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Amadeus Angel knows there must be more to life than suffering at the hands of his so-called parents. He also knows there must be some explanation for the lines on his hands forming knots, his crystalline tears, and his lavender eyes. But he never expects that an invitation to attend Eden Prep will unravel these mysteries, providing the catalyst for a plan thousands of years in the making.

## **Atlantean Details**

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## From Reader Review Atlantean for online ebook

### Christina (Ensnorced in Lit) says

I won this book from First Reads giveaways from Goodreads in exchange for an honest review.

Atlantean is a book about Amadeus Angel and his journey to find out his true heritage. His parents are physically and emotionally abusive, but one day that all changes when he is invited to the Seraph mansion and takes his place at Eden Prep. From there, more mysteries pile up and he meets several fascinating girls who have strange powers that he cannot explain.

There is a lot of material here, and a lot of it is interesting. The backstory of Amadeus Angel's true heritage is vast and imaginative. I loved the character Nyssa and was glad to see that she was given more of a role as I got further in the book. \*MINOR SPOILER\* We quickly discover that Amadeus is more than just human and that the Bible gives us a framework for what really happened in the past. I was impressed by how Watkins explains a lot of the people and events in the Bible in the world that is created. It will be interesting to see the reception of this novel; because it deals with rewriting the Bible in fantastical ways, I am sure people will find ways to ban it.

However, that was not my issue with this book. My biggest issue was that while very creative and imaginative, it read like more of a history book that I had to study for school. The backstory was very dense and I had to reread passages to make sure I kept everything straight. I understand the necessity of explaining the history and background of the mythology of the overall book, but this was the entire book. The action could have been condensed to one small chapter. Furthermore, the only interesting character to me was Nyssa. Amadeus was not a very likeable character, which is unfortunate since the story is told from his point of view. I was ready to feel empathetic to him for his difficult past, but instead he, like most of the other characters, acts like an elite member of society who basically lives for pleasure and indulging himself. \*MORE SPOILERS\* Amadeus even gets 7 girls to himself. We are told that the reason this is okay is because everyone is "enlightened." But everyone else sticks to just one soulmate and Amadeus is the only one with multiple partners. The other characters in the book especially Eli and his soulmate, Diana, are very know it all, and I started to tire of the amount of times they "scoffed" at what another character did, or how many times the word "smug" was associated with one of them. They really enjoyed knowing more information than Amadeus and the other characters and made it a point to rub it in their and the readers' faces. Also, I felt very unsatisfied by his interactions from his "false parents." I felt like he learned nothing from his experiences and that this part of the story could have been integral to his characters growth. I instead felt like Amadeus pretty much stayed the same throughout the book. He learned about his past, but he didn't really evolve/grow from it; he was excited to know he could be with all the girls he loved and hated his false parents and were glad they were going to die. Finally, the book needs a good editor. Punctuation, misspellings, and mistakes such as "your" for "you're" or "their" for "they're" are rampant. It distracts from the rest of the book.

Overall, while many times creative, the mythological back story is dense and the story sinks from the weight. The characters are mostly flat and two dimensional. However, with more work, this story has potential.

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### Victor Antonov says

I received this book a long time ago from a Goodreads giveaway but I did not have a chance to read it until now.

*Atlantean* by E.N. Watkins is a quick read and an enjoyable one too. While a typical YA novel (high school romance abound), it also presents us with a rich mythology based on the Christian narrative (and maybe more - could Odion be a version of the Norse Odin?). It is the discovery of this new information that keeps the fast pace, especially for fans of high fantasy like myself. I was also able to draw some parallels with the Harry Potter story.

It is also all this mythological information that is the downfall of the book. The first third of the text is dedicated to the set up of the YA relationships but once you get through that, you are confronted with a constant bombardment of increasingly complicated divine soap opera which will set up the next installment(s) in the series. It is just simply TMI. I got lost between the various non-human creatures (there's a reason why the simple vampire-werewolf combo works so well). It would have been nice to include a "family tree" of sorts; it would have kept both readers and author honest on all the relations.

Seeing how the rest of a planned trilogy has not materialized, it might be a chance for the author to go back to this book and rework a few things. It would probably be best if more time is spent on building the various characters (we hardly know some of them and all of the sudden they are part of the inner circle). This character development can be mixed with gradual unveiling of the mythology thus avoiding the large chunks of concentrated information. I think there is material in *Atlantean* for two books which would then set up a third containing the final conflict.

If E.N. Watkins is still around, I wouldn't mind at all hearing how this story ends! :)

P.S. I know it's a low budget endeavor but enough with the "were/we're" and "their/there/they're"!!

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### Ashley says

I received this book from one of the Goodreads Giveaways. I did like the plot of the book and the uniqueness of the story. The way that the author took the stories that we all know and put their own spin on them and the way they could have happened is very attention grabbing. The only thing that I didn't care for (besides the grammatical editing issues) was the way the story was told, it felt more like reading a script instead of a story. The whole book was basically just conversations which makes it feel like you don't acquire much of an actual story, and the order that the stories are told makes it confusing and hard to keep up with. But overall, I thought it was a pretty good book and had a unique plot, which is definitely a great quality in a book.

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### Melinda says

Many thanks to E.N. Watkins for having his book in a give-away here! I got my copy last Monday and finished it yesterday afternoon. It was a really good book to read! The main character is Amadeus Angel, and he's an abused teen very confused and sad. He gets the chance to get away from his 'parents' at a special school, and starts an amazing journey of discovery. At first he's almost as sad and confused as he was, but things become clear to him. There is quite a bit of back-story and mythology that we learn about him. He's not quite human, and it doesn't really bother him as it explains so much in his life that had been distressing. I think though readers are going to need all this information as there is much of this story yet to be told. It looks like another good reading series in the making. At least I really hope it is.

