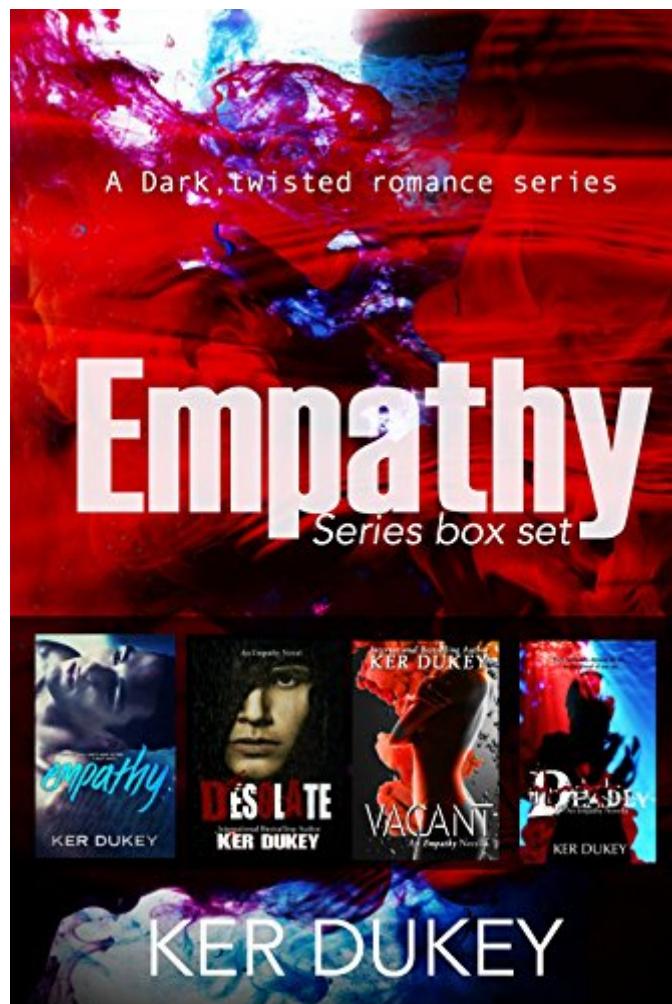


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# The Empathy Series Box Set



## **Synopsis**

This is the entire Empathy series including, Empathy, Desolate, Vacant and Deadly. This is a dark romance series...read with caution. Blake: I am a brother I am a police detective I am a contract killer I don't want to love I don't want to feel I don't want to | EMPATHY. They say some people are born with decreased activity in the front central lobe causing them a deficiency in empathy. Maybe that's true about me but whether I was born this way or created in a moment of evil, empathy was something I didn't possess until her green eyes met mine in the mirror and I couldn't take her life. I didn't want to feel, didn't want this woman in my life complicating how I lived but she was there at every turn. Sent to haunt me for my sins. Her light so bright she provoked a shadow from everyone she touched. When a job turns bad quickly altering my life forever I'm forced to feel. When nothing is making sense I'm forced to face truths I never would recover from. When life drowns you in its cruelty you don't know which way the current will drag you or who you'll become once you re-surface.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was given the opportunity to read and review the entire Empathy series by Ker Dukey in preparation for the release of the box set which is only .99 cents at the moment!\*\*Warning: these

books contain subject matter that some might find offensive\*\*I had heard fantastic things about this series and have several friends who have given the books high ratings on GoodReads.lt didnÃ¢Â™t take long for me to see why they all loved it so much. I was instantly hooked within the first few pages of Empathy and found it almost impossible to put down!REVIEW OF EMPATHY:I found this novel to be captivating and highly entertaining! Each character faced their own set of demons and had their own individual ways of reacting to certain situations.I loved the heroine, Melody, who is just an average student trying to get through college when her whole world is turned upside down and she is faced with circumstances she never could have possibly imagined would happen. Although she does do a few things that made me want to shake some sense into her, I found her to be very likable and courageous.ltÃ¢Â™s difficult to say exactly how I feel about Blake, because heÃ¢Â™s not exactly the epitome of a Ã¢ÂœheroÃ¢Â in a novel. He does things that are shocking and devastating, but in a very sick way, itÃ¢Â™s hard to NOT like him. ItÃ¢Â™s obvious that despite his cold demeanor, he has a tremendous amount of love for a few choice people in his life.We also get to meet Ryan who is quite an enigma. He has so many issues that would be a psychiatristÃ¢Â™s dream! He suffered unimaginable things in his youth that have caused irreparable psychological and emotional damage. Once again, IÃ¢Â™m questioning my mental health because, although, I SHOULD hate him, I really donÃ¢Â™t. This book is very dark so consider yourself warned.Overall, this book was fast-paced, had twists and turns that I didnÃ¢Â™t see coming from a mile away, and made me eager to get to the next one!REVIEW OF DESOLATE:Ahhh!! This book is absolutely insane and I mean that figuratively and literally when it comes to Ryan. The events take place about 18 years into the future from those that occurred in Empathy.I really didnÃ¢Â™t think it could get much darker than the first novel, but, boy, was I proven wrong! Ryan is quite a sick puppy who enjoys humiliating others. He has been locked up all this time in a mental ward and is finally being released. Doctors believe his psychopathic tendencies have been cured, but they couldnÃ¢Â™t be further from the truth.Ryan may lack the compassion or empathy that comes naturally to most people, but heÃ¢Â™s intelligent. He uses his wits and charm to fool his doctors into believing that heÃ¢Â™s ready to join the real world once again. He already has a planÃ¢Âa plan that involves his niece CereusÃ¢Â His brother, Blake, has been doing everything possible to locate Ryan since his release, but had no idea that the entire time Ryan was closing in on his own daughter.IÃ¢Â™ve read many dark psychological thrillers, but this one definitely takes the darkness to a whole new level. I applaud Ker Dukey for writing such a convincing character!I loved and hated Ryan, but most importantly, I hated myself for liking him. He was easily able to adjust to any situation and finds ways for people to let their guard down around

