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Rowland, Diana. My Life as a White Trash Zombie

Angel Crawford, a high-school dropout on probation for possession of a stolen car, is going nowhere with her life. Stuck in a dead-end relationship with a dead-beat boyfriend, taking care of and hiding from her alcoholic father by turns, drinking to excess and taking illegal drugs, she is a mess. A white trash mess. So she's not too terribly surprised when she wakes up in the hospital one day and is told she was found by the side of the road, naked, having overdosed on drugs after leaving the bar with a man other than her boyfriend. What DOES surprise Angel is that there's not a scratch on her when she clearly remembers being flung through the windshield after a terrible car accident. A mysterious benefactor has left her a cooler full of some kind of coffee drink with strict instructions to drink one every day and has arranged a job at the local morgue for Angel. Uncertain as to what's going on, Angel nevertheless follows instructions and shows up for the job as a morgue van driver and autopsy assistant. It isn't long before she realizes that she has a strange, insatiable craving for brains—a craving she resists as long as possible. But when she gives in, she realizes that she's stronger, better, and more alive after eating them. When a horribly decaying man ambushes her van one evening looking for brains, it's a short mental hop from there to the fact that Angel herself is now one of the living dead. Now she must figure out how to "live" in her current state, who her mysterious benefactor might be, and, more alarmingly, who is out there killing other zombies before falling victim herself.

Funny, intriguing, and surprisingly touching, *My Life as a White Trash Zombie* is hopefully only the first installment in the undead adventures of Angel Crawford.

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