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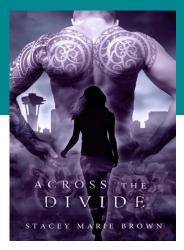
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Book Review Collector #3: Across the Divide

The very place that once was Zoey's job and home might be what kills her. She is slowly turning into a fae. As she gains strength, Ryker slowly dies. A demon called Vadik captures them, imprisoning Ryker and selling Zoey and Sprig to DMG for experimentation. Dr. Rapava has become her personal Dr. Frankenstein as he experiments on her to learn how to control her and her powers and build his army to fight the fae. In order to survive, Zoey has turned herself into a soldier. She bathes the floor in the blood of those she is told to torture again and again in order to save her world and family, until they finally persevere.

Brown writes appealing, fast-paced content that keeps the reader engaged and anxious to see what will come next. Some of the scenes are so painful but so riveting that you can't look away. The content and several scenes in this book are very heavy and can even be seen as traumatic by some readers. Many hard topics are touched on and even discussed outright. Ethics, moral conduct, violence, torture, and mutilation of self and others are just a few. Though it has some heavy content, it still reads well, is riveting in its delivery, and is hard to put down. The storyline moves steadily and builds on the characters development and depth, showing real examples of inner turmoil and the struggle for survival.

*Contains severe sexual content and severe violence