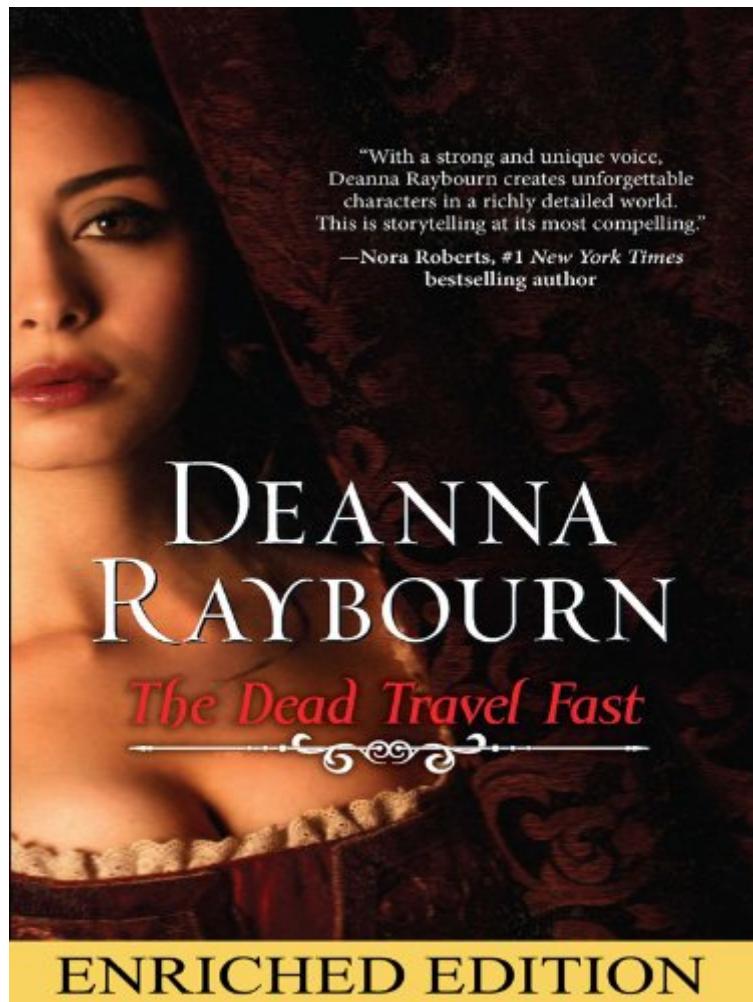


The book was found

# The Dead Travel Fast



## Synopsis

A husband, a family, a comfortable life: Theodora Lestrange lives in terror of it all. With a modest inheritance and the three gowns that comprise her entire wardrobe, Theodora leaves Edinburgh and a disappointed suitor far behind. She is bound for Rumania, where tales of vampires are still whispered, to visit an old friend and write the book that will bring her true independence. She arrives at a magnificent, decaying castle in the Carpathians, replete with eccentric inhabitants: the ailing dowager; the troubled steward; her own fearful friend, Cosmina. But all are outstripped in dark glamour by the castle's master, Count Andrei Dragulescu. Bewildering and bewitching in equal measure, the brooding nobleman ignites Theodora's imagination and awakens passions in her that she can neither deny nor conceal. His allure is superlative, his dominion over the superstitious town, absolute. Theodora may simply be one more person under his sway. Before her sojourn is ended, or her novel completed, Theodora will have encountered things as strange and terrible as they are seductive. For obsession can prove fatal; and she is in danger of falling prey to more than desire.

## Book Information

File Size: 777 KB

Print Length: 311 pages

Publisher: MIRA (August 15, 2012)

Publication Date: August 15, 2012

Language: English

ASIN: B008EN4D80

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #290,910 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #18 in Â Books > Travel > Europe > Romania & Moldova #1852 in Â Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Literature & Fiction > Historical Fiction > Mystery, Thriller & Suspense #2519 in Â Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Literature & Fiction > Historical Fiction > United States

## Customer Reviews

Theodora Lestrange is living with her sister and brother-in-law in Scotland unsure of what is next in her life. She is trying to make a living as a writer, not easy in Victorian times. Her sister wants her to find someone to marry and her publisher has proposed marriage to her. But while Theodora is fond of him, she wants true love. So when a former school friend, Cosmina invites her to stay with her for several months in a castle in Transylvania, Theodora jumps at the chance. She thinks the atmosphere will be perfect for the novel she wants to write. She is immediately attracted to the strange Count Andrei Dragulescu, Cosmina's cousin. But Theodora finds that the stories Cosmina used to tell her in school are not just considered folklore by the townspeople and that they believe in werewolves and vampires. After a maid in the castle is found dead with fang marks in her neck, Theodora is unsure what to believe. my review: I enjoyed the author's Lady Julia series and was unsure what to expect of this novel. But I really liked the Gothic atmosphere and the creepy characters. Theodora is young but knows what she wants. I liked her a lot. I also thought Andrei sounded sexy even while I wondered if he was a vampire. I know some have been disappointed in this novel as compared to her series but I think I liked this one better. It was deliciously creepy and as it is a stand alone novel it didn't get bogged down with setting things up for future books. Of course I liked Theodora and Andrei so much that I would like it to be a series but then their relationship would have dragged on like Lady Julia and Nicholas Brisbane. This is not a paranormal book but a dark, thriller in an excellent setting. It seemed like the author really did her research and created a fantastic mystery. I would have loved to stay in a castle in Transylvania though I would have been scared silly. I thought that the ending had some nice twists and I was unsure what to expect for much of this novel. It was worth the read alone for the atmosphere but Raybourn served up much more. I was sorry to have it end. This is a definite re-read for me! my rating- 4.5/5

