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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Becker's slender debut novella is an unusual take on the zombie genre: part *Grapes of Wrath*, part postmodern memoir. A virus outbreak turns millions of people into mindless zombies, and the remaining humans declare war on the undead. Zombified English professor Jack Barnes discovers that he has retained his memories and his consciousness. Joined by several other sentient zombies, Barnes sets off to find the virus's creator in hopes of presenting a treatise on zombie civil rights. Barnes's dogged entitlement and self-centeredness make him both uninteresting and unbearable, and while Becker's writing is crisp, the plot meanders like its characters, consisting of little more than cannibalistic feasts and tin-eared literary and pop culture references (Hell is other zombies; Perhaps life as a zombie is better than no life at all). (June)

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From Booklist

Since being cornered and bitten in his home by a swarm of zombies, former college professor Jack Barnes has found a new love: brains. Not just any brains, but "bubbly, bewitching, bedazzling brains." While he may be a zombie (he ate his wife shortly after being turned), a classic, arms-outstretched, shambling zombie he is not. He has something special that the rest of the infected don't: self-awareness. That and his ability to write convince him to go to Chicago to find the scientist who created the virus responsible for zombification and, he hopes, end the war between the living and the dead. En route he meets a few "like-minded" undead compatriots, all with varying degrees of sentience, to help him on his quest: Joan, once a nurse, who is particularly skilled at patching up body parts; Guts, a young man who can still run with the best of them; pregnant Eve, whom Jack falls for after biting off her finger; and Ros, a spokesman of sorts, since he's still able to talk. Becker's humorous first-person narrative will have readers rooting for the zombie crew, and she keeps the action moving at breakneck pace. Smart, funny, weirdly uplifting, *Brains* is a most welcome addition to zombie lit. --Carlos Orellana

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"Barnes, a rare sentient zombie, tries to develop a program to create a zombie-human nation, but sadly, all he wants is a brain. Yours. A witty and unexpected take on the zombie genre; I had a great time." (Charlaine Harris, #1 *New York Times* bestselling author)

"Smart, original, funny and fascinating, *Brains: A Zombie Memoir* by Robin Becker sends the zombie genre shambling in a fresh, new direction. Go on, take a bite." (Jonathan Maberry, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Patient Zero* and *Rot & Ruin*)

"A zombie delight for the thinking man (and woman), *Brains* is a feast of literary parallels, pop culture references, and historical metaphors, with enough blood, guts, and brains to satisfy any zombie lover's appetite. Smart, gory, and fun." (S.G. Browne, author of *Breathers: A Zombie's Lament*)

“A zany disembowelment of American pop culture. Snarky. Gory. Out of control. Dementedly delicious...brainilingus!” (Mario Acevedo, author of *Werewolf Smackdown*)

“Witty and clever, *Brains* is a thinking zombie’s book about what it means to be human, or almost human, and what we all owe each other whether we like it or not.” (David Wellington, author of *Monster Island*)

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