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Dear diary...and anyone else who will listen:

Tonight, I met the man of my dreams.

Literally.

Whoever said living in California was glamorous and easy-going lied through their fucking teeth. I guess I can blame reality TV for that pervasive B.S. Maybe it was good thing my old man banned television at home for all the years he was alive, after all. I probably would've been even more deluded than I was when I'd moved up here from Arkansas three months ago.

Looking back, I'm not even sure why I did it; why, of all the places I could've chosen to start a new life, I picked Los Angeles: one of the most expensive places in the world to live. I don't even know anyone one here. Heck, I'd never even visited the city before my move.

Still, I'm determined to make it here, to make something of myself. And that means I have no time for distractions of any kind—especially guys.

But then, *he* comes along; the sexiest, strongest, most handsome, most intimidating, and most powerful man I've ever seen.

He's absolutely gorgeous, with eyes that seem to burn right through my soul and the most charming smile in existence, and his allure, his entire being, is simply magnetic.

He's impossibly beautiful and just...ugh, perfect. He's perfect. He's everything every woman—and possibly quite a few men—wants, including me.

What I'm not prepared for, though, is how much he wants me, too.

However, there are three problems.

One: He's not a man.

Two: I can only see him in my dreams.

And three: He commands an army of soul reapers.

And, apparently, that's just the beginning...

Immerse yourself in the first thrilling installment of Eme Strife's addictive, sexy, enchanting, and surreal series. Each page will leave you even more enthralled than the last, on the edge of your seat, and vigorously

chomping at the bit for more.

This series unfolds over several volumes. **IT IS NOT A STANDALONE.**

Rated 18+

This series contains graphic sexual content, violence, and strong language. Because of its explicit nature, it is intended for mature audiences only. Reader discretion is advised.

This book was previously published as an older edition. This is the new one.

The Basilisk's Creed: Volume One Details

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From Reader Review The Basilisk's Creed: Volume One for online ebook

Alyssa Nicholson says

I received a copy of this book through Library Thing in exchange for a review. *Contains spoilers* This book is written in dual perspective between Eli and Matt. I kinda felt like i was bull rushed into the story, it just dives right in. We start with Eli, who has a hard work day and falls asleep. She doesn't know if shes dreaming or awake, but is somehow in a field. She starts exploring her new surroundings when shes interrupted by Matt, who seems to not be human. All of a sudden, we are hearing how much she wants to screw this guy. I actually thought this was a romantic novel for a moment, since her brain turned sexual really quickly. We learn Matt can read some of her thoughts, so hes getting turned on as well. Then her alarm clock goes off, just as things start to get steamy. Life goes on for Eli, who waitresses at a high end club. We learn a little more of Matt and his life as a demon. Turns out, it wasn't quite a dream....then bam, book over. Just when the plot really takes off, it ends abruptly.

The book was good enough that I would buy the sequel. I liked the characters, but would have loved a little more background and a few more explanations. I gave this book 4 stars. Would have given it 5 if the book didn't feel like it was chopped oddly to make people buy the next installment.

Cynthia says

"The Basilisk's Creed" by Eme Strife is a paranormal romance about a girl named Eli desperately trying to make it in San Francisco despite not having a dime. Through her dreams she meets the most beautiful man she's ever seen only to find out that he's not actually a man, he's a soul reaper.

The story itself was amusing and for me it was also quite unpredictable. I wasn't really sure what I was getting into when I started reading and from the language (i.e. abundant swearing in church) to the intense sexual content rivaling "Fifty Shades of Grey," the entire narrative was unexpected.

For my full review, please visit: <https://thebookbasics.wordpress.com/2...>

Stephen Merritt says

I received this book for an honest review.

This is a book intended for adult audiences, 17+ as I have seen it listed. The story is quite different than other books I have read. It is written, so far, exclusively through the eyes of two young adults, Eli a young lady trying to make ends meet after moving to San Francisco who has a dream that seems very real through which she meets a young guy named Matt. Attraction is very strong right from the start. In the dream, Eli is caught in a chapel by Matt who believes Eli to be trespassing but they can't keep their eyes...and hands... off each other. Matt happens to be a commander of an army of Soul Reapers. And the Soul Reaper community seems to have a problem.

I couldn't put this down once I started to read it. The book jumps back and forth with each chapter from Eli's

and Matt's first person accounts which keeps the story very intriguing. The characters are developed very quickly and pull you right in.
Looking forward to finding out what happens next.

Jewel Vanilli says

Oh My! Oh MY! You can't just help but continue wanting more once you started reading the book!!!!
GOSH! The book was so engaging. It never let you have a dull moment. And the way Matt and Eli have their Point of Views was so exciting, knowing what they are thinking on the same situation they are in and being fully aware of they're feelings. You just want to be in that book too!! Gosh!! The very last part was the best example of a cliff-hanger!!! Waaahhh! Definitely gonna left you thinking what will happen next. Two thumbs up for this book. Such a great piece. :D

Renes Getaway says

This is a paranormal book about a romance between a human and a soul reaper. It takes a vivid imagination to keep up with this storyline.

