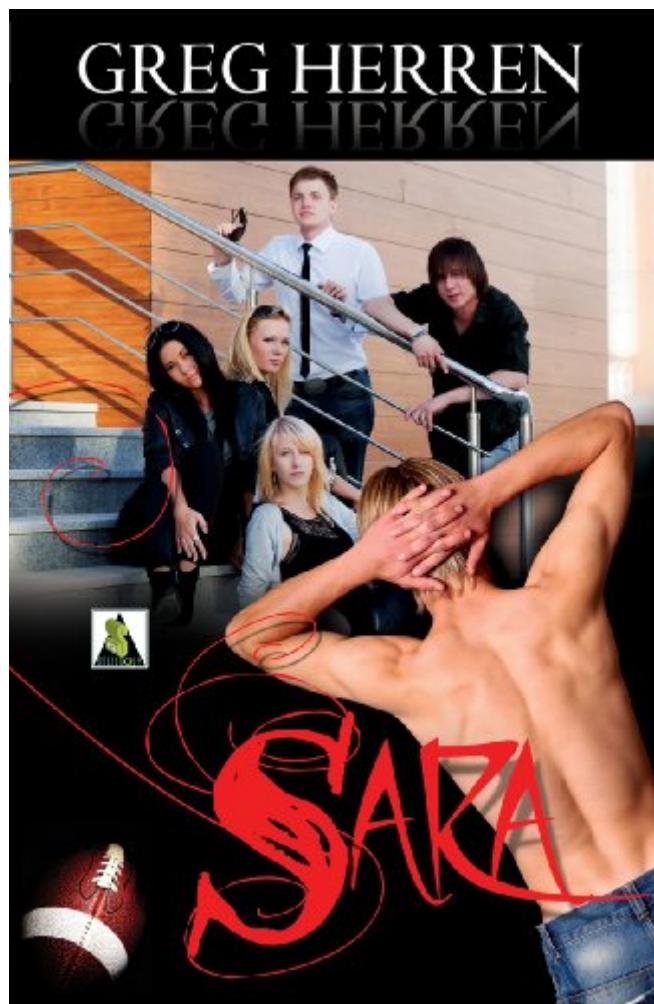


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Sara



Synopsis

For Tony Martin, being a senior means being a star on the football team, classes to get through, hanging out with his friends—and dating Candy Dixon. And once he graduates, he's getting out of Kansas and never looking back. But his best friend Glenn's decision to come out and be openly gay at their small rural high school creates a lot of problems for the two of them. But a beautiful new student arrives at Southern Heights High—Sara. When all the kids who've been mean to Glenn start dying in very strange circumstances, and Glenn starts acting strangely, it's up to Tony and Candy to get to the bottom of what's going on in their school—before it's too late for them.

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Customer Reviews

Having read Mr. Herren's other work, I approached his YA work eagerly. No one says you have to include adult situations to tell a good and thorough story. Bringing in aspects of sexuality without

dwelling on sex works well in this setting. In Sara, there is an unexpected villain in a paranormal situation. The young cast of characters work seamlessly to tell the story. Excellent work.

Greg could write anything and I would read it because I just love his work. This is a book centered around a group of high school students and one day after the new school year started kids started dieing. Greg can write where you feel the emotion of the characters. Yes the end did have a strange twist but that is why it keeps you guessing. Thanks again for a great book.

Was enjoying the story for about the first 50% but then it started to get a little goofy and finally did not go where I thought it would and made me not like the ending.

My Review: I read the story description, and even though it's accurate, I had no idea what this book was about. You remember those horror movies you watched in high school where everyone kept dying? This is the book version of that...definitely a horror, but it was an entertaining one. It kept me riveted the whole time I read it. At the heart of it all is Tony and his best friend Glenn. The summer before their senior year in high school, Glenn comes out of the closet. It's a surprise for everyone, even Tony. And while some others aren't very kind in this small midwest town, Tony tries to remain supportive even when he's confused about what it means for him. And he's not the only one with some confusion...Laney who dated Glenn for the past year is definitely surprised too. There are a lot of little individual story lines within this book and circle of friends and acquaintances. I liked the way Greg Herron handled all this. A lot of it seemed really genuine for how teenagers really are and act, especially when faced with a big change in their lives, which Glenn's coming out provided. He also changed POV's several times within the story line so you got glimpses into these kids psyche's that you wouldn't see otherwise if the book had been written without all the POV's. I thought that was really well done and was truly authentic, especially for those kids who were acting a certain way, but then you got into their heads and found out exactly why. Overall, it was a highly entertaining book. I'm not a horror fan, but I was fascinated by this story. The ending and all the reason's "why" were just a little too easy for me personally. I wanted a better reason for it all, but it was a fun book to read. I received a complementary copy of this book in return for an honest review.

Are you one of those people who often can guess the endings of books or solve the mystery before everyone in the book even has all the clues? Because the book is often that predictable? Fear not. This book will leave you guessing until the end, and when all is revealed, you will be blown

away. *Sara* by Greg Herren is the story of Tony and his friend, Glenn. When Glenn decides to come out during the summer before school starts, Tony stands by him, but finds it difficult to accept the change. Nevertheless, he remains a friend and when others turn their back on Glenn, he stays by his side. Despite feeling uneasy about his friends newly revealed sexuality. When Sara shows up in town, things start to go very, very wrong. All the students who have tormented Glenn start showing up dead. One after another they die, and Tony starts to wonder what is happening in their small town. This book was incredible. It is a mystery that will stay with you until the very last page, but it does have supernatural/paranormal elements at times. After all, why do these kids start to die? How is it possible? I don't want to ruin anything by saying too much, because the story is just that good. Go read it for yourself. I will, however, say that I loved the characters. Even the teachers are fantastic. When coach gives a speech to Tony about trusting teachers, and the reasons people become a teacher, I felt as if the author had taken my words from my mouth and put them in the book. It is the same thing I have said to my students time and time again. The reason I teach is because I care, and I want to help. But I see Tony's view, too. Teachers are often thought of as "untouchable." I also can't tell you how many times my students have seen me outside of school and are shocked that I actually emerge from the building to live a life outside of my classroom. Let's talk about Tony. He is a fantastic narrator because of how honest he is. And I found his discomfort around Glenn to be realistic. Though there are many people who stand by their friends when they come out, it's not unreasonable that some of them do feel uncomfortable around them for a while because of the changes and the potential fear that they will have to face whatever prejudices the friend faces. And Glenn's hurt at Tony's slight rebuff is also realistic. If Tony is such a good friend, he shouldn't care, should he? This is a book that needs to be read. Trust me, you won't regret it.

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