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Seventeen-year-old Abigail Johnson is Gifted.

Blessed—or cursed—with Sight and Healing, Abby lives an unsettled life, moving from place to place and staying one step ahead of the darkness that hunts her. When she arrives in Jackson, Wyoming, she is desperate to maintain the illusion of normalcy, but she is plagued with visions of past lives mixed with frightening glimpses of her future. Then she meets Kye, a mysterious boy who seems so achingly familiar that Abby is drawn to him like he's a missing piece of her own soul.

Before Abby can discover the reason for her feelings toward Kye, the darkness catches up to her and she is forced to flee again. But this time she's not just running. She is fighting back with Kye at her side, and it's not just Abby's life at stake.

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Lady says

Love Without End

This series must be read in order. This is the first book.

Abby and her family have always been in hiding and on the run. She knows there are people or things after them but she has no clue who what or why. All she know is she lost her father to whatever wants her family dead. Her Gram is a widow as is her mother. Such is the life of the hunted. Maybe she is not as special as Gram thinks. Why are they being hunted? What is so special about them? Why did her father sacrifice himself?

This is an amazing coming of age dark fantasy series filled with its own mystos and Gods. Past lives and supernatural powers lend more dimensions to the mysterious and ever changing world and characters of this multidimensional series. No one is who they seem even if they do not realize it. Filled with intrigue, suspense, mystery, action and adventure this series will keep you guessing until the end of each book. I can't wait to read Birthright!!!

***This series is suitable for mature young adult through adult readers who like their dark fantasy unique and full of complex characters and major plot twists :D

Davidandkelley Crandall says

This book was incredible! I loved how I wasn't able to find a good stopping place because every time I turned the pages I was left wanting more! This is a book that you will definitely lose sleep over and in a good way!! I especially appreciated how the characters were inspiring and had a world to puzzle through with the heroine, especially, having a challenging journey to undertake along with her counterpart.

With the delectable romance, along with the exhilarating and artistic storyline, Giles has effectively spanned eras with this paranormal novel. I can honestly say that my first thought when completing this book was please give me the next one!! It's always a triumph when a book is finished and you were able to experience twists and turns throughout. Giles definitely accomplished this!

~The Book Stalker Reviewed

Lisa Swinton says

Nichole Giles is my YA paranormal fantasy goddess. Her writing is divine.

This is one trilogy that won't disappoint. And we're only into book 2!

I hope she is madly writing and publishing the third one because I have high expectations based on the first two.

In Descendant she builds the romantic relationship between Abby and Kye, which between normal teenagers is difficult enough. But they have the added challenges of having loved and lost each other over lifetimes, their Gifts, and the curse that dooms them to death for their love. Pretty much sucks to be them.

Despite all this, Abby never gives up hope of breaking the curse and being with Kye. And you root for them. You want them to overcome the curse.

Oh, and did I mention there's an evil Lord trapped in another dimension who wants to destroy the world, demons trying to kill Abby, Kye, and all others Gifted, and mad chases across the U.S.? It's enough to make a person exhausted. Good thing they are teens.

Characters are well constructed, likable, and show incredible growth. The writing is solid and the story line well crafted. I was especially intrigued by the use of chakras, crystals, and herbs by Abby. That takes some research. I really liked the use of Abby seeing visions of her past life.

Angel Hatfield says

Well Written Abby Johnson had a vision when she was out with her friends. When she got home, she heard her grandmother calling her name. Abby runs up to their apartment and the room has been completely ransacked. Isabelle, Abby's grandmother, has been hurt. Abby has been training with her grandmother as healer, but is unable to save her. Marion, Abby's mother, reached for a gap in the mantle and brought out a wooden box that had all of Isabelle's prized possessions and had been left to Abby: her ring, some healing crystals, a pocket-size book of herbal remedies and a sealed envelope with Abby's name on it. Abby and her mom leave and end up in Wyoming. Kye is a guy Abby was drawn to even before she officially meets him. Rose talks to Abby in her first class and asks her to sit with them at lunch. She is asked to go to a trip to Yellowstone to kick off Spring Break and celebrate Rose's 18th birthday. When at the lodge Abby sees a stranger with a gray aura. She senses evil, bad, scary. Abby is moved a lot so she really doesn't have any friends or a boyfriend. She loves her grandmother and mother. She grows stronger as the story goes on. She is loyal, caring, and kind. She can be determined to the point of stubborn. She grows in many ways as the story continues and she finds answers to questions, even some she never knew she had. I found Kye to be a strong young man. He's smart and caring. He can also be very protective. He has a mission and will do whatever he has to in order to fulfill it. Then he meets and falls for Abby. He also grows through the story. It was a good book and well written. I recommend it to anyone that likes this genre.

