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Blending mystery, romance, and urban fantasy with a dash of horror, this witty New Adult novel follows four quirky friends on a cross-country, paranormal investigation. Sadie Smith was absolutely certain of three things: (1) ghosts were indisputably real; (2) she and her three friends were some of the best (though not the most successful) ghost hunters in Oregon; (3) her teammate Jefferson Parrish was always the scariest thing in the room. But ghosts-unsurprisingly-can't help pay the rent. So when Sadie and her friends are offered an undisclosed sum of money from an anonymous client to find a link between four historical haunted locations, it's an easy sell. During their investigation, Sadie finds herself forgetting about Jefferson's macabre tendencies and falling for his sweetness, even if his idea of a love letter reads more like a note from a serial killer. As Sadie's feelings get more tangled up with Jefferson, their group puts together the final pieces of a 100-year-old mystery-one that will change Sadie's life forever.

Parrish Details

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Alexandra says

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Erin Cobbs says

I wondered how I would feel about this book. I was pleasantly surprised. The characters were kind of interesting in of themselves, but also how they all interacted together. The basis of the story was a group of young adults who where attracted into "ghost hunting". They did it on their own time/dime and somehow got pulled into a mystery of a who-dun-it from the past. All clues were unusual and there definitely were some twists to the story. Along the way, romance also happens.

Part of the reason I really liked this book was because of the characters. They weren't the "typical" ones you see and that's what made it so believable. I'm thankful I received this book ?from Future House Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Mary says

Loved it!

Vee FLORALSNDRAGONS says

This was really different. To start off, I was actually really drawn to the synopsis and the characters. Sadie and her friends has the coolest job ever, searching for ghosts. I've always wanted to be part of those "Ghost Adventures" shows, but then I realize I would freak the crap out by a little noise in the wood floors (eek the thought makes me shiver). Back to the story–Parrish has this fun and mysterious journey of a group of people trying to uncover the story behind these four places.

For the rest of the review check out: <http://www.floralsndragons.com/2016/0...>

Heather Ostler says

Parrish is the perfect blend of mystery, romance, and wit. Camp pulls you in with adorkable characters, spooky settings, and laugh-out-loud dialogue. This book should come with a warning. Beware, you won't be able to put it down!

Carrie Munroe says

I read a lot of paranormal and romance books, so I had high hopes for “Parrish” and it did not disappoint. The author has done her homework -- fans of ghost hunting-type shows will recognize the gear and at least one location. The supernatural parts of the book are well done, with lots of suspense and eerie details. I definitely got the chills a few times, yet it is the romance part of the book that pleasantly surprised me. So many romance novels are about getting the characters in bed. “Parrish” is more about the journey, complete with some of the confusing feelings that come when couples are just starting to get to know each other as more than friends. I don’t want to label this as a “clean” romance or YA novel (I’m not sure how it’s being marketed) because that diminishes the wonderfully crafted romance and really engaging mystery at the book’s core. I can’t wait to read the rest of this series (I’m hoping that there will be more than just one more book), and will definitely re-read this book when the second one comes out. It’s one of those that, once you know how it ends, will be interesting to go back and re-examine how the author crafted the story and wove in all of the many details.

Disclosure – I purchased this book, but it was brought to my attention by Future House Publishing. I did not receive any compensation for this honest review.

Larissa :) [HIATUS] says

Maybe 4.25.

And one more thing: I didn't think Jefferson was actually that weird or creepy.

April Harvey says

I never thought I would be hooked into a book simply by a character's physical description. I was a few pages in when one of the main characters, Jeffrey Parrish, is described as a "Tim Burton character come to life". I love Tim Burton and to be honest this book had a cool, creepy kind of vibe all the way through. I laughed out loud quite a bit and of course there is also just the right amount of romance involved.

Sadie and her 3 friends are ghost hunters and while they may not be the best, they are the most interesting. Sadie is always stuck as "ghost bait" while her other friends stay behind the scenes. Each one of her friends has their own unique skill set that helps them work as a team even when they may just want to kill each other. I think the most interesting thing about the book is that you are never really sure what is gonna happen next. The team is young, all in their early 20's, and fresh out of college trying to figure out what they want to do with themselves and how to make ends meet. Enter the mysterious letter promising to end all their financial struggles if they can just solve a mystery that is over a century old. Easy, right? They end up all over the US trying to follow the clues. The end of the book was a surprise I didn't see coming and even better the set up for future books involving this group is done nicely.

The publishing company is currently running a Goodreads giveaway that started April 30 to win a physical copy of the book (<https://www.goodreads.com/giveaway/sh...>). Now I actually received an advanced reader copy of this book from Future House Publishing for free in exchange for my honest review but I loved it so

much I actually purchased a copy from Amazon (<http://amzn.to/1XR1usQ>).

Cathy says

I love the way that Shannen Camp writes, so I was way excited to get to read and review her re-release of Parrish. This is one that I hadn't read before and I loved every bit of it!

