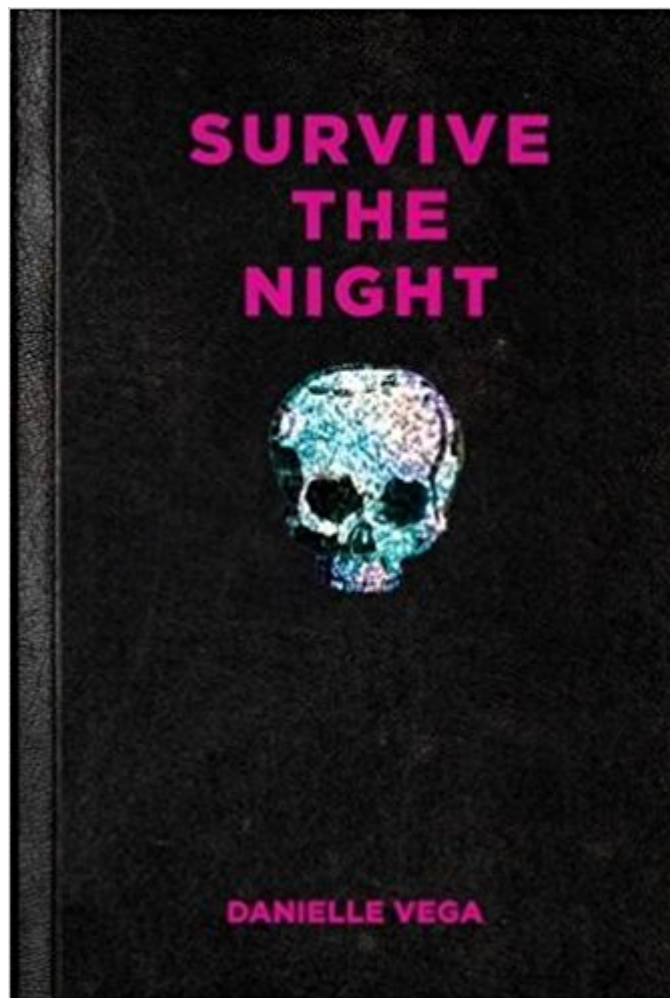


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# Survive The Night



## Synopsis

Stephen King meets *Pretty Little Liars* in this pulse-pounding novel from the author of *The Merciless*. Just back from rehab, Casey regrets letting her friends Shana, Julie, and Aya talk her into coming to *Survive the Night*, an all-night, underground rave in a New York City subway tunnel. Surrounded by frightening drugs and menacing strangers, Casey doesn't think *Survive the Night* could get any worse... until she comes across Julie's mutilated body in a dank, black subway tunnel, red-eyed rats nibbling at her fingers. Casey thought she was just off with some guy—no one could hear her getting torn apart over the sound of pulsing music. And by the time they get back to the party, everyone is gone. Desperate for help, Casey and her friends find themselves running through the putrid subway tunnels, searching for a way out. But every manhole is sealed shut, and every noise echoes eerily in the dark, reminding them they're not alone. They're being hunted. Trapped underground with someone—or something—out to get them, Casey can't help but listen to Aya's terrified refrain: "We're all gonna die down here." From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 9 Up Casey just got out of rehab, and she is having trouble adjusting. When her old friend Shana shows up to whisk her away for a night of debauchery in New York City, Casey can't join her fast enough. Shana didn't tell her that they were going to see Sam, Casey's ex-boyfriend.

Their awkward reunion is interrupted by news of an underground party that no one can find. Shana uses her powers of persuasion to get a location, but the group of friends soon discover that the "Survive the Night" party is a name that should be taken literally. Will any of them be able to get out alive? With this pulse-pounding, nail-biting novel from the author of *The Merciless* (Penguin, 2014), Vega creates immediately likable and relatable characters in shell-shocked Casey and free-spirited bad girl Shana. Seemingly innocuous moments become situations of disquieting terror, like when Casey tries to go after Shana in a warehouse in an attempt to find the party's location. Casey's past romance with Sam provides an interesting layer that keeps the book moving in its early quiet chapters. When events amp up toward the climax, the characters react to their predicament resolutely and continue their strong dynamic. VERDICT This book will appeal to fans of suspense who don't mind monsters popping out from behind every corner. — Ryan P. Donovan, Southborough Public Library, MA --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

"Vega morphs a teen-rebellion story into horror and does a nifty job with both...scary and gory, tailor-made for fans of the genre." — Kirkus Reviews "Readers will be glued to the pages, trying to figure out who or what is the terror that lurks beneath the surface." — Booklist "With this pulse-pounding, nail-biting novel from the author of *The Merciless*, Vega creates immediately likable and relatable characters." — School Library Journal "This exhilarating teen thriller will appeal to readers who crave a nail-biting page-turner." — School Library Connection From the Hardcover edition.

