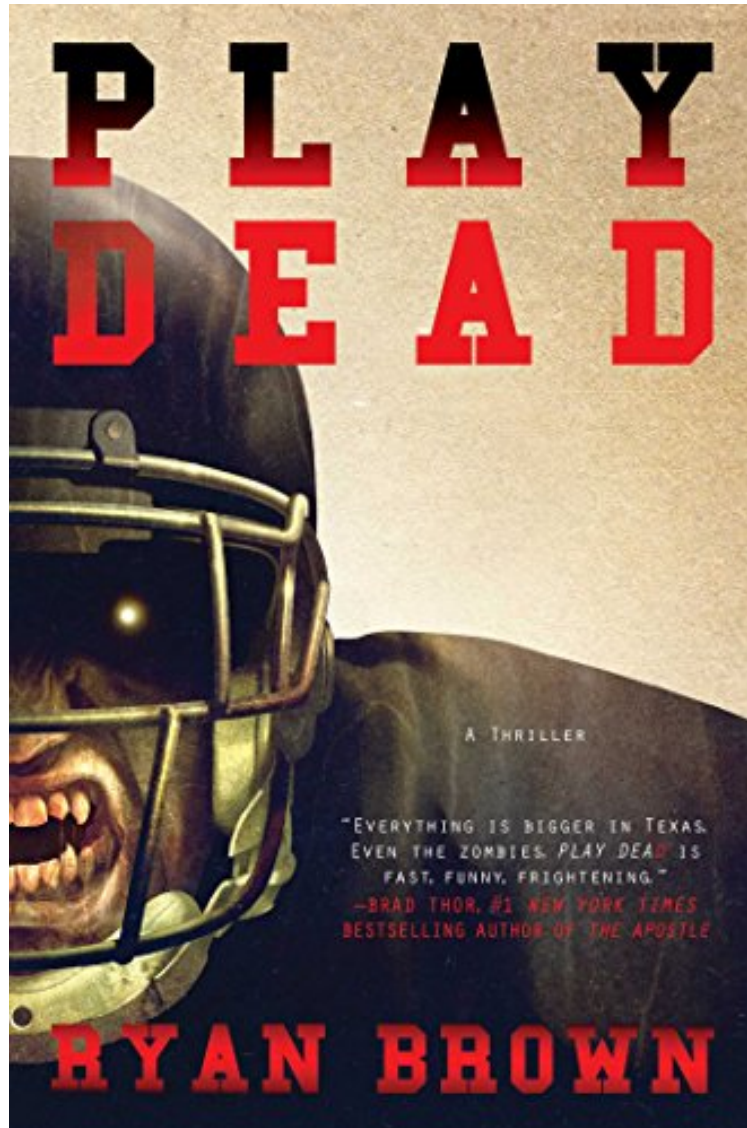


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**Ryan Brown : Play Dead** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Play Dead:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Play Dead is zombies for the Jersey Shore crowd. By TW Brown, Author, Editor, and Reviewer I've found a lot of variations on the zombie theme recently. Some real gems stand out like Mark Henry's trilogy, S.G. Brown's Breathers, and my latest fave, Amelia Beamer's The Loving Dead. Ryan's entry, titled Play Dead is the most recent to land on my review list. I didn't really like it. Play Dead is billed as a "Friday Night Lights meets Dawn of the Dead" by Brad Thor. I disagree. What I found was a slick, MTV-generation