Rachelle says

Open your eyes to another facet of our world in Descendant and you'll be sucked into an adventure with Abby and Kye that will explore the power of gifts, courage, and love. This story has it all--adventure, romance, and self-discovery. I love Abby's strength and abilities to see things that others can't. Giles has crafted a page-turner that will leave you looking for Abby and Kye hoping for more of their story.

Sarah says

That a great story. Abby meets a boy that everything seems to click and then the worst happens. Their days are number because of a curse placed on them. It was emotional in some parts. I can't wait to see what

happens next.

Sarah says

(Downloaded for free from Amazon.co.uk)

This was an okay story, but I lost interest. The characters were okay, but they could be irritating at times, and I didn't like the romance. When they started claiming 'irrevocable' love I started rolling my eyes, and the searching for keys thing just made me think of the horcruxes from Harry Potter. And who has a pet moose anyway?

6 out of 10

Taffy says

First line:

"Kye's white shirt is drenched with blood."

Right from the first page, this good, clean book is action packed and hard to put down. Abby Johnson is Gifted with Sight and Healing. She is drawn to Kye who is also Gifted. Together they must stop a mad man who wants to kill all the Gifted.

The past and present woven together was intriguing. Well written without tons of romance drama, I enjoyed this story.

I did skim some of the history as to why Kye and Abby are Gifted but what I read I liked, it was very imaginative.

Rating: PG

V: Fighting

L: No

S: Kissing

Liked:

Pacing

Story

Abby

Disliked:

Her publisher going under.

Brennief says

This was a fantastic read with not the typical paranormal teenage romance that is on the bookshelves. The character Abby has the emotions of a teen-age girl trying to figure out who she is while fitting into a new town and school. Then mix in dreams of true love, loss and past lives and you've got a story the keeps the pages turning. It's a book I enjoyed and one I can highly recommend to young and old.

Paula from Reading Lark says

This one is going to merit a re-read, friends. The rich texture of the lore that is being used, the fast pace of the action, and the array of characters are demanding that I spend a little more time in this universe; real life has made it difficult for me to give this novel the attention it deserves.

What I can tell you for sure: I love that Giles has combined typical elements of the paranormal genre, traditional legends, and fae tales into one epic love story that causes mortal peril that lasts for generations. There were bits and pieces of so many familiar stories that the premise felt very plausible and real. While reading, I struggled with whether to take my time and enjoy every morsel of the universe Giles built, or to race headlong through the action-packed plot. I took turns at both, as it turns out.

I can also tell you for sure that I really connected with the main character, right down to her questioning whether or not she should hop on a plane with the hot boy. She's a smart girl who doesn't let her friends or her emotions knock her around, and I respect her for that. As for the hot boy. . . he's a perfect gentleman who can still get your heart drumming in your chest with just a look. Even if you're not into this paranormal storyline, it's worth reading for the book boyfriend alone. :)

This is one of those books that you like when you've finished it, and you like more as you ponder afterwards. I will definitely be re-reading at my leisure this summer, and certainly will be anticipating a sequel.

Leah Alvord says

I remember downloading this on a day when it was free. Thought: you know what, it looks decent so I'll give it a shot.

I wanted to like this. Really, I did. Alas, it was not meant to be.

Summary:

Abigail Johnson is considered Gifted, but it's more like a curse. A Healer who has never healed another person who also has visions of the past that somehow passes for Sight, she's a bit of a mess. That doesn't change when she moves to Jackson, Wyoming. Suddenly, it seems as if destiny has led her directly to this place and time, where Gifted wander around in groups, and the local heartthrob has eyes only for her.