Here is the link to my review at Amazon.

<http://www.amazon.com/review/R2J35I3X...>

Yeah, I bought a Kindle copy even though I won one of the free books. I've grown attached to cheating with it; changing for size, not damaging covers, etc. Thanks so much for the great read!!!

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## **Marianne says**

Thank you for this great YA ARC book that I won. It is very reflective of the YA genre. I am thoroughly enjoying the read. I have no doubt that younger readers will identify with the books characters. Very good story.

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## **Kristen says**

GENRE: YA Fantasy

THEME: Mythology

RECEIVED: Received for Review from Author

BLOG: <http://seeingnight.blogspot.com/>

### **REVIEW:**

I was really excited when I won Atlantean by E.N Watkins on Goodreads and even more so because it was based around the myth of Atlantis. Watkins gets very detailed and pulls of an interesting twist about Atlantis that I found very original.

Amadeus Angel has gone through life suffering by the hands of his “parents.” You see he special, though he doesn’t know it yet until the day he is requested to attend Eden Prep. He discovers that he is an Atlantean and someone very important. He meets other like him who help put together the pieces that he’s been hidden from his whole life.

Amadeus was a great character, growing up he was practically tortured by his “parents.” When he cries in pain, his tears form crystals in which they take from him. I found this rather interesting and was so glad that those people get what they deserved after what they did to him. The whole story focuses around him discovering his origins and how Atlantis is connected to events in the Bible.

There are many characters introduced, but the four connected to Amadeus are Nyssa, Diana, Eli and Victoria. These girls become bonded with him, using their abilities to communicate and learn from each other. I found this rather unique and not sure how I felt with all the bonding because everyone else had one soul mate and he seems to be connected with many. Nyssa is different from the rest and she has another unique ability and Eli has one heck of a story behind who she is.

My main issue was the information; I felt so overwhelmed at points and even got lost at others. Don’t get me wrong the history behind this that was created for this story is very detailed and really interesting. But I felt I was being taught in class about the mythology instead of following the characters on their adventures.

Overall I really enjoyed learning about Amadeus, where he comes from and how each character is connected. My favorite part was learning about the different abilities the Atlantean’s could do, communications, talking under water, Atlantis itself, etc. It brought the story to life. I would definitely read the next book, I’m so curious on where the characters will go and how they will teach the students in the end.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is a young adult novel that has a creative twist to the tale of Atlantis. Fans who love myth novels such as Mythos Academy and Covenant Series will enjoy Atlantean by E.N. Watkins.

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### **Melissa says**

I received this book from one of the Goodreads Giveaways.

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### **Jennifer says**

I won this book from goodreads.

I love what the author has done with this story. A good book for the younger generation. I have no doubt that everyone that readst his book will like it. I think I will pass it on to my teenage son!

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### **Kurt Edwards says**

I won this book in a goodreads giveaway. This book was a good young adult fantasy. I liked the characters and their special abilities. I had a hard time wrapping my mind around the plot of the story and this could be due to the fact that I am christian and can't believe that Ha Satan (Satan) is really a good person and that (Yahweh) God of the Old Testament is truly bad along with Mary mother of Jesus. My mind was constantly rejecting what was being displayed in the book. This book is a quick read and is very well thought out. I would like to read the other books when they come out so that I could have closer to the story that has been started. I would like to give thanks to the author for the effort and time that he has spent to bring this entertainment to fruition.

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### **Jessica Arce says**

I was shocked at the plot. But I love the originality!

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### **Amber says**

:P i think it could have been better

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### **Beka says**

\*First Reads Won\*

This book had a unique plot line, which mainly focused on information, not actually action. But enough events happened in order to keep the reader entertained. The events usually came together quite well and it

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flowed easily in general. But with that said, there was an extreme lack in editing. In several parts it seem as if the author began to say something, and then changed his mind and never correct the first sentence, jumbling to two together.

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### **BooksAmL says**

This book was one of my reads for the readathon and have to say that i had myself for having it on my shelf for 2 years before picking up to read it. Have ask for this book to read because of the amazing cover and then when i have received it my friend asked for it and then when i got it back i just had other books to read and kept pros-pone it. Give the book an over all a 10 stars (unfortunately goodreads doesn't allow more then 5). If you like Greek mythology, story about Atlantic lost city, angels , demons (or not demons ... read it you will find out) trust me this is the book for you.

First let me just beg E.N. Watkins please continue with this series I want to keep reading , is just amazing.

Amadeus Angel (he does not like to use his full name often) knows he is different but not how different or who he truly is until he goes to a new school where everything in his life changes. He starts understanding why his "parents" like to make him cry, and that he is not the only one there are so many more...atlanteans (but with cool powers, i want to be able to do so many things they do). Ow and have to add that his friends are also either angels , witches but they are how old...what and they traveled through time...OMG and what...his soulmate is the first angel . (need to say more?)

This is a fast passing book, and warning you will not be able to put it down , i stopped reading when it was done and it was 3 am and had to be up at 5 am for work ( it was worth the sacrifices loved it). Is beautiful written , the plot is just wow, and the book has the perfect amount of detail about each adventures or new information (like a new character, or how God created the universe from the most powerful book with the help of...read the book you will know).

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### **Far says**

I won this book from Goodreads First reads giveaway. As much as I tried to like this book I just couldn't. The plot seemed interesting but it was too heavy with the history and background and not enough in the moment itself to make it interesting. Eventually I just gave up on the book. I couldn't read it anymore.

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