Eli is a girl struggling to pay her bills and feed herself by working two jobs, one as a waitress in a diner and a night job stocking wine and other supplies in a very high class night club. She has a very poor self image even though she is attractive. She has never had enough money to have the clothes, make up and hair care to look the part of a beautiful, sexy young woman, so she has never realized her true potential.

To view our full 5 Star review and others please visit www.renesgetaway.blogspot.com.

Tanya Santiago says

4 Stars

This first book in this series was a real tease and I'm really glad the other volumes are available so that I can read them!

The book is different from the other paranormal books that are out there and I was surprised that I liked this book as much as I did. The characters were down to earth and funny which was refreshing. Eli is dragging her feet when she gets home after a long day at work and immediately falls asleep once she hit's the bed. She then wakes up knowing where she is and she knows that she is dreaming. She meets Matt in her dream who explains that he is essentially the "Grimm Reaper". The attraction between the two is instant and they are just too funny!

The book is short which is refreshing because there are other volumes to read. The author is very detailed in describing the places in the book and reader can visualize perfectly what she is trying to have us imagine. The cover may throw some off, but if you get a copy to read, you won't be disappointed. It does end on a cliffhanger and I am anxious to read what happens next. I'm looking forward to reading other volumes really soon!

Review copy given by New Adult Book Club for an honest review.

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Jessica says

I enjoyed this, but I admit that I almost gave up when I struggled with the first chapter. If you read this, I promise it gets a bit better.

This is a short, just under 100 pages. This is new adult, so expect a little steam. Also, it's a CLIFFHANGER with two more books following to make this a trilogy. The writing is decent, but I think this may have been more effective if the whole trilogy were put into one book making it a regular length novel. These are priced at \$2.99 each (at the time of his review). \$8.97 for a little over 300 pages is not competitively priced to comparable books. Lower the price and I will read the next installment. I can get books in the paranormal genre by big name authors for cheaper than this.

Free through Librarything in exchange for an honest review.

A.M. Johnson says

I recieved free copy of this from the author via Libraything, in exchange for a fair and honest review.

This was a very cool story, it flowed nicely and I did not get bogged down at all. It is not overly long so it was read in one sitting. The characters are strong and well written and I might add gorgeous. Matt is stunning and Eli breaks your heart, I am looking forward to reading more about them and the rest of the soldiers. I totally enjoyed this story and will be eagerly reading the next story in the series. Well worth the asking price, I would have been happy to pay for it. Highly recommended!

Ashley says

I really enjoyed reading this first book in a series. On my own grading system I'd score this 8.5 out of 10. Here's a break down of what I enjoyed and did not enjoy in this book. You can read further into what I mean by each point, but as a warning there might be slight spoilerage in there!!

What I thought was amazing: Plot. Pacing. Character Development. What I thought was not so great: Some dialogue. Some excessive details about the scenery.

-The plot. A dream world turned into teleportation to another dimension? or parallel universe? or even possibly another part of the regular world is pretty damn awesome! While I have seen this before in a couple YA series, I can say that I have not yet read a romance or rather erotic romance that has this plot device. And I found it refreshing. It could be done cheesily, as in her dreams are giving her her deepest desires. But it

wasn't. We are suddenly transported to a world and are just as confused as Eli. Through her eyes we learn a little bit about the place she has been teleported to, and in the end of this book we are not quite sure if that world exists or as the alarm clock is trying to suggest. It's all a dream. A bizarre and sexy dream :)

-Pacing. The pacing of this book is steady. Not rushed. Not too slow. Like goldilocks and the three bears. It's just right.

-Character development. Eli is a pretty good narrator. Her tone makes sense for what she's experiencing, and the use of self-deprecating humor works well here. Matthiel's viewpoint adds to the story. I don't know how many times I've read a story only to be completely bored by another character taking a turn narrating. Or confused. Even frustrated, because their character fucking sucks as a narrator and they should remain a secondary character. But not here! His narration brings us new information, and while some of the dialogue overlaps Strife does well in making sure that we aren't bored reading the same scene from his viewpoint. We get his insights into why he is saying the things he does. And I love it!

Now onto the things I was not a fan of.

-Dialogue. Most of the dialogue between the two main characters is fine. The inner dialogue is good. But sometimes there's a strange sentence here and there while they're bickering that makes the two characters seem as if they're 12 year olds just realizing they have sexual feelings for another person. I suppose it's in the back and forth of: yes you are, no i'm not. And the: well i won't tell you my name until you tell me yours fights that take me out of the story a little bit. But overall it's not jarring enough to ruin the experience.

-Description. Sometimes the descriptions of the surroundings can be a bit boring. I like knowing where I am and being able to picture it in my head, but sometimes I'm getting a feeling of Tolkien describing trees for 5 pages when the description gets a tad too long. But this is possibly just my own personal preference, and perhaps you reader will enjoy the longer bouts of description in the book.

