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Not all princesses get their happily ever after...

They tell me I killed my boyfriend Phillip in cold blood. I stabbed him twenty one times. I'm only seventeen years old, and I am serving life in Spindle Ridge Asylum for the Criminally Insane.

I don't remember killing him, so it's really hard to believe I'm capable of murder. In fact I don't remember anything before I came to Spindle Ridge, not even my boyfriend.

I can only grasp onto my realistic dreams while the madness of the asylum threatens to pull me under. I dream I'm a beautiful princess and there is an evil faerie named Maleficent who is bent on my destruction. The dreams are the closest thing I have to memories of my life, except they aren't real.

I'm crazy. I'm not a princess.

They're the mad illusions of an irrational teenage girl, right?

They've assigned me a new doctor, and she says I can trust her, and that she'll help me see the truth of who I really am.

When she arrived she brought a new patient, Sawyer, who is everything Spindle Ridge isn't: exciting, mysterious and beautiful. He promises he's here to rescue me. Trusting either of them frightens me.

Could it be possible that my dreams are more than just the imaginings of a delusional girl? Could they be truth?

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From Reader Review Slumber for online ebook

Jenny Bynum Black Words-White Pages says

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WOW...I am really quite speechless about this book and blown away at the same time...

What an amazing twist on an old fairy-tale. This book is nothing like the original Sleeping Beauty, this is Sleeping Beauty meets Grimm. It's fast paced and extremely addicting with its dark, twisted, and phenomenally well written words that just jump out at you and pull you in from the first page. It's an overall spectacular read and one I will read over and over again.

I love how the author pulls you in at the beginning and throws you for a slight tailspin and roller-coaster ride. Rory is a phenomenal character. She is naive yet strong willed. I love how her grows throughout the story. The plot itself is mystical and magical all at the same time, which brings forth the darkness in this story. I love how the spun this story in her own fashion and made me fall in love with the story. This is by far an incredible twist that will be known of forever. I am really excited to read the next installment in this Duology.

AG Roberson says

Fairy Tale endings are few and far between when it comes to Rory and her immaterial existence at Spindle Ridge Asylum for the Criminally Insane. Lies after lies are fed to her by the power driven, Hell bent Doctor M. whose only prescription in healing Rory's broken sanity is keeping her incompetent. But rays of hope break through the shell of deceit when Sawyer, her saving grace in a dark world of mayhem and magic, helps Rory realize her true identity, the truth that she was denied, and the love that was there all along....

Are you ready to rest in a story that will embrace your inner princess? Slumber has your action, suspense, and of course, true love. Enjoy being taken back to the time when fairy tales were read and you created a world all your own by listening to the words being read. I love and missed that until I read Slumber.

Excellent job Christy! You have never failed to grab my attention and make me fall in love with the characters while wanting to throat punch the others.

Lynn 2 Girls & A Book says

That moment when you delve into a fantastic new book ,when you lose yourself in the words, when you ferociously devour the pages so quickly you are already anticipating reading it again...that is Christy Sloat's Slumber.

This ain't your momma's fairytale. Slumber is Sleeping Beauty Grimm style with a Sloat twist. Never have I read a tale quite like this one.

The main character, Rory, is phenomenal. Her character grows and strengthens through the story like the birth of a butterfly. She is weak and closed off in the beginning, but in remembering her "Before" she is able

to blossom. I look forward to seeing her in the next book.

If you have followed the writing career of Christy Sloat, then like me you have had the pleasure of seeing her grow into a brilliant writer. Her new YA fantasy is a testament to that. Sloat weaves us a beautiful tale of magic, fairies, and not so happily ever afters in *Slumber*. This book is sure to be a hit with her fans.

Laura Hernandez (TheVoluptuousBkDiva/YABkDivas) says

I received an eARC in exchange for an honest review via YA Bound Book Tours. I made no guarantee of a favorable review and the opinions expressed here are my own.

I certainly enjoyed reading this retelling.

This is truly not your happily ever after fairy tale where birds sing and butterflies flutter on a beautiful summer day. This modern retelling of *Sleeping Beauty* is a heart breaking, gut wrenching read that will leave you feeling like true love does not conquer all. The world building in this book pulls you right into the asylum and you feel like you yourself are a patient there. Characters are strong and believable and the story line is well written. The author has done a superb job with this book and I can't wait to read the second book, *Awaken*.

