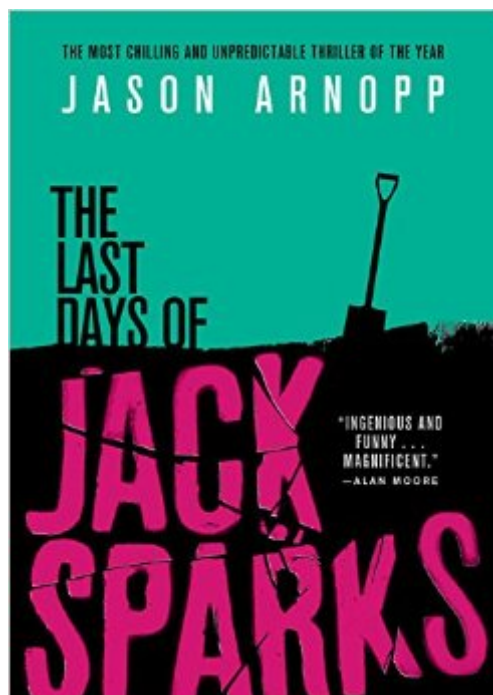


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The Last Days Of Jack Sparks



Synopsis

"Ingenious and funny . . . Magnificent." -- Alan Moore, creator of Watchmen and V for Vendetta
Jack Sparks died while writing this book. It was no secret that journalist Jack Sparks had been researching the occult for his new book. No stranger to controversy, he'd already triggered a furious Twitter storm by mocking an exorcism he witnessed. Then there was that video: forty seconds of chilling footage that Jack repeatedly claimed was not of his making, yet was posted from his own YouTube account. Nobody knew what happened to Jack in the days that followed -- until now.

"Wow. Seriously hard to put down." -- M. R. Carey, author of The Girl With All the Gifts

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Customer Reviews

After reading the PDF preview of this book online I was quite intrigued by the whole premise. I'm not a big horror fan... in fact not at all. Nevertheless that preview really intrigued me- the author's excellent, fluid and compelling style as much as the concept. I continue to marvel at Arnopp's excellent writing style - for a relatively new author, this is a major success. Actually, I think it might be a major success for even a well-established author. He's achieved a remarkable degree of suspension of disbelief, combined with both a great story line AND a very amusing (yet trenchant) critique of our culture's current obsession with social media. Wow.. what will he do next? I can't wait.
5 stars.

Boy is Jack Sparks a dick. One that you'd probably have one hell of a binge with, but a dick nonetheless. Jack loves his ego, his fame, and his drugs and this book was like a car wreck you

couldn't look away from. Jack is an atheist but is planning a new book based on the supernatural. He sets off to Italy to witness an exorcism for his first bit of research. He laughs during this exorcism and the devil just doesn't like being mocked! It's a slow free fall from that point on. I loved the use of social media, the second voice of Jack's brother sprinkled throughout, the fantastic use of an unreliable narrator, and a twist I didn't see coming. The book is refreshing and that says a lot coming from the horror genre. Reading until way past my bedtime last night to finish, I then had to go down to the basement to retrieve laundry. I stood at the top of those basement stairs chanting "You can do this. Don't be silly." in my head... and then this 41 year old woman ran as fast as she could down the stairs and back up.

The Last Days of Jack Spark is definitely a very odd book. However, it's not a bit scary. At least I do not think that. I actually found it to be more tragic, a black comedy kind of book, well without much comedy. A book about guilt, life after death and possessions. And, there were moments when I found the book a bit dreary. However, it also had some really great moments, or rather it ended with a bang. I love that ending, if the rest of the book had felt as good as the ending, then I would have loved the whole book. But, alas, I found the story, especially when Jack was in L.A to be the part that I least enjoyed. But, then came the ending, then everything started to make sense and that's when I started to enjoy the story. And, that's when I started to feel sorry for Jack (let's face it, he's a jerk for 95% of the book). I liked the style of the book; The Last Days of Jack Spark being the manuscript that Jack left, and interviews with people that met Jack and recorded conversations, etc. I liked how Jack's memories of events contradicted everyone else. If it just had been scary, then it would have been a marvelous book. Sure, it's gory and all, but not scary. But, I guess for people not that used to horror is this book scary to read. So, not a personal hit for me, but not a bad book. I basically like the book's style, and the unusual story and the ending were terrific!

I bought this book on the recommendation of author Mike Carey who I adore and I don't regret it! This is the story of the journey of a fictional writer to his death under apparently paranormal circumstances. Even with his knowledge I was kept engaged. Interesting characters and great dialogue. I'm not a fan of horror novels and would not categorize this as such though it does have some elements of that so perhaps don't read it at midnight! Great first novel by this author. Strongly recommended!

When I first clapped eyes on the jacket for this book, it immediately hit all my booky senses. I turbo

read my previous book as fast as I could, so I could get straight into this one, and get to know crazy Jack a little better. Jack Sparks is a controversial journo and broadcaster who revels in excess, ego and rubbing people up the wrong way. He is polarising and most of the time a total dick. However, he is intelligent, witty and interesting, so you want to know what happens to him and how this thrilling tale came to be. Whilst researching his new book *Jack Sparks on the Supernatural*, Jack witnesses an exorcism in rural Italy, and let's just say, it goes completely tits up for him from there. The plot is layered, creepy, dark, funny, cold hearted and suspenseful, as you read pages from both Jack Sparks last notes and the interviews and accounts from his brother Alistair and those who were with him in the days leading up to his death. Yes, the cover and title gives away the key plot, but please don't think for one second the tale of Jack lacks suspense! I'm a sucker for a good thriller and if I love it, it doesn't leave my side. I started this book Friday evening and finished up on Saturday, I couldn't resist finding out what happens. I also loved the accompanying website www.jacksparks.co.uk. and the social media tie in. The marketing of this book and the spin on the supernatural makes for a modern, smart, thriller. Get out there and find this book!

A narcissist man slowly dissolves into the paranormal world he forcibly refuses to believe in only to find answers to questions he didn't even know he desperately needed to know. The problem is the answers may come too late. A super scary read that has the thrills of a horror book, the depth of a drama and the awesomeness of being a true one of a kind. Definitely a top 10 of mine!

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