! The development was perfection! There were so many of them and I felt for pretty much all of them – whether it was love or hate or something else, I *felt*. We aren't just bombarded with tons of information right away, details are slowly revealed and everything is done with so much purpose. Dawn was everything I love in a heroine – smart, real, a little mouthy, witty, and strong. I won't go into every character, but let me just say one word. SAGE. OMG! **Love, love, love** him!

I went into this knowing that it was about an aspiring music journalist, touring, and that it was set in the 70's. Other than those few things, I was going in dark. I am SO glad I did! I had no idea where the story line was going until it was pretty much *happening*. That made the ride all the more fun and intriguing. And I like to think of myself as pretty tough when it comes to not getting spooked, but there was one part in this that had me thoroughly freaked. I mean getting up to make sure my doors were locked, closing the blinds, heart racing, look over my shoulder every 2 seconds freaked! And I loved it!

Highly, highly recommend! Cannot wait for more! **I NEED MORE!**

## Lise \*friends don't flag\* says

### You Are Engaged!!!!

I have devoured everything Karina Halle has written. The EIT series is one of my favorites and I highly anticipated her first non EIT full length novel, The Devil's Metal. Did I think it would be good, yes- I love Karina's unique writing style: perfect detail, witty, engrossing, personal with a mind-blowing supernatural creepiness. Her characters are ones that you fall in love with, route for, hate, cry over and never ever forget. Did I think I would love this new book, first in a series- I was not sure, but after finishing TDM in the wee hours of the morning, I was on a Karina Crack Book high once again.

What I loved most:

- The depth of the characters
- The setting-seventies rock band on tour across the country in a funky old bus
- The musical references
- The suspense and eerie-factor –the demons scared the crap out of me
- The sexual tension between Dawn and Sage
- Sage- one beautifully sculpted, talented and dark soul
- And.. the fact that I have at least one, hopefully more \*pretty please\* books in this series to look forward to.

Favorite Quotes-

Dawn on a rival journalist:

**“I really couldn't stand his chauvinistic opinions, nor the fact that he always had one long nose hair sticking out of his right nostril”**

Dawn on Sage:

**“I briefly wondered if the body of a god was one of the things he had bargained for as well, then I decided he was just damn lucky with genetics”**

Sage to Dawn:

**“He put his face right up to mine, his eyes were blazing. “I am not going to let you die. You hear me? I won't let that happen. No matter what.”**

**“God, you're beautiful, Dawn”**

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## Lucia says

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**Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says**

★★★★★SHOCK & AWE★★★★★

*??Black shadow hangin' over your shoulder  
Black mark up against your name  
Your green eyes couldn't get any colder  
There's bad poison runnin' through your veins  
Evil walks behind you  
Evil sleeps beside you  
Evil talks arouse you  
Evil walks behind you?? ~ AC/DC "Evil Walks"*

And fear.... This is a Karina Halle book. They are mindfucking awesome and sometimes even creepy and scary.

***I felt horror, a terror so complete that I had one thought: I was going to die there on the stage. I was going to lose my soul. I was going to Hell. I was all fear and only fear, and that's what I would be for all my existence.***

It's the year of our Lord, 1974. America is in a time of turmoil and change. It's the time of liberation and hard-acquired equality and the youth has rebelled. They are taking off their frustrations and anger against the system, their parents and each other, coming up with the most notorious trifecta of all times...

Disappointment, recession and instability led to the birth of a new music movement. What Elvis started, it kept going with Led Zeppelin and all the others God of Rock.

And then metal emerges and music becomes an obsession.

This the time of concerts,

festivals,

road trips and groupies.

And *Hybrid* are in the middle of all these. The rock band that has gained fans and popularity. The new music phenomenon. But behind this band the brains, maestro and soul of all, the guitarist, **Sage Knightly**.

*"I'm the most broken piece of the puzzle."*

**Dawn Emerson aka Rusty** dreams of becoming a music reporter.

She lives and breathes music and all she wants is to finish college and make it big. Rolling Stone & Creem Magazine, big. She knows that taking care of her alcoholic father and sick brother is holding her back, but this rodeo queen isn't scared of the ride... Paranormal stuff, though is a whole different kinda story.