My favorite quote in this book was; "You know, they say that anything can be cured by true love."

Madeline Bernards says

I was really quite disappointed with this book. I went into this with high expectations because the concept was interesting and it had amazing reviews and that was probably my biggest mistake. While the general storyline was interesting to read the actual story was executed poorly. I felt like the writing style was a little too basic for me and I felt the story was very rushed. The author didn't really allow for the story to really develop and just kinda started throwing stuff at you which made the plot twists less interesting and dramatic. Plus, the ending wasn't very climatic, leaving you just kinda wanting something more interesting to happen. Even more, the rushed writing didn't allow me to really enjoy the relationship between Sawyer and Rory, it was just kinda there. I felt like if done better this could have been an amazing book, which is what upsets me the most.

Michelle Bradshaw says

An author has three jobs. Her first job is to make her characters relatable. Christy Sloat did just that. I could put myself in Rory's shoes completely. I felt every emotion that went through her body as she tried to discover hidden secrets of the Asylum. Their second job is to either create a story we've never heard or put a spin on one we are familiar with. This book is a FABULOUS twist on a BELOVED fairytale. Kuddos Christy! Last but not least....a writer's job is to make the world they create come alive. Once again Christy has blown me away with her words. I could smell, touch, hear, and even taste everything that Christy described. She has such a way with words. When you read her books you are there. You BECOME her characters. "*Slumber*" is without a doubt one of my new favorites to read. If you read it you won't regret it.

Just to express how in awe of this book I was and am....I read it in 5 1/2 hours...I COULD NOT put it down. Christy I have been with you since Avery Snow. I have loved every book since then. Your gift has grown with every new world you've introduced us to. You have a true talent for words. I can't wait to see what you have in store for us in the future and can't wait to read the next book in this series.

Shannon says

Slumber is much like Sleeping Beauty but this fairy tale is so different from your happy ever after. 17 year old Rory (the main character) is brought to Spindle Ridge Asylum for murdering her fiancé, Phillip. However, she has no memories of that night or Phillip at all. She cannot recall anything from her past before arriving at Spindle Ridge. Rory spends the days wasting away in the asylum trying to remember her past. She has dreams but not sure if they are memories or just dreams.

Then one day she meets a boy patient named Sawyer and a doctor named Gray, who gives her spirit hope. Things start to change for her. She is seeing things more clearly. She is uncovering the past and lies. She is remembering who she really is and why she is there.

Can true love win in the end? Will there be a happy ever after ?

Author Christy Sloat out did herself again. I give "Slumber" 5 stars for being the best revamp fairy tale story I have read. A must read!!!!

Casey Ann Books says

JUST FINISHED THIS OMFG! AMAZING! REVIEW TO COME ASAP!

Ben Alderson says

I read this last week and forgot to update it for you guys! such a great and fun read! lots of mystery woven into this retelling of sleeping beauty!

Carry On, Isabel says

I don't get how this book has so many rave reviews... the only thing about this book that I'd give five stars would be the cover (which is what made me want to read it in the first place).

Melissa says

When I started Slumber I wasn't really sure what to expect. I love Christy's other works, but they have all been so different from each other! I think Lynn Shaw of 2 Girls & A Book said it best with 'Slumber is

Sleeping Beauty Grimm style with a Sloat twist.' I am irrevocably in love with this story. I was immediately drawn into Rory's world and even after finishing Slumber, I still haven't left yet. I've even re-read it already!

When we start Slumber, we are told that Rory is in Spindle Ridge Asylum for killing her boyfriend Phillip. Rory, however, doesn't remember this happening or anything from her past.....so what really happened? Well, with the help of Dr. Grey and Sawyer, a fellow patient, Rory starts to remember bits and pieces. And what she remembers will absolutely astound you! This is nothing like the fairytale we read as kids. The beginning of Slumber lacks a little in action, but I feel it fits well with the story and sets the rest up perfectly.

I have read all of Christy's other works and, while I love them all, I think Slumber will always be my favorite. The characters are well rounded and honestly just 'perfect-for-their-part' characters. I am definitely #CrazyForSawyer and will be talking about Slumber for forever. Christy knocked this one so far out of the park it's in a world of it's own. Hands down, the best revamp of a fairytale I've ever read! I give Slumber 5 stars and am very impatiently waiting for the next book!

