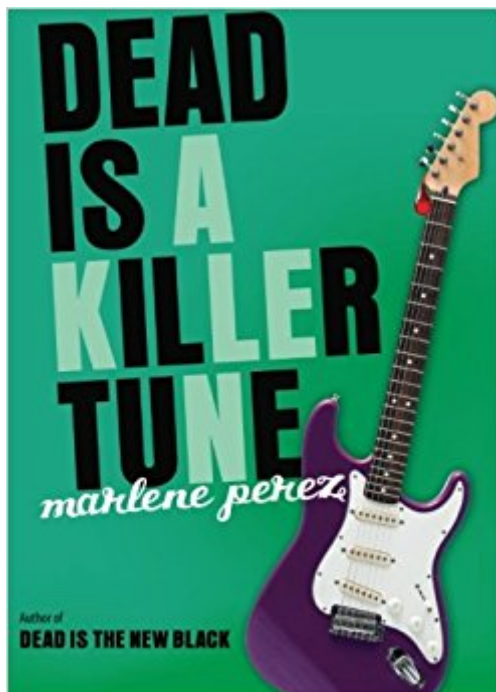


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# Dead Is A Killer Tune



## Synopsis

High school freshman Jessica Walsh is a Virago—a woman warrior who must protect her hometown from danger. And in Nightshade, California, trouble is always lurking. At the town's Battle of the Bands, Jess's boyfriend, Dominic, and his band, Side Effects May Vary, are up against Hamlin, a band so popular, their fans follow them everywhere. Soon, the competing musicians are doing risky, illegal, and even fatal things—and claiming that they heard strange music that compelled them to do it. Can Jess and her friends track down the tuneful tyrant before it's too late?

## Book Information

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Praise for the Dead Is series "[Perez] delivers a wise-cracking, boy-lusting, determined sleuth of a high school protagonist . . . this quick, lighter-than-air spoof of the undead, cheerleaders and popularity is pure pleasure." — Publishers Weekly "A fun ride from start to finish. Perez's smart and sassy style soars." — Mary E. Pearson, author of the Jenna Fox Chronicles "[A] quick, lively romp. . . Teens looking for a breezy read will find plenty to like here." — Booklist "This super supernatural murder mystery is sassy, romantic, and spooky-fun!" — Cynthia Leitich Smith, author of Tantalize "Light romance and a paranormal plot are more tongue-in-cheek than scary, making this

series a good introduction to the genre for younger readers."âBooklist"Breezy style and comic-book plot. . . . Fun."âKirkus

Marlene Perez is the author of eight books in the Dead Is Series, including Dead Is The New Black, an ALA Quick Pick for Reluctant Young Adult Readers. She lives in Orange County, California. Visit her website at [www.marleneperez.com](http://www.marleneperez.com).

Jessica Walsh is trying to juggle her busy life as a high school freshman, responsible big sister, and the newest member of warrior women known as Virago. So Nightshade's first annual Battle of the Bands should be a welcome distraction, as the competition heats up, band members are going down. Jessica and her friends are going to have figure out what's going on before the threat consumes the city. Marlene Perez has written another fun read. While I was disappointed at first when Daisy's leading lady status ended, I actually like Jessica's character more. A lot of books skim over a lead's role in their family but Perez makes her character's home life and family an important feature in every book of this series. The romance takes an interesting turn as well, throwing a few challenges in Jess's way for a happy heart. I can't say I didn't see the bad guy from a hundred pages away, but Dead Is never an unexpected whodunit. Regardless I still really enjoyed the mystery that was tailor made to fit Jessica. Dead Is A Killer Tune is a killer read, great for a fun quick escape.

I have loved this series since my sister first made me read it. At first I was a little skeptical about the point of view being change but these last books have reassured me. Can't wait to read the next one!!

I first read this book to get my ar goal up for school and once I started reading I couldn't stop I've read all the series so far including this one can't wait till a new one comes out :)

The whole series is awesome and a quick read. Just something different and mixes all sorts of creatures of the dead together. Especially love the owner of the diner who is the invisible man. How fun!

You never cease to amaze me with your books. I admire you so much. You are amazing thank you so much.

I always like the books in this series.

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