*"Have you wanted something so badly that you would have done anything to get it?"*

All her dreams come true when she is hired to follow her favourite band *Hybrid* on its tour, documenting everything, interviewing them and write an article that she hopes to be her big break. She didn't count on being in the middle of the band's secrets and a debt about to get repaid.

*"We all lost our souls when we joined this band."*

And she certainly, didn't account for falling in love.

*"I'll tell you about how it all ends. In fire. With a man you'll never be able to save."*

Will she be able to save the ones she came to care for? Or she just doomed herself? What exactly is coming after them?

Sweet mother of God.... What did we just read??? I swear this book is awesome...

Starting it, I was in the mood for something scary and weird and knowing Karina Halle's writing style I was kinda prepared...

Things/entities started appearing quickly...

And by the end, all hell broke loose.

ABSO-FREAKING-LUTELY FUCKING AMAZING

Reading a Karina Halle book is a unique and extraordinary experience. They are dark and twisted, with fucked up individuals, bastards and criminals, idealistic and scarred people. Real characters, that you can't help but root for, despair and get angry at.

This one is the same. Scary and addictive, unique and paranormal, but in the meantime so damn much realistic. It doesn't pull any punches. The heroes are going through hell.

I'm actually surprised at the consistency in her books mythology. Following the world-building of her EIT novels but delivering a whole different story, this book is great on its own in the same footsteps. Dare I hope, that Dex and Perry will come to meet an older Sage and Dawn in a future book? Will they have a story to share or a mystery to solve? OH MY GOD..... \*happy sigh\*

A rich writing style, paired with a hell of a storyline, complex characters and the best kind of terror, make this story irresistible. I highly recommend it to everyone. But especially to the ones who loves Karina Halle's books. **YOU MUST READ IT!!**

I really want to know how all this will end.... Are they really coming back??

**Buddy Read this book with the awesomest of awesome: Airah, Debra, Joana and Kristalia!!!**

**You can check out their reviews, here:**

?Debra's Review

?Kristalia's Review

?Joana's Review

**WE HAD A BLAST!!!!**

♥Girls you are amazing and I LOVE YOU!!!♥

*More details, below:*

**\*\*BUDDY READ with two of my bestest besties, Debra and Joana on March 23!\*\***

*Me & Jo & Debra LMAO!!!!*

**Breaking News:** Airah, Karina Halle co-fangirl and so freaking great, is also joining us!

**\*AWESOMENESS ALERT\***

**Last minute's entry, her Majesty..... *Kristalia my beautiful crystal ;)* *Queen of Blades!!!***

**It WAS legendary!!!!**

## Nina says

No one could pull this off...except for Karina Halle! :P <-- And I was right. This book is beyond awesome and is every bit as addicting as EIT with another great heroine and an abundance of hot guys. And music. Lots and lots of music.

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*I thought long and hard about whether I should translate this review to English but ultimately decided against it. I have so much to say about this book and I just feel better doing so in my own language. I'm positive that there are going to be more than enough positive reviews anyway. And maybe, just maybe, some German readers will take notice of this awesome book this way as well. It's worth it.*

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Emerson hat einen großen Traum: Sie möchte Musikjournalistin werden. Doch es gibt jede Menge Konkurrenz und als Frau hat es die 21jährige im Jahr 1974 zusätzlich besonders schwer, sich gegen ihre männlichen Kollegen durchzusetzen. Abgesehen von ein paar Artikeln in kleineren, lokalen Zeitungen, hat sie bisher kaum Stücke veröffentlichen können.

Wenigstens bleibt ihr so aber genug Zeit, sich um ihre Familie zu kümmern. Seit Dawns Mutter sich vor Jahren das Leben genommen hat, ist ihr Vater schwerer Alkoholiker und hat dadurch seine Farm zugrunde gerichtet. Außerdem leidet Dawns kleiner Bruder Eric an einer Form von Tourette. Zwar sind seine Attacken relativ harmlos, reichen aber aus, um ihm das Leben in seiner kleinen, ländlichen Heimatstadt zur Hölle zu machen. Dawn hat alle Hände voll zu tun, ihre Familie einigermaßen zusammen zu halten.