I loved Sadie, she's part of a ghost hunter group. She's the unlucky girl who always has to dress up and try to get the ghosts to answer to her nonsensical questions fed to her by Jefferson Parrish. She truly is a character, she's just a bit afraid of the dark and doesn't want anything to do with her family. She's also a waitress because the ghost hunting gig just doesn't pay the bills. I love the way that she always says just what's on her mind. And how pretty much what you see is what you get.

Her friends are pretty fun characters too! There's Brighton, she has almost every phobia you can think of, but she always seems put together. Then the two Parrish boys, Jefferson, who seems like he's out of a way earlier time period and Deacon, neither of which can hold onto a job.

Things are looking bad for the group, ghost hunting just doesn't pay very well, but somehow a mysterious benefactor slips them all envelopes basically hiring them for a job that this mysterious person claims will put their monetary fears to rest. And the group is quickly off on a cross country mission hunting ghosts and learning more about themselves and each other. And just hoping that somehow they'll be able to have enough money to meet their needs along the way.

This book is really well-written! I was a bit scared myself in some of the ghost spots! There's no way I'd read this one at night, but I really loved reading the story and I'm really hoping for more!

I was sent an e-copy of this book from Future House Publishing in exchange for an honest review.

Karlene Browning says

A Clever Genre-Mixing, Ghost-Hunting, Mystery with Thrills & Chills!

This ghost-hunting foursome—Parrish, Sadie, Brighton, and Deacon—are awesome in their quirky uniqueness. I loved all four of them. In their early 20's, they're still trying to work out their place in life, relationships, personal identities. All while hunting ghosts. Sadie has a lot of the insecurities of a teenager but she is getting her wings. I found her character to be completely believable. Sadie's best friend, Brighton, is a techno genius who is afraid of ghosts, not to mention phobias and allergies galore—but she's not a wimp. Deacon is a skeptic who is along for the adventure. (And maybe some romance.) And Parrish—oh, my gosh! He is brilliant, a tad sociopathic, and just plain weird. (And I totally have a book-boy crush on him.)

The interaction and dialog between this group as they try to solve the mystery is funny and clever. They work together well. Well, sort of... maybe I should say, quirkily good enough. I loved it.

Plot? Okay, this is tricky because there are twists and turns, and at times I was wondering if they're chasing ghosts or a murderer? Or something else entirely. As I was reading, I was trying to figure it out—but then I just gave up and decided to enjoy the ride. And it was a great ride! There is a lot to be revealed in future books, this one doesn't quite wrap up the mystery and hand it to you with a bow on top. But the big (almost) reveal of the mystery letter and the "person" behind the job was good.

There's quite a bit of genre-mixing in this story, which for me just added to the enjoyment. First, this is a supernatural story because GHOSTS! And there are plenty of them. But other than a few scenes that made me stop reading it at night (like the one in her hotel bathroom & at the house at the end), it wasn't too creepy. Then you get the Urban Fantasy/Paranormal part because it's a contemporary setting, and each of the foursome have some unique, almost otherworldly talents, some of which are only hinted at in this book. But it's clear that they belong together as a team.

Romance? Yes! Just enough to be interesting, but not enough to take over the fantasy/paranormal elements. And mystery—when they get an anonymous letter with a job offer that's too good to be true, things start to get twisty.

If you like ghosts and mild horror, I recommend this book. I'd be fine with teens reading it. Although labelled as New Adult, there's not the sex or language that you often find in those books. I can't wait until the next book comes out to re-visit these four ghost hunters and see what they discover next! I give it a strong 4 1/2 STARS.

Sonia Lopes says

This is a paranormal, ghost story book that got me hooked from the first page. I have to confess that this is not the sort of book genre that I normally read, so I wasn't sure what to expect or if I would like it, but I was curious when I read the summary so I picked it. So I was really surprised that I got hooked so fast to the point that it took me less than 2 days to finish it. Every little bit of spare time I had I would go straight to the computer to read some more. It is extremely well written and the author, Shannen Crane Camp, really picked an interesting mixed plot. There is a perfect mix of mystery, humour and suspense.

The four main characters are well developed and easy to understand since they represent real people with real problems and help you understand a bit better those specific situations/problems (not going to say much more regarding this since I don't want to spoil it for my fellow readers). The action is well paced and takes you on a cross-country ghost chase/mystery solving adventure full of twists and turns, where four very different people do their very best to solve the mission they were entrusted with. And despite their differences, friendship is the key word that helps them overcome all obstacles. There is some underlying romance but in a really soft way, making this book also appropriate for pre-teens and teenagers alike.