*I received an ARC of Slumber in exchange for an honest review

Cheree Castellanos Edits says

An amazing twist on a favorite fairy tale for the ages! It's Once Upon a Time meets Sucker Punch! I absolutely adored this book and the whole layout and setting of this story. Rory is brought to Spindle Ridge Asylum for the Criminally Insane after killing her boyfriend Phillip, though she doesn't remember anything before coming to Spindle Ridge. She doesn't remember killing her boyfriend, she doesn't even remember him! But she must have done it, her hands were covered in blood and they say she did it, so she must be guilty. As Rory spends her days wasting away and trying desperately to remember, strange dreams start to give her a beautiful escape, but they feel so real! And then she meets Sawyer, another patient at Spindle Ridge. Sawyer starts to give her hope and moments of joy she thought she would never feel again. Then things start to change and the truth starts to reveal itself.

Get lost in this delicately woven thread of lies and deceit all in the name of revenge. But love always wins in the end...right? Or is it love that destroys us?

Siobhan Maxwell says

Now that I've had some time to think, it's probably time to write a review. Well this book has been on my tbr for quite a while, however I just never had the urge to pick it up until yesterday. This book was really gripping in the beginning when you are first introduced to Rory and the asylum and is the majority of the way through. The story does keep you guessing a lot throughout and there is a lot of mystery involved as little bits of information about Rory and why she is in the asylum are continuously revealed by a variety of different characters. I went into this book without knowing the full background of it, turns out it's a retelling of sleeping beauty which I did like, however I found some parts not to be quite as interesting simply because once Rory started having flashbacks it basically just reiterated sleeping beauty almost to a T and I already knew the story. Obviously there were a lot of twists involved with Rory's flashbacks, but I still felt a little disappointed for some reason. However I do understand why Christi Sloat did include the basic story of sleeping beauty as otherwise the story would not have made sense. Fairytale re-tellings aren't usually the sort of thing I would go for and I'm not sure if I'll try them again, however I was surprised overall with this book and did find it enjoyable. I did end up reading this in one day which is something I never do, I just seemed to devour the pages without even realising. The story was so fast paced which is also felt let it down a little.

Overall I did find this book enjoyable and I give it a 3.5 stars, however I don't think I will be continuing on with the second book just yet. Maybe in the future, but not for now.

Anna (Enchanted by YA) says

****I received the eBook free as a review copy from the author in exchange for an honest review****

Fairytale retellings can be just that – the story re-written with an individual writer's flare/idea or it can throw the story on its head and give you something new that will surprise and delight, while also keeping the roots that make it a retelling. *Slumber* is definitely the latter, and I loved it.

Since reading the synopsis this book stood out for being unlike anything I've read before and it continued to stay in my mind even when I wasn't reading it (though I very much wanted to be!) The plot just demands your attention, which combined with engaging characters could easily make this a one-sit read.

It was very easy to put myself in Rory's shoes and experience all the confusion just as she did (even though as a reader I knew more). Tangled in something that she didn't understand: why she would have killed her boyfriend and why her dreams of being a princess feel so real, it's her developing strong-will that makes her determined to find the answers. Though there's no happily ever after in sight just yet...

I can't wait to see how it all changes in the conclusion to this duology after the epic finale that had me on the edge of my seat. One thing I know for sure is that *Sloat* will make sure it is filled with surprises that don't disappoint.

Posted on: <http://enchantedbyya.blogspot.co.uk/>

Elaine says

What a magnificent adaptation of the classic fairy tale packed with brilliant word craft and a superb retake with plenty of surprises! Having been brainwashed into believing she's murdered her boyfriend, the seventeen year old inmate of Spindle Ridge Asylum for the Criminally Insane finds it difficult to comprehend how this could all be lies. She can't believe she's really Princess Aurora Rose even when she is told this by undercover fairies working in the asylum.

This is an intriguing retelling of the tale with plenty of twists, turns and turmoil to keep an adult audience enchanted. The characters are emotively portrayed making readers figuratively ready to cheer on the good and boo the evil. I like how the heroine grows and develops as the story progresses and she discovers more of her past.

This is a fantastic fantasy and I can't wait to discover how it concludes in the second book in this duology. I have no hesitation in highly recommending this to any adult who would love to revisit a grown up version of fairy tales again!

Thanks to the author, publishers and Bewitching Book Tours for gifting me an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