Doch dann bekommt sie einen Anruf von niemand anderem als dem Chef-Editor des Creem Magazine, das neben dem Rolling Stone das einflussreichste Musik-Blatt der USA ist. Sie soll als Journalistin die Tour von Hybrid, einer der erfolgreichsten Bands ihrer Zeit, begleiten. Dawn hat keine Ahnung, wieso ausgerechnet sie dafür ausgewählt wurde, will ihr Glück aber nicht hinterfragen oder die Chance auf ihren großen Durchbruch riskieren.

Doch schon nach wenigen Tagen mit ihren Idolen auf Tour muss Dawn feststellen, dass der Ausdruck Sex, Drugs and Rock'n'Roll nicht nur ein Klischee ist und ist erst einmal sehr ernüchtert. Schnell wird ihr aber auch klar, dass mit Hybrid und vor allem dem schwarzen Schaf der Band Graham, sowie dem stillen und geheimnisvollen Sage, der die kreative Kraft hinter der Gruppe ist, etwas ganz und gar nicht stimmt. Schon bald sind psychopathische Groupies und infernalische Träume Dawns kleinste Probleme...

Wenn es einen Song gab, der Karina Halle zu ihrem neuesten Buch The Devil's Metal inspiriert hat, dann war das mit ziemlicher Sicherheit Sympathy for the Devil von den Rolling Stones. Im Vorfeld fand ich diese Vorstellung ein bisschen klischeehaft, das hat sich aber schnell geändert, sobald ich erst einmal angefangen habe, das Buch zu lesen.

Zwar wird relativ früh klar, in welche Richtung die Geschichte gehen wird, ausgemacht hat das aber gar nichts. Dafür war allein schon die Grundprämisse viel zu spannend. Karina Halle ist bekannt dafür, ein großer Musik-Fan (tatsächlich war sie lange Zeit selbst Musikjournalistin) zu sein und das konnte sie in The Devil's Metal in vollsten Zügen auskosten. Ein großer Teil des Buches ist der Musik der 70er und dem Leben auf Tour gewidmet, mit allen schönen, aber auch schmutzigen Seiten. Alleine das hätte schon für ein sehr unterhaltsames Buch ausgereicht und dürfte jedem Fan von Filmen oder Büchern wie Almost Famous

gefallen.

Doch natürlich ist das nicht alles, was die Autorin zu bieten hat. Denn bei Hybrid geht es tatsächlich nicht mit rechten Dingen zu und Dawn hat mit ziemlich finsternen Kreaturen zu kämpfen. Wie schon in der Experiment in Terror-Reihe, wird es auch in The Devil's Metal stellenweise ziemlich gruselig und ist nichts für schwache Nerven (bei einer bestimmten Szene musste ich sogar das Licht in meiner Wohnung anmachen ;). Apropos Experiment in Terror: Beide Reihen spielen in der gleichen Welt und auch wenn dieses Buch nichts mit Perrys Geschichte an sich zu tun hat, so gibt es doch eine bestimmte Figur über die wir zumindest indirekt einiges erfahren.

Am allerbesten haben mir aber - wie immer bei Karina Halle - die Figuren gefallen. Dawn ist eine sympathische junge Frau, die ihre Fehler hat und sich diesen durchaus bewusst ist. Sie wird als naives Mädchen vom Land in die Welt der Rockstars geworfen und reagiert erst mal so, wie es jeder von uns tun würde: Sie ist überwältigt und das Fan-Girl in ihr kommt zum Vorschein. Doch schon nach kürzester Zeit sieht sie hinter die Fassade. Einige der Band-Mitglieder sind wirklich kaputte Charaktere. Drogen, Alkohol und Sex sind an der Tagesordnung. Auch als Leser war ich zu Beginn dadurch etwas abgestoßen. Doch gerade diese Figuren wachsen einem mit der Zeit ans Herz. Ganz besonders gilt das für den Sänger Robbie, der kein Groupie auslässt und den eiskalt kalkulierenden Manager der Band Jacob. Und für Sage, hinter dem sich zwar ein dunkles Geheimnis versteckt, der dafür aber sehr glaubhaft geraten ist und nicht nur Dawn unter die Haut geht.

