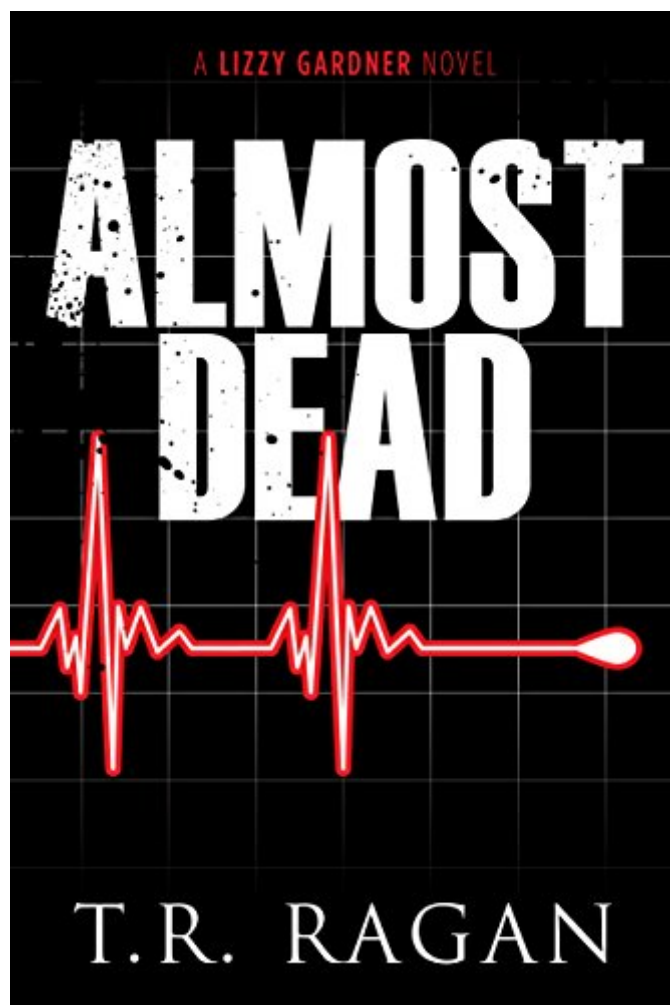


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Almost Dead (The Lizzy Gardner Series Book 5)



Synopsis

Life for private investigator Lizzy Gardner will never be the same. It's been three weeks since her fiancé, Jared, was shot on what was supposed to be their wedding day. He's in a coma now, and Lizzy is being forced to make a decision she might not be able to live with. But a string of deaths has forced her to get back to work. While they appear to be unrelated accidents at first glance, a closer look shows they all have something in common. More than a decade earlier, the victims were all members of the Ambassador Club at a Sacramento high school: a posh posse that bullied other students, one of whom remains tormented years later. In this pulse-pounding thriller from New York Times and USA Today bestselling author T.R. Ragan, Lizzy will need her colleagues and what's left of her wits to help her track down a cunning killer with a deadly revenge list before the next name "maybe hers" is crossed off for good.

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Customer Reviews

I have read every single Lizzie Gardner book and although the last book, Obsessed, left me angry and hurt, I decided to give this book one more chance because of its description (a little promise). I should have stopped with Obsessed. This book is dark, sinister, unfulfilling, and a complete

disappointment. Life is too short to spend it on the dark side. I am very disappointed in the direction this series is going. This was my last Lizzie Gardner book.

*SPOILERS *I gave 3 stars based on the writing only! The story itself was worth far less--loose ends, heartbreak, vigilante justice, etc. I've invested too much time in these characters to be blindsided the way the author did here (honestly, 5 books in and instead of giving your heroine a chance at an HEA, you thrust yet another tragic event on her) and I honestly don't think I'll be investing anymore. I read to escape reality not to be reminded how truly awful life can be.

I've really enjoyed the Lizzy Gardner books & pre-ordered this one. It was good up until the end & then it went off the rails. The bad "guy" gets away with it? A main character leaves permanently? Lizzy finally breaks - irreparably? Seriously, at Book 5 our hero can't finally find happiness? I don't know if more LG books are coming, but I'm not at all interested in following the story this one left us with. I'm done with Lizzy Gardner. What a bummer.

I'm not sure if this is the last installment of the Lizzy Gardner series but I sure hope so. The first three books were exceptional and a page turner, but it never kept the same momentum in book four and five. Now that Lizzy and her team of misfits are going over to the dark side I'm not interested in reading about them turning into the very same vicious criminals they fought so hard to put away. The end.

I have read all of these, but I think I might be done after this one. Until now, there seemed to be hope for a little joy in this woman's life, but it has devolved into anger, hate, and rage; not my thing, for a steady diet. Not one character feels any happiness; not one!

Almost Dead is the fifth book in the series featuring Lizzie Gardner, a private investigator. This series tends to be a bit gritty and dark, and Almost Dead continues in that vein. Lizzie is depressed and reeling from a violent gun attack at her wedding, which has left her fianc  on life support. Unable to process everything happening in her life, Lizzie returns to work but is living with two of her co-workers / friends to avoid going home. Almost Dead has multiple plot lines. Lizzie is engaged to find who is targeting the members of an elite, bullying high school club--years after graduation. This case sets Lizzie up with a worthy protagonist, drawing a parallel to Lizzie's own desire to lash out at anyone who has hurt her. At the same time, Lizzie feels watched or stalked, but can't imagine who

would be motivated to do so. The case, Lizzie's personal concerns with her fiancé and a potential stalker, her living arrangements, and concerns about her co-workers all add up to a book that almost collapses under the weight of all the plot lines. Although the ending brings everything together, and sets the stage for what Lizzie chooses to do next, I think this could have still been done with a somewhat simpler plot. As typical with this series, the book ends with a slight cliff hanger, and I think how T.R. Rogan approaches the next phase of Lizzie's life will make a tremendous difference to how the remainder of the series unfolds. Disclosure: I received a free copy of this book from Netgalley for a review.

Not what I was expecting, but I figured it would end that way. With all that Lizzy has been through I was hoping for some sort of happy ending. I assume there will be another book the way it ended. I wish Hayley's wit was present to help offset the doom and gloom, yet it was missing in this book. Maybe the next one will be badass...

I really do not understand what Ms. Ragan was thinking when she wrote this book. I was hoping she would get away from Lizzy being the victim all the time. Almost Dead's story line bordered on the ridiculous. A serial killer, Frank Lyle, is stalking Lizzy because she took his claim to fame. He had confessed to the killings done by the serial killer given the name Lovebird. After Frank was released from prison he set off to find his prey. Since Lizzy did not spend much time at the hospital with Jared I did the no, no and looked in the back of the book. I could not believe she really did it. I told myself if she did I was finished. Now she is a very bitter person. I did not finish the book. This is the last book I will read of Ms. Ragan's.

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