This book sucked me in from the minute I read the first page. I read it in one day partly because the language is simple but also because it's so damn suspenseful. However, once you realize what's killing the teens it becomes a bit difficult to suspend disbelief... but it's also completely believable to me that a group of stupid, adventure seeking teens would venture down into the Manhattan underground and end up getting hurt in the process. A couple of criticisms: I didn't think the characters were given enough depth to make their death hurt the audience. When a character dies, you should feel it, it should ache. Only one character came close to offering that sort of pain for the reader, and it should have hurt much more, not just the audience, but the heroine. Second, a book this dark should offer a little bit of hope at the end, even if it's just a spark. Again, this book failed to give us that. It tried, I'll say that much, but it fell a bit short. Third, the hospital scene made no sense. Without spoiling anything, I'll just say that I doubt the nurses, doctors, media and viewing public would believe the spin they put on it. It just made no sense, in context. All of that said, I did enjoy this

book. Danielle Vega is a great new voice in horror, and I think she's only going to get better. I highly recommend her other book *The Merciless...* Now THAT was a terrific horror story. Warnings: drug use, strong language, extremely violent images

Danielle Vega's *Survive the Night* was yet another creepastic and surprising read! As the story started out I thought we'd be seeing another horror themes but Danielle completely surprised me with this one! It got pretty terrifying for the last 1/3 of the novel. Casey just got out of rehab for drug overdose. It was a sad story of sorts. Casey was a soccer star and had a lot going for her. Then she injures her leg and is out for the season. While in the hospital she meets and befriends Shana. Through Shana, Casey loses a part of herself. She doesn't really realize this though. Soon she starts popping painkillers even when she doesn't need them and Shana's bad girl ways continue to fuel and strengthen the habit. And it's because of Shana, Casey ended up overdosing and was sent to rehab. Though when our story begins, Casey doesn't seem 100% ready to change. She ditches her old friends to join Shana and the girls at a club where her ex-boyfriend is playing. Naturally, she still longs for him, especially since she was the "dumpee". Soon the group of friends find themselves looking for the elusive *Survive the Night* party, because it's all the rage! That's when trouble starts to brew. Firstly, you cannot leave the party until sunrise or some such time. But when the police break it up early that's not the issue. Getting out it. Before we're halfway through, Casey finds one of her friends dead. Murdered. It's pretty gory. And when the friends try to leave, they find themselves lost and no viable exits. Word on the street is that there's a murderer on the loose. Someone was found dead and missing body parts at a previous party. Which this info only ante ups the danger. But what the group doesn't realize is how very real the danger is. This read was far creepier than Danielle's first book. But you don't realize how creepy until maybe the last third of the novel. The pages start flying by because you want to see if Casey and her friends will make it out alive. Answers are truly never clear, but that's almost a positive thing here, because it adds to the insanely creepy mystery. Though I do still wonder about the "mystery". An answer never really became clear for part of it. But it almost seems nonsensical in the light of day. It's funny too, not that long ago I was watching this old 90s horror movie on TV, I even saw it as a kid--terrified me then, not so much now! Yay! Anyway, I felt reminded of that movie, though the setting was different. I won't mention the movie for obvious spoiler reasons, but it's odd that I thought of said movie when I had watched it months ago. I swear there was another read somewhere in between all these books that also reminded me of the same movie!! I think I even met that author this year and asked her about it, but if I recall, that movie played no part in her inspiration. It was truly just a coincidence! Luckily, I'll meet Danielle soon and I

can ask her about this then! Survive the Night is not for the faint of heart. It's quite terrifying because a lot of the story happens in total darkness underground! Everything is always far creepier when you can't see what's coming at you! Its ending will leave you chilled! So be sure to leave a light on!

\*winks\* Overall Rating 4.5/5 stars

4/5 What a nice little monster mystery book! I thought it was thoroughly entertaining and had a fast pace from beginning to end. I may be biased because I love horror and I love Vega's first novel (the Merciless), but I'm being honest when I say I actually enjoyed it and it was a great way to kick off the month of horrors. The story follows Casey, a drug addict who has become too attached to her bad influence friends even after she gets out of rehab. When her friend slips her a drug at an underground party in an abandoned subway tunnel, her friends become trapped and must find a way out before whatever lurks in the shadows comes to claim its prey. Although I enjoyed it I feel like it could have a little more substance, but that is what I wish for in all YA horror novels. I would highly recommend it for reading this month or even closer to Halloween. It's a fast read, so I would just recommend her first novel as well. So good. I can't wait to see what this author has up her sleeve next.

Seriously one of the creepiest books I've read in a while! I'm totally having nightmares tonight! Danielle Vega is a YA horror mastermind and SURVIVE THE NIGHT is just like her other books in that it will not let you put it down. I finished this one in less than a day, needless to say it is an extremely fast read. The story is about Casey, who is a recovering painkiller addict who returns home and goes to an underground rave with her friends. But it's not called "Survive the Night" because of the drugs. Something starts killing Casey's friends and she has to get out of the tunnels before it kills her, too.

I don't even know what just happened. Read in one sitting, confused af. Thought the abnormal aspect was kind of weird and unexpected but I guess it did help to make things more intense. Great for if you feel like taking a break from your usual type of book, or if you're in a reading slump. Not the best story I've read tho. The dialogues feel kind of unnatural at times and I felt like the whole "bad ass" image was a little posed. Other than that I did strangely enjoy reading it.

When I got The Merciless I read it in less than a day. So you could imagine my excitement when I hear Danielle Vega was coming out with a new book. Both my parents LOVE Stephen King so I feel

like this book is much appropriate for me. I love horror and I absolutely love Danielle Vega's books. I also read this in less than a day. So many twists and turns. It leaves you at the edge of your seat! 10000000% recommend!

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