Einzig wegen dem Showdown muss ich einen halben Stern abziehen. Der ist mir etwas zu übertrieben geraten. Vielleicht liegt es daran, dass ich mittlerweile nur noch Reihen gewohnt bin, in denen es manchmal 3 Bücher dauert bis man bestimmte Details erfährt, aber in The Devil's Metal sind mir manche Dinge zu einfach bzw. zu problemlos erklärt worden. Gerade am Ende wirkt das dann wie gesagt etwas dick aufgetragen.

Trotzdem ist es Karina Halle mit The Devil's Metal gelungen, ein ausgesprochen unterhaltsames Buch zu schaffen. Nicht nur Fantasy- bzw. Horrorfans werden Spaß an diesem Buch haben, Musik-Freunde kommen ebenfalls auf ihre Kosten. Die Geschichte ist spannend, die Charaktere schräg und das Setting in den 70er Jahren, sowie die Band und ihre Tour sind einfach mal was anderes.

Grundsätzlich ist The Devil's Metal in sich abgeschlossen, es wird jedoch ein Sequel mit dem Titel The Devil's Reprise geben, das im Frühjahr 2013 erscheinen wird. Das ist auch bitter nötig, denn nicht nur sind einige wichtige Details offen gelassen, sondern auch die Geschichte selbst gibt noch jede Menge her.

A big fat huge thank you to Karina for providing me with an eARC.

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## **Stacia (the 2010 club) says**

**1 part *Almost Famous* + 1 part sexually charged anticipation + 1 part campy horror movie = this shiznit.**

3.5 stars. I'm going to call it a good day of reading, but I did wish for more creep-tastic happenings from the jump. I'm pretty sure that most of us guessed what was going on pretty early in the game based on the synopsis, so I'm not sure why we had to wait to find out until close to the end. Either that, or I just have a thing for dissecting book titles.

The first half of the book had me curious, even though it was a bit of a slow starter. However, the second half really brought everything home for me. I am super excited to see what comes next.

*I was all fear and only fear, and that's what I would be for all my existence.*

Dawn is a rock fan, picked to interview a band while on tour (hence the Almost Famous comparison). I'm not really sure what it was about her, but I never felt the draw to Dawn as a person. However, she did have one thing working for her - she was strong, even when she probably thought that she wasn't.

*"You can't save him. You can't save any of them."*

I dare anyone to argue with me that Sage was the star of this book in every way. Isn't this always the case with a man of mystery? We as the readers get sucked into wanting to know what's going on behind the wall.

*"I haven't interviewed you," I pointed out. "And you're the most important piece of the puzzle."*

*"I'm the most broken piece of the puzzle."*

And there's the GIMME. Immediately, you want to know what's going on with Sage.

**Let's see...**

- ~ Rock Band
- ~ Scary Stuff
- ~ Alright, and some sexy stuff too

Btw, Karina if you see this....loins? Really...loins? My eyes keep reading that as lions. That word messes with my head.

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**Fathima says**

*"We all lost our souls when we joined this band..... "*

This was soo me , when I finished reading this book !!! It took me a few minutes to register the last few closing lines of the book and the chapter and then all hell broke loose , in my head !!! Holy hell , Karina Halle does it again ! Can this woman get any better ?? Hell fucking yeah ! She has gotz talents and the skillz to write ! The world needs to know her , ASAP !! Right now , all I can do is this :

and this :

I'm usually like a 9 year old on crack when I finish a story by Karina , and this was no different . I ramble like an Idiot and talk aimlessly till I can settle my thoughts down .

Dawn Emerson is a music journalist who gets a 'once in a lifetime' chance to be on tour with one of her favorite bands **The Hybrid** . Dawn definitely has her own baggage's to carry in life , but she decides to give her dreams and aspirations in life a chance and makes up her mind to go onboard and experience the rockstar life . But what she doesn't count on is that this is no ordinary roadtrip . Its a journey to hell and she just happens to have a 'backstage' pass . What is in store for dawn and the band Hybrid , well read the book and find out for yourself . I'm sure as hell you wont be disappointed .

### **IT'S THAT 70'S SCENE !**

The entire story is set in the 70's and you can actually see that Karina has put in a whole lot of research into this story . Right from the atmosphere to the clothing to the style sense , everything makes you feel that you are a part of the 70's . There were times I was wondering that she might have slipped up somewhere and mentioned something 2012-ish , but nooo . It was bang on perfect . The story quickly sucks you in like a black hole does and lands you up at this parallel dimension *if I can call it that* . I loved this whole time travel feel about it !!