Now for the most important part of the erotic romance book: The heat of this book was there! Mostly it was in Matthiel's narration. When he thought about Eli and what he wanted to do to her, damnnnnnnn was that fucking hot! I recommend rereading that scene over and over :)

Overall this was a great read. I'm excited to turn the first page for the next book and see what Eli is thinking about her crazy dream. This is one series you don't want to miss <3

Rebekah Laird says

I received this book through library thing for a review.

I must say I was unsure of this book when I first started to read it as I was thrown into the protagonist's strange dream where she finds herself in a strange world but despite its seemingly fast beginning I really enjoyed reading it. Actually the fast beginning, unlike others who seem to throw you head first into the plot line, seemed to lend itself more to introducing you into the story line. The part of the plot that unfolded in this first volume are very intriguing and make you want to learn more and more about the characters involved. This book shows great potential and I would definitely recommend it to others who are looking for a good read.

Mariam Al says

Okay, so where to get started! So I just got this book like 3 hours ago and me and my friend read it together! This book is very up-beat and sarcastic and I find it funny! I love how the lovely author deliberately explained every detail, for example "I liked birds in general, but crows made my skin crawl. I didn't know what it was about them. I didn't think it was their color that irked me, because I had no problems with ravens and blackbirds. They just seemed to carry this loom of gloom and despair, and that made me nauseous and uneasy".. This was actually one of my favorite parts of the book! I love how detailed it is and I can totally relate! The author wrote the book to where you feel like you know Eli herself! I am really obsessed with the way she writes it, its kinda like a 'modern' book... One part that really made me chuckle was " What the hell is this, American Horror Story? ".

I would totally recommend this book to all of my book-worm friends, actually.. I already have lol.

I had another friend read this book and we were just talking like 25 minutes ago about how unique and different this book is (in a good way!) and how we wanted to meet the author cause she seemed really cool! Lolol.

Really looking forward to read the next book and actually, all her books! I really like how modernized and twisted and unique and now im virtually stuttering.

This is one of those books that you look for, its hard to explain.. like that one book where you you feel like you are in the story.. watching.. or it feels like a movie.. while you're reading it, it just plays in your head! Its a good fucking book.

I feel like this book is not getting the attention it deserves.. its a good ass book! I recommend this book to you! You should totally add this book to cart and click 'check-out'.

I totalllyyyy recommend this, so READ IT!

Have a great day guys!

-Mariam

Tara says

I received a copy of this book through librarything in exchange for my honest review. That being said, I love this book and can't wait to read the rest of the series. There are some parts near the beginning that are a little rough, a little too excessive with the adjectives, but that quickly is overlooked as you are gripped by the story. It is raw and powerful and leaves you begging for more. I love that the character's voices are honest and realistic, and not all flowery and affected. I highly recommend this book.

Kira Assad says

Wow! I couldn't stop reading The Basilisk's Creed! I cannot wait to read the next parts of this story! I NEED to find out what is going to happen to Matt and Eli! The characters are so spunky and the storyline is incredible! I love being able to see the story through both Matt and Eli's eyes! I definitely recommend this book and this author! Be prepared on wanting to jump right in to the next volume!

I received this free copy in exchange for an honest review.

Meg (booksandwinewithmeg.blog) says

Was I given the right book? It was short (finished it in 45 min)... I was given this book for an honest review, and in all honesty I was so confused...

She started out in what she thought was a dream, crazy explanations and visuals then BAM sex on a stick...

It started with questions which kept me intrigued, but then went to "humor" "Donald Trump Hairpiece"... to awkward catch phrases that were eye-rolling worthy. HE said "Geez Louise" really? Dude.... dudette... I couldn't deal.

I'm hoping I was given the wrong book by accident because the whole short book felt odd. Off somehow. I'm sorry...

Linda says

I won this book from LibraryThing in return for an honest review, AND I WAS HOOKED WITH THE FIRST CHAPTER! Eli was so tired coming home to her crappy small apartment that all she did was fall in bed with her uniform on. She had relocated to San Francisco from the south thinking California was hot, but boy was she ever surprised! Working two jobs, she still didn't have enough money to get a decent coat or a better apartment. That night, she dreamed she was in a field of sunflowers wearing a white cotton night gown that looked like her mom's, but then one crow flew past her then another, and another until there was a hoard of crows flying toward her and her feet were stuck in concrete! She then got herself under control and ran in the opposite direction. She ran until her breath gave out, then she had the overwhelming urge to run TOWARD them.....

Matt, the Golden Reaper in command was up to his elbows in paper, with no time to visit his own mother and she said that was why he was still single. He hated to take any time off as the paperwork always seemed to double. He was used to only Golden Reapers coming and going above his office and knew their scents, but when a squeaky "hello?" followed by the most wonderful scent that he'd ever smelled in all the centuries of his existence, he was like a moth driven to a flame.
