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Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 9 Up—This second installment in Hurley's supernatural Catholic-themed trilogy finds three teens who have been reincarnated as saints grieving separately over the loss of their surprisingly shared beloved, Sebastian. There's Cecilia, the gritty musician; Lucy, the socialite; and Agnes, the good girl. The teens are dealing with the fame and notoriety of possibly being reincarnated martyred saints, when they learn that someone has stolen Sebastian's heart with the intent of making it a religious relic. Both the girls and their nemesis, psychiatrist Dr. Frey, want the heart. Hurley's premise is interesting. Unfortunately, the world-building and background information doesn't quite gel. New readers will feel like they've tuned into a movie halfway through and may struggle to be invested. While the protagonists are distinct and capable of being formidable heroines, the heavy-handed messages of self-worth, belief, and faith sadly come off as cliché. "Ciphers" like Frey, people in powerful positions bent on manipulating the populace, are indistinguishable mustache-twirling baddies. Dialogue can waffle between trite or melodramatic, with an occasional swear word used. The emotional weight of the conclusion's stand-off is overshadowed by cartoonish, Matrix-like moves and gore. Loose threads and characters still in danger pave the way for book three. A strictly additional purchase where there are fans of *Blessed* (S & S, 2012).—Danielle Serra, Cliffside Park Public Library, NJ

From [Booklist](#)

Cecilia, the singer; Lucy, the It girl; and Agnes, the Catholic school student, are trying to process the events of the past month. Mysterious Sebastian, who called them together for a heavenly vocation, is now dead. Supplicants follow them as saints. And Dr. Frey, psychiatrist and mortal enemy, is determined to join forces with the Catholic Church to eliminate them. Let the bloody chaos begin. Book two of the *Blessed* series follows the girls, now on their own, as they try to figure out their relevance, protect themselves, and keep their faith in Sebastian strong. This gory offering is no simple bridge book in a trilogy. There are professions of faith, horrifying murders, and the continuing mystery of their mission. Hurley, also author of the *Ghostgirl* series, has taken on a huge job, but for the most part, she handles her multinarrated saga well—though at times it seems as if no one will be left alive. The ending is particularly disturbing, but those who have made it this far through the grit, death, and incense will await the redemption of the final chapter. Grades 9-12. -- Ilene Cooper

Review

Chosen by USA Today.com as a HOT NEW ROMANCE! (--)

"Intriguing premise, fiery dialogue, and digs about celebrity-obsessed culture that moves at the speed of Twitter..." (*Publishers Weekly*, on *Precious Blood*)

"...Hurley brings her deadpan wit and blackest humor to the first tale in this trilogy about spirituality, sacrifice and supernatural romance." (*MTV Hollywood Crush*, on *Precious Blood*)

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Anne Stewart:

Nowadays reading books be than want or need but also be a life style. This reading behavior give you lot of advantages. Advantages you got of course the knowledge the particular information inside the book which improve your knowledge and information. The knowledge you get based on what kind of publication you read, if you want attract knowledge just go with knowledge books but if you want feel happy read one with theme for entertaining for example comic or novel. Typically the Passionaries (The Blessed) is kind of reserve which is giving the reader unstable experience.

Deborah Ryan:

Playing with family in a park, coming to see the water world or hanging out with friends is thing that usually you may have done when you have spare time, in that case why you don't try thing that really opposite from that. One particular activity that make you not sensation tired but still relaxing, trilling like on roller coaster you are ride on and with addition info. Even you love Passionaries (The Blessed), you could enjoy both. It is great combination right, you still need to miss it? What kind of hang type is it? Oh can happen its mind hangout people. What? Still don't obtain it, oh come on its referred to as reading friends.

Matthew Ibarra:

Passionaries (The Blessed) can be one of your beginner books that are good idea. All of us recommend that straight away because this guide has good vocabulary that could increase your knowledge in vocab, easy to understand, bit entertaining but delivering the information. The copy writer giving his/her effort to put every word into enjoyment arrangement in writing Passionaries (The Blessed) however doesn't forget the main level, giving the reader the hottest in addition to based confirm resource data that maybe you can be one among it. This great information may drawn you into brand-new stage of crucial contemplating.

Kent Brown:

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