I enjoy this author's humor, and especially her gift for creating the tall dark hero with a past. Her character embodiment is very good, with even minor players being drawn carefully and with sufficient depth. She creates complex, engaging plots and is quite good with historical accuracy, though occasional small errors do creep in. Still, these are not enough to disrupt the enjoyment of the narrative, and the connection between her protagonists is strong and well-conceived. As a criticism, I would note that sometimes she lets tiny details slip enough to later contradict or change them, but again, these are rare and small issues and in general I have found her a very good writer whose work I bought up and am moving through at a solid pace. Well done and an excellent find.

This was an entertaining enough read, but not up to the level I've come to expect from Raybourn's

Lady Julia novels. There is an interesting contrast between the intelligent and respectful way in which the author treats the folklore of the Carpathians and the often simplistic personal interactions of her main characters -- they are stock figures (spirited heroine, ominous housekeeper, darkly handsome but mysterious Count, etc.), their dialog is peppered with cliches, and they exhibit too many improbable motivations to be credited. Surely, real people do not behave in such ways -- even in gothic novels (and I'm prepared to suspend a degree of belief in the course of a good storyline). I won't reveal the best example of this implausible behavior, because it would ruin a plot surprise, but when it occurred in the storyline, it so beggared belief that it caused me to groan aloud.

Furthermore, the relationship between the heroine and the Count is about as sophisticated as a Barbara Cartland romance. On the positive side, the plot twists cleverly, and the atmosphere is created so evocatively that one can share with the heroine the frissons she felt when the chill mountain wind carried the cries of wolves in the night. For my money, Raybourn's brilliant description of the mountain castle is the best thing in the novel -- it is almost elevated to character status. Overall, this novel could have been a wonderful and creative re-working of the gothic genre, but for me, it fell short of the mark.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Daniel Fast: 50 Plant Based, Whole Foods Daniel Fast Recipes+Daniel Fast Food List And Breakthrough Secrets (Daniel Fast, Daniel Plan, Daniel Plan Cookbook, Whole Foods, Daniel Fast Cookbook) The Daniel Fast: The Ultimate Guide To The Daniel Fast: recipes, Daniel diet, Daniel plan, Daniel fast for beginners, cookbook, vegan diet, vegan plan, prayer, fasting, weight loss FAST 2016 Motorcycle PinUp Calendar Digital Yearbook: Fast Dates World Superbikes, Iron & Lace Custom Motorcycles & Garage Girls PinUp Calendars (FAST Motorcycle PinUp Calendar Digital Yearbook) Burrows on the Dead Sea Scrolls: An Omnibus of Two Famous Volumes: The Dead Sea Scrolls / More Light on the Dead Sea Scrolls Plan Ahead Central Europe Travel Guide: Prague Travel Guide, Austria Travel Guide, Vienna Travel Guide, Salzburg Travel Guide, Budapest Travel Guide (Plan Ahead Travel Guide) Travel: Amazingly Shocking Insider Travel Industry Tactics To FREE And Low Cost Travel Uncovered (Travel Books, Travel Reference) (travel writing, cruise, ... safari guide, how to travel the world) TravelsWithSheila Guide: Fast & Easy Atacama Desert, Chile (Fast & Easy Travel Book 15) Sheila's Guide to Fast & Easy Java, Indonesia (Fast & Easy Travel Book 9) The Dead Travel Fast: A Victorian Gothic Historical Romance The Dead Travel Fast Prague: Prague Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in Prague, Czech Republic (Prague Travel, Travel to Prague, Travel Eastern Europe, Europe Travel, Backpacking Europe, Czech Republic Travel) Prague: Prague Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in Prague (Prague Travel, Travel to

Prague, Travel Eastern Europe, Europe Travel, Backpacking Europe, Czech Republic Travel) Italy Travel Guide: The Ultimate Guide to Travel to Italy on a Cheap Budget: (Italy, Italy Travel Guide, Rome Travel, Florence Travel, Europe Travel) Plan Ahead Italy Travel Guide: Rome Travel Guide, Venice Travel Guide, Italian Travel Guide, Florence Travel Guide, Italian Riveria Guide, Vatican City Guide (Plan Ahead Travel Guides Book 1) Thailand: Travel Guide 2017 (Thailand Travel Guide, Bangkok Travel Guide, Chiang Mai Travel Guide, Phuket Travel Guide, Pattaya Travel Guide, Thailand Guide) Great Britain Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in Great Britain (UK Travel Guide, England Travel Guide, Wales Travel Guide, Scotland Travel Guide, Travel to Britain) Greece: Greece Travel Guide: 101 Coolest Things to Do in Greece (Athens Travel Guide, Rhodes Travel, Crete Travel, Santorini Travel, Corfu Travel, Greek History, Greek Islands) Blue Book 60 - Fast Pitch Softball Rules - 2015: The Ultimate Guide to (NCAA - NFHS - ASA - USSSA) Fast Pitch Softball Rules Lightning Fast Piano Scales: A Proven Method to Get Fast Piano Scales in 5 Minutes a Day (Piano Lessons, Piano Exercises) The Fast Forward MBA in Project Management (Fast Forward MBA Series)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)