tale that was far too predictable. And the sad part is that this story had a premise that could've worked. The story centers around Cole Logan, a Texas high school quarterback who was so stereo-typically written as a 'Bad Boy'. I found myself disliking him almost as much as I do the cast of Jersey Shore. Cole loses his team to tragedy when a rival team - jacked up on Mexican-made steroids - sets a trap that causes the bus carrying his pigskin cohorts to crash into a raging river. Personally, I started rooting for the story's primary villain, Booker Flamont. He was a hilariously cartoonish bad guy deserving of his own theme music every time he appeared in a scene. *Play Dead* is perhaps better suited for the young adult crowd with its over-the-top caricatures. Sure, it had a little bit of potty mouth, and frisky hormonal teens, but really, it wasn't any worse than most of the much passing off an ABC Family as teen soaps. Okay...I've teed off on Mr. Ryan Brown's book long enough. You get the point. Here's what I liked. This book is good for a teenager not yet desensitized by Romero's *Dead* movies, or the *Resident Evil* franchise. Parents who don't want their child splattered in gore and depravation will be okay with this title. By the way, *Play Dead* does have an appropriate splash of blood and guts that are painted vividly with the words on the page without going too far. For the adults in the audience, take a pass on *Play Dead*. For a younger fan, this is a nice starter kit. Readers of standard zombie fare already have to suspend reality...the jumps in this tale can only be enjoyed by those young enough to believe that *The Hills* was real.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. The Grade-B movie equivalent in a zombie football book  
By Cheryl Stout  
Was this book great literature? No - but it was a lot of fun. It was like watching the Saturday afternoon Creature Feature movies when I was a kid. Popcorn, soda and Junior Mints and I would have been in hog heaven. We have a bad boy hero, his less than nurturing mother, the goody goody girlfriend, who is also the coach's daughter and hates football, bubba police chief, dastardly opposing team, voodoo kitty, voodoo neighbor, the underdog small town football team. And then you throw in a terrible accident, steroids AND....ZOMBIES VS. TEXAS FOOTBALL!

I had great fun reading this book. Liked the author photo on the back of the book (wowzer). Ryan Brown used to star in the soaps before starting his writing career and writing runs in the family, from what I understand. His mother is Sandra Brown.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun and entertaining book to read  
By Carolyn Robison  
I checked this book from the library and read it. I found it funny and enjoyed it, not taking it too seriously. I lent it to my sister who also liked it as did her daughter. (We are middle aged women) So I BOUGHT my granddaughter a copy for Christmas. She is 16 and she loved it.

Today's #1 New York Times bestselling thriller writers agree: Ryan Brown's compulsively readable first novel is unbeatable—a darkly humorous, rich and pungent zombie shocker that melds our national obsession with football and the newest wave of fascination with the undead. For the first time in Killington High School history, the Jackrabbits football team is one win away from the district championship where it will face its most vicious rival, the Elmwood Heights Badgers. On the way to the game, the Jackrabbits' bus plunges into a river, killing every player except for bad-boy quarterback Cole Logan who is certain the crash was no accident given that Cole himself was severely injured in a brutal attack by three ski-masked men earlier that day. Bent on payback, Cole turns to a mysterious fan skilled in black magic to resurrect his teammates. But unless the undead Jackrabbits defeat their murderous rival on the field, the team is destined for hell. In a desperate race against time, with only his coach's clever daughter, Savannah Hickman, to assist him, Cole must lead his zombie team to victory. . . in a final showdown where the stakes aren't just life or death but damnation or salvation. Boundlessly imaginative and thrillingly satisfying, *Play Dead* gives small-town Texas an electrifying jolt of the supernatural, and is unquestioningly *The Zombie Novel of the Year!* *The Comeback Story of the Season* . . .

From Publishers Weekly  
Starred . Two cultural obsessions collide head-on in this fast-paced, thrilling, and terribly funny debut by former actor Brown. In the sleepy town of Killington, Tex., the local high school's football team is having its best season in decades thanks to the efforts of quarterback Cole Logan. Afraid of losing the district championship, the rival Elmwood team sends the Killington bus into a river, drowning everyone on the team except Cole and the coach. Only local witch and football fan Black Mona can raise the players from the dead in time for the game, but if they keep stopping to eat people, they might miss it. Brown handily mixes elements of horror, coming-of-age sweetness, and gore-soaked comedy into a tale that satisfies the same fascination with sports and bloodlust that it cleverly and thoughtfully critiques. (May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Everything is bigger in Texas. Even the zombies. *Play Dead* is fast, funny, frightening. Brad Thor, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Foreign Influence* RYAN BROWN VAULTS STRAIGHT TO THE PRO GAME WITH THIS OUTSTANDING DEBUT. Lee Child FAST PACED, THRILLING, AND TERRIBLY FUNNY." Publishers Weekly (starred review) "Two cultural obsessions collide head-on in this fast paced, thrilling, and terribly funny debut... Brown handily mixes elements of horror, coming-of-age sweetness, and gore-soaked comedy into a tale that satisfies the same fascination with sports and bloodlust that it cleverly and thoughtfully critiques." - Publishers Weekly, starred review

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