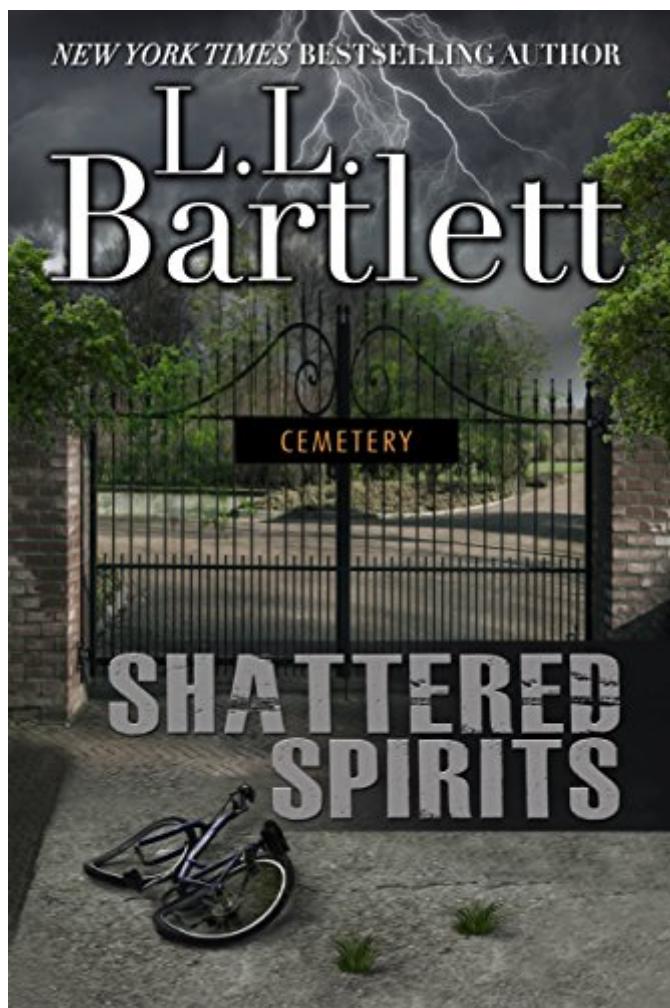


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# Shattered Spirits (The Jeff Resnick Mysteries Book 7)



## **Synopsis**

If it weren't for bad luck, Jeff Resnick would have no luck at all! While riding his new racing bike, Jeff is hit by an SUV, an accident which has a cascade effect on his life. He loses his job to a replacement, his girlfriend pressures him to move in, his bank accounts are hacked, and a restless spirit begs for his help "all in less than a week. But it's soon apparent that his so-called random accident is anything but, and the murder of a close friend has a hobbled Jeff on the run. Can he discover who's out to destroy his life "and threaten those he loves most?

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## **Customer Reviews**

I've impatiently waited for the next installment of Jeff's story and it was worth the wait. We start out with the following: Jeff's having visions of a tombstone; Richard can't find a job since he's reached the golden age of 50; Brenda is happy for now being a mother to the cutest little angel around; and Maggie wants to jump into selling her house to move closer to Jeff and family. Jeff's luck goes from bad to worse after he's involved in a hit and run while biking with his friend and co-worker Dave.

Jeff's world starts falling apart as he works to recover from his injuries, to determine what his visions mean, and come to terms with the fact that his job will not be there for him when he recovers. When Richard proposes a solution to both of their job problems, Jeff agrees to a trial run in an effort to help the ghost whose tombstone he's been seeing. There are moments of heady action and passages of "family time" with lots of character development. And there's an open ending that will have me waiting just as impatiently for the next book.

Jeff Resnick is definitely not having the best of luck lately. While out bike riding he gets hit by a driver who takes off, as Jeff says a "hit and run". He ends up with his leg in a cast and has to move back into the house with Richard and Brenda leaving his cat all alone in his apartment. He finds out his bank accounts have been hacked and his relationship with his girlfriend Maggie. Well that's not exactly going to good either presently. Could Jeff's life get any worse. Is this all due to bad luck or something more? Jeff also keeps seeing flashes of a tombstone, and he knows that he needs to check it out, and soon! Well getting around may be a problem as he can't drive. This story kept me turning pages and not wanting to put it down, as Jeff got deeper into the mystery and intrigue. Jeff and Richard really have to work on their relationship as his temporary disability is making life for them all stressful. Looking forward to the next book in this wonderful series by L.L. Bartlett!

In this latest volume of Jeff Resnick's fight for his independence and justice for the dead, we find him being brutally attacked by a hit and run SUV, as he and his co-worker, Dave are going for a good long peaceful bike ride. At first everyone handles the case as though it is an accident, then, when Jeff's instinct goads him back to the Cemetery, convincing his brother Dr. Richard Alpert to join him, a lone woman's ghost meets with Jeff. Sweet Alice knows she was murdered but isn't sure why. Alice Newcomb dead since 1932 appeared to summon Jeff, and thus he knows something is up. When Jeff's co-worker Dave gets worried and then is killed, Jeff knows he needs to go on the offense. Meanwhile, Brother Richard has a business proposition for Jeff. One that would cause him to literally loose his independence, but would be uniquely challenging for him. The entire cast is present in this mystery and I do hope the Bakery Ghost will return. I fell in love with this series back around 'Dead in Red.' If you are new to Jeff Resnick murders and like spots of Paranormal to solve the crimes...this is a series for you. This is a suspense Murder mystery series, not a cozy. Excellent writing.

I really enjoy this series and all the characters. Loved the title of the book - very appropriate. I like

how the author makes things so real for the characters - real-life struggles, worries, circumstances, etc. I only gave this 4 stars because... can poor Jeff not get a break??!! I mean come on - he practically dies at the beginning and then his accounts are hacked. After everything else that has happened to him, what more \*\*\*\*\* can be dumped on this poor guy? I would really love a couple of books where neither Jeff or Richard get shot or run over or physically damaged! Looking forward to the next in the series.

Jeff Resnick has lots of bad luck. While riding his new racing bike with a friend, he is involved in a hit-and-run. His injuries turn his life upside down. His job is taken by a replacement and his accounts are hacked. He is also haunted by the spirit of a restless woman, seeking answers. Can he give her the answers she so desperately wants, regarding her murder? And something seems off at the bar he worked at... I really enjoyed the ghost at the cemetery. Figuring out the details of a murder from the 1930s isn't so easy, and I think the author did a good job with it. I also was very curious about what was happening at the bar Jeff was working at. The storyline was great. It kept me turning the pages! This was a very enjoyable read, which I highly recommend!

Although I liked the book, it is my least favorite in the series. Each of the main characters seemed to be in nonstop cranky mode. One of them was whining all the time. I hate to say this, but this book felt like it was written by a middle school kid who thought the ending was really dramatic and chilling. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough explanation for me. The tie from the distant past to the present seemed nonexistent, and the reasons for the behavior of the villain were never fleshed out. I love the Alpert/Resnick family and hope the next in the series is more like the first six books.

I love the Jeff Resnick series by L.L. Bartlett. Was excited to see yet another new book. However, this time the main character was more pessimistic than I like and that gets boring after a bit with his complaining on EVERY issue that he typically doesn't show. I just wanted to scream at every negative comment and it just went on and on whining. Additionally, it seemed to go along with a good plot to me, then suddenly, a very odd and abrupt ending unlike most of her books. Got the feeling she had to hurry and end it and did so in just a few pages with a really B-movie like occurrence in a cemetery. That seemed to add unnecessary element to an otherwise good read.

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