I really got into this book and felt sorry when it was finished, so I'm definitely hoping and waiting for the next one. I received a copy of Parrish from Future House Publishing in exchange for an honest review.
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Melissa Souza says

This was truly a fun read. The story revolves around 21 year old Sadie and her friends who are paranormal investigators. One day, they all get envelopes that sends them on an investigation to four different locations and they have to figure out the connection between them. I really loved all the characters. They were extremely quirky. I adored Jefferson. He's weird, broody and intense but very swoonworthy in a Tim Burton-esque way. I adored the budding romance between him and Sadie. It wasn't forced at all and neither was it insta-romance. And there is no love triangle. It just a friendship that slowly builds into something else. I liked the blend of mystery with the paranormal. The scary, creepy parts were interwoven extremely well into the story and the ending was satisfying. It has me already pumped up for book 2. I can't wait to see how the characters grow and where their investigations take them. :)

Nina says

Quiz time:

Do you like YA ghost stories?

- a. Yes
- b. No

Are you ok with a perpetually cranky heroine? (OK, so she's Cuban, not Puerto Rican, but the gif is pretty dang accurate)

- a. I guess
- b. Nope

Is Benedict Cumberbatch's Sherlock attractive?

- a. Yes! Brainy is the new sexy
- b. Uh...dude looks like the offspring of a horse and an alien.

If you answered "a" to all of the above, have I got a book for you! Otherwise, mosey along.

OK, so I loved this book. Sadie's annoying, as she's uptight and grumpy about a lot of things, but she knows it and the author knows it, and there's a little bit of character development in this book. Hopefully we'll see more in the next.

Jefferson's....fantastic. He takes things to a whole new level of weird and creepy, but he's got a heart of gold and good intentions.

"I will breathe in your boiled-down truth and essence. If I have to retreat within my own for that solace, I will take it. I choose drowning in madness if it is but in your glory," I read in the most incredulous tone

possible. "What in the world is this?" I asked, shock lining my voice.

"It's a love letter," Jefferson said defensively.

"It sounds like you're two seconds away from making a skin suit out of this girl," I corrected him.

Not sure how Camp made Jefferson so dang attractive and hilarious at the same time, but kudos to her.

The writing's weak in a few places, and the atmosphere could have been built up a lot more. (It's a ghost story, so creepy atmospheres are an absolute must for me or I'm not buying it.) Other than that, I loved the characters and I'm very, very hopeful book 2 will come soon and we'll get to see the gang up to their usual Scooby-Doo hijinks in England.

Kathy says

Sadie is a 21-year old waitress by day, and a paranormal investigator by night. While struggling to make ends meet enough to pay rent, she and her three friends (Jefferson, Brighton, and Deacon) each receive an anonymous letter promising that their financial burdens will become a thing of the past if they can solve a century-old mystery by piecing together the clues they find in four separate locations throughout the United States. Throughout their cross-country journey, they end up encountering a variety of ghosts and a variety of emotions. Sadie in particular finds herself all confused and tangled in feelings she doesn't entirely understand about the crazy Tim Burton-esque Jefferson, who writes love poems like a psychotic serial killer.

This was a fantastic story!! And while I tend to avoid ghost stories because I get easily freaked out and can't sleep afterwards, I was thoroughly hooked while reading this book! This book does a great job of showing everyone has their quirks (some stronger than others), no matter how "normal" they might try to be. While there's a lot more to the story than the normal/weird debate, I think this book did a great job stating that normalcy is overrated, though at times, toning down the weirdness can be a necessity at times.

I read this book both when it was initially released and again after Future House Publishing republished it. While much of the story is the same, the twist at the end was not one I expected, and now I'm even more excited to read the sequel!!!!

Parrish will be available for \$0.99 April 28 - 30 (discounted from the initial price of \$3.99)
Readers can enter to win an autographed copy of Parrish ?today, April 28th here: <http://wp.me/p4x4ek-t2>
FHP will also be giving away some physical copies on their Goodreads giveaway starting April 30:
<https://www.goodreads.com/giveaway/sh...>

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Lisa says

Thanks to Future House Publishing who provided me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

3.5 stars

This was a fun read, and I feel it would get a better review if I hadn't gone in expecting something else. Sadie is paranormal investigator, along with her friends Brighton, a beautiful girl with crippling social anxiety (best character ever!); Deacon, a bit of a nerd who is unable to talk to girls and is madly in love with Brighton; and Jefferson, who is somewhat of a lovable sociopath.

One day the team each receive a letter asking them to investigate a series of locations, and in exchange, their financial woes will be over. You know, they're college kids, working minimum wage jobs and struggling to make ends meet.

So this part of the story had me seriously on board. Great characters? Check. Interesting premise? Check. They get to the first location, the Queen Mary 2, and this was when I realised that the book was not going to go in the direction I hoped.

I was excited for it to be a little spooky. A good mystery. There were some sparks between some of the characters, and I was happy with that. I always like a little romance. I didn't really expect the book to turn into an angsty will they, won't they? with a small mystery in the background. I liked the romance, and I think I would have given a book just about that quite a good rating.

Having said this, I definitely know a few people who would love this book, and I have recommended it to them. It wasn't a bad book at all. It's not you, Parrish. It's me.

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