### **ROCK&ROLL , SEX AND DRUGS !**

Talk about reliving the rock scene from the 70's !! And not just the whole on-stage performance and stuff , but also the back stage action . Interaction with the groupies , the drinking , the drugs and the blow jobs and hand jobs that come with it , it's all there . Kudos to Karina's writing , she makes it seem so real that it actually feels like you are standing right there , probably in the corner somewhere and seeing everything !!! The kind of characters that she creates are intense and soo real . As a reader , you are sure to hate them , like them , adore them , love them but definitely not ignore them . Even if their presence is in tiny winy role , they still manage to make an impact on you . And the sex in this book ! Creepers , this is not a YA ! So the steam factor in this book is definitely hot !!! I mean seriously , you cant write a story about a bunch of rockstars with hot bods and hot voices and not write a sex scene amplifying their ~~sexiness~~ hotness !!! Somehow , the idea of having sex on a tour bus sounds very very intriguing !!!

### **AND LETS NOT FORGET THE DEMONS ...**

okay just so we are clear , this book is scary ! Like pee/shit in your pants scary !! Some scenes , if you imagine them in your head , can guarantee you nightmares for sure !! Especially the demons and their whole demonic aura . For those of you who have read Karina Halle's EIT series , you already know the woman does scary like no other female author in the horror genre !! Say what you will , I think I'm gonna name Karina the " QUEEN OF HORROR " . The dreams that haunt Dawn , the monster who follows them around at night , the groupies from hell and the whole spooky aura that flows out of this book is enough to give you goosebumps !!!

### **HUNG BY THE CLIFFHANGER ??**

Would I call the ending a cliffhanger ?? Well , yeah sort of ! Not that I didn't see it coming , but sometimes you just wish that things will go back to normal right ? WRONG !!! If you are a Karina Halle fan , then you should know that the woman doesn't make anything easy ! And she manages to pull that trick here as well . Just when you thought , ' Oh thank god , I'm soo happy for them !! ' she goes all ninja on your heart and makes you go , ' Damn it ! what in the world ..... !!! ' Now don't think I didn't like it , I loved it !!! It just means more of Sage \* swoon \* and Dawn \* lets kick those demon asses \* !

Karina Halle delivers another , rocking , chart topping , heart thumping , jaw dropping , cold sweating ,

rockstar induced orgasmic story that is sure to make you curse , crack a smile and make you fall in love with its characters !! At times I found me :

and then there were times I was all :

Too much to handle I tell ya people !!!

Before I go go , you need to pick yourself a copy of this book and read it like ASAP !!! I need my Sage , Dawn and Jacobs fix so I'm going to be on pins and needles till the next book in this series comes out !!!!

**5+ energizing yet soul sucking stars !!!**

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**Debra says**

**WHAT.A.BOOK.**

Another novel by Karina Halle that I have devoured within a couple of hours and that I ended up loving to pieces. **The Devil's Metal** was again a roller coaster ride of events that kept me glued to the pages the entire time I was reading it.

In this book it's all about rock and roll (*and everything that comes with; sex, drugs, moody musicians...you name it!*)

The story takes you back to the 1970s rock scene where a young aspiring music journalist **Dawn Emerson** is offered the chance of a lifetime when the famous Creem Magazine offers her the job of going on tour with one of her favorite up-and-coming rock bands Hybrid.

**"Hybrid won me over with their sound, the way they took a band like Led Zeppelin and made it look like a freight train. They wanted to take on anything - anything - and to it louder. Harder. Better. I loved them for that."**

Determined to write a killer cover story she decides to accept the offer and join the band on what is supposed to be their most epic tour ever.

**"I was on the verge of something epic. It could go well, it could go all bad, but it was going to be epic in whichever way it went."**

*And Dawn, couldn't have been more right!*

From being able to witness the band's amazing performances live on stage to drunken encounters with the band members back stage to freaking insane and clingy groupies following the band around; this epic journey slowly but surely turns out to be a whole lot more than what Dawn originally bargained for.

**"And now, I realized, I had been thrown right into the deep end. Alone. Thank god I knew how to swim."**

But when weird demon-like creatures start following her and the other band members around and things start to get more and more out of control...