him. I think that's what makes this book so good and creepy! If after reading Empathy, you still long to know more about Ryan then I highly recommend Desolate! **REVIEW OF VACANT:** This novella is only under 100 pages, but a lot of things happen in a short amount of time! Cereus has been struggling with the absence of Ryan and with her personal violent urges. It certainly doesn't help that a girl at school has decided to target her and make her life miserable only because her boyfriend showed interest in Cereus. Ryan watches Cereus from afar and once he sees that she's reaching her breaking point decides to make his move, but will he be too late? It's hard to review this novella without giving anything away, but I really enjoyed it and found that it lived up to my expectations. **REVIEW OF DEADLY:** I loved the way this novella started off! It instantly had me on the edge of my seat. It goes back and forth between the present and events that occurred a few months earlier. I, usually, am not a huge fan of that sort of method, but it was easy to follow and added to the plot. After traveling the world and letting their darkness perpetuate society, a single mistake is all it took for their twisted paradise to come to an end. It took me some time to really digest the ending and to comprehend how I felt about it. After having given it much thought, I have concluded that the ending makes a lot of sense considering the path they were taking. I think it is very suiting considering how it all started. Overall, I really enjoyed this series and it was one hell of a ride!

So I could say this book series gave me all the feels, and you would probably think that was a good thing. I actually hated the feeling this book series gave me. I was happy for the sadistic Ryan and Cereus, I was mad at Blake for trying to keep them apart when they so clearly needed each other. At the same time I loved Blake and Melody & hated Ryan for what he put them through. This series was an amusement park. Not a roller coaster, one roller coaster does not explain the emotions that you will go through reading these books. I cannot even say you will look at yourself the same after you read this series. You will question why, how, and probably why again. But just know that is probably what every person went through while reading. I don't usually leave reviews for books that don't make me cry because I feel like it didn't "touch" me deep enough, but I think this book touched me too much. Ker Dukey gives an insane amount of taboo in this series, I may even question her sanity after this going forward but I applaud her so much for being able to write this kind of book. Be prepared to be disgusted, in love, angry, heartbroken for the characters in this book. The depth the author allows you into each head of the character is flawless and gives you no option but to put yourself in their shoes and just go along for the crazy ride. If you are even somewhat a fan of Dark reads, this is definitely for you. Be prepared to be blown away and you will not be put back in your

same seat once the ride is over. Life as you know it, may be over.

EmpathyRyan doesn't keep people around or get close to anyone. According to him, they're not interesting enough. I don't see what's so intriguing about Melody though; this wasn't depicted. Ryan seems to be the real psycho, not Blake. I like that we're not getting his full story which creates a mystery of who he actually is. I knew something was up with that club murderer, I just needed to see how the story would play out. I didn't see how Blake and Melody's relationship could survive but she accepts him, I definitely wouldn't. Blake is called Damian and Damien, plus a lot of other writing/editing mistakes. Story is told from the POV of Blake, Melody and Ryan. Desolate gives us more of Ryan. Here we see Ryan in all his abominably captivating glory. More psychopaths are added to the mix. Ryan has duped his doctors and is released from the psych hospital. His goal is to find Cereus, his niece and release his dark urges. However when he meets her, he learns that she is a lot like him and a dark bond is formed. I loved it when Mel went psycho b\*\*\*\*. Haha Again lots of grammar and editing errors. Even more than Empathy. Vacant Wow!! The twists and turns. Cereus is away at college and is trying to live a normal life but the darkness is slowly consuming her. In the beginning I really thought Cereus was a schizophrenic psychopath. She had me thinking Randall was real and that he would become her co-killer, maybe replace Ryan as the monster in her life. Will Cereus embrace the darkness or will it consume her? Deadly Cereus is lost. Crazy beyond redemption. She allows the darkness to take over, but she will have to face the truth whether she wants to or not. One hole I find in the plot though is how were the detectives unable to see that Blake was involved in with Ryan and Cereus.

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