**"We all lost our souls when we joined this band."**

*My reactions to the events that followed were pretty much like this...*

In the meantime, Dawn is also more and more attracted by the band's darkly handsome, very swoonworthy and mysterious lead guitar player **Sage Knightley**.

**"Seeing this man on stage was like watching a lion prowl along the crest of his kingdom."**

He's intriguing and constantly tries to keep as much distance from Dawn as possible but she's determined to crack the infamous Sage code and find out all the mysteries he's been hiding, which eventually lead to a lot of sexual tension between the two of them...

And then the ending... I wouldn't call it a cliffhanger, but based on the epilogue, it's pretty sure the story isn't over yet and that there are a lot more "demonic" encounters to follow...

***"Be careful what you wish for..."***

What I really loved about this book was the original plot, the whole 70's vibe including kick-ass music references and the unconventional yet extremely enthralling combination of life on tour with horror elements thrown in the mix. I think the story really painted a true and detailed picture of the fascinating 1970s rock scene and I'm already looking forward to the next part of this series as well!

All I have left to say is, this book is

And highly recommended!!!! Especially for those who have read Karina Halle's Experiment In Terror series, I think they'll very much enjoy reading *The Devil's Metal* too.

**And last but not least I would like to thank Joana, Airah, Kristalia and Georgia for the AWESOME**

**buddy reading experience!!!! It wouldn't have been the same without you, ladies!!! \*hugs\***

**Check out their reviews:**

**Georgia's review**

**Kristalia's review**

**Joana's review**

**5+++ electrifying and soul wrenching stars**

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**Brittni says**

***4 Rock And Roll Stars!!!!***

I really liked this book!! I've said this before and I'll say it again... *You can never go wrong with a Karina Halle book.* She is absolutely amazing. This book contains the basic four elements of the 70's: sex, drugs, alcohol and rock'n'roll mixed with a little bit of horror.

Dawn aka Rusty is a girl from a small town trying to make it big in the music business as a journalist. She gets this amazing offer to join one of her favorite bands on tour and to document her experience. This experience turns out to be life changing in so many ways for Dawn.

I really liked Dawn but I felt like I couldn't connect with her character. I can't figure out what it is about her that I couldn't relate to but I just felt so bored when she wasn't interacting with the other characters from the book.

Sage is the lead guitarist in Dawn's favorite band Hybrid. He is this sexy, mysterious and intriguing character whose presence will leave you wanting more. I love love love Sage!!!! I couldn't get enough of him!! He is just so sexy!! "sighs"

I loved the chemistry between Sage and Dawn. I thought they were really cute together. My only issue is I wish there was more of a build up with their relationship. They didn't have a lot of alone time together in the book. So I felt like the progression of their relationship was kind of weird.

Overall I really liked this book!!! I can't wait to read the next book in this series!!

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**Karina Halle says**

Can I review this? No? What do you mean some people look down on authors reviewing their own books? I reviewed Darkhouse and gave it four stars! Oh right. That was back in the day when I didn't know any better

(I still stand by that review! It was honest, yo).

So I can't "rate" the book because I'm a bit biased and would give it five stars. I mean, I love this book, even though by the time I finished it I felt like I'd been on a dusty, sweaty tour bus with a bunch of drugged-out and oversexed rock stars. \*wipes brow\*

But I can leave a gif review. So I will.

Basically The Devil's Metal is a bunch of:

And then some:

With a heaping of:

I'll also point out that just like my character, Dawn Emerson, I am also a music journalist (for Consequence of Sound, Mxdwn, etc). Really. I've written hundreds of album and concert reviews, interviewed and photographed people such as Chris Cornell, Chromeo, Liz Phair. Some of the stuff you'll read in this book actually happened to me while on the job...but exactly what stuff happened to me? You're going to have to draw your own conclusions ;)

PS this book is new adult...which is a new term or genre that basically means it's centered around a college-aged kid. IT IS NOT YA. There is sex. Perhaps even graphic sex. And swearing. And it's kinda scary. So, NO. NOT YA. NO ONE UNDER 18 SHOULD READ IT...unless you're a really open-minded 16-year old...no wait, I can't even endorse that. ANYWAY - read at your own risk.

Check ya later!

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