But Jackson isn't safe for everyone, and Abby especially has a few new problems to work out. Along with Kye--the boy she feels she's known forever, yet only a day--she must take on a mission from the Fairy Queen. A mission that reveals the past, layer by layer, and threatens the future with each passing second.

Initial Thoughts:

I really had no initial thoughts for this one. I got it for free without doing more than skimming the blurb--or maybe that instalove wouldn't have hit me so hard--and just decided that it was time to read it. For the beginning, I got through it without too much eye-rolling, but then it declined and by the end, I was swearing a lot more than I should have been.

Writing Style:

I have to start with this one, because I feel it will set the premise for the rest of the not-so-good review. In a single word: immature. None of the characters were fleshed out, at all. Everyone was a one dimensional caricature of something that existed before. Though nothing was worse than the absolute lack of detail concerning the villains. They were there because they needed to be, but they had no motives or thoughts or codes of their own beyond the basest forms of depravity that the author could give them. More or less, they are the shadows in the night that your mind forms into a bogey man ... but is still a shadow; meaning it lacks any substantiality. This, for me, was the most unforgivable aspect of the book. It was bad enough having walk-in secondary characters, but to have shadows for villains was unacceptable.

Plot & Setting:

I liked the general idea of the plot. Where Abby slowly discovers what the visions mean and has to deal with those as they come while revealing the past to herself and others. That aspect of it was cool and intriguing.

Yet, it had no bearing on the actual plot. In fact, the story itself was all over the place. I understand that these two teenagers are out to save the world ... but they need several distractions from that very thing. And instead of making sure they lay low and stay safe after getting the things they need, they expose themselves at every opportunity to danger. It was maddening. While, at other times, we waste pages and pages on their lackluster (more obsessive than endearing) love story while they flounce around NYC like a couple of dumb tourists. It was maddening.

As far as the setting goes, I don't even feel like going into it. Suffice it to say: lack of descriptions. Though I'm usually okay with this--and it didn't really bother me this time--I still have to chalk this up to my less-than-acceptable reading experience.

Characters:

Oi vey. I hated them all. (Here there be SPOILERS. You are FOREWARNED.)

Abby was the innocent. She was naive, ignorant, and an emotionally stunted pain in the ass. She is very

much the definition of TSTL (Too Stupid To Live). There were so many times in which I was praying for the villains to kill her. (Except they would have to be competent in order to do anything at all. More on them later.) Abby was the number one reason I began to loathe this book.

Key wasn't much better. Like Abby, he is nothing more than a caricature of his role. He's made out to be the gorgeous, noble princeling-type who happens to have a heart of gold that allows him to communicate with animals. Gag me. Mister Perfect meets I Wish I Had A Brain. For some reason, he has skills and equipment that no teenager would normally have and he works for the Fairy Queen. He saves the world constantly and knows that nobody will ever know about it. But he's okay with that because he's good for the sake of being good. Again: gag me. He was unrealistic, ridiculous, and almost as innocent as Abby--though there were some innuendoes dropped by other characters to make him seem like a "player". (Please, this baby boy doesn't know the meaning of the word.)

All Side Characters were walk-ins only. They served their purposes to very minimal degrees and were asked to exit the stage immediately so that the main leads could have more time to make kissy faces, disturbingly quick declarations, and realize all their potential as true loves. Nothing else mattered in this book at all. Especially other characters.

All the Villains were in the same boat. As previously stated, they were stick figures and place holders. Meant to do and say despicable things to Abby, but without ever actually succeeding in doing anything at all. They were incompetent, ignorant, and useless. And the main bad guy was just so ridiculous that reading his dialogue made me want to gouge my eyes out. It was truly horrendous at the end there.

Overall Opinion:

I can't even. I'm so happy to be done with this and moving on to another book. Either the books in YA are getting worse and worse, or I'm just outgrowing them more and more. One way or the other, I still don't think this book would make anyone's cut. But that's just my opinion. You know, the only one that matters to me.

Abbie says

The characters in this weren't bad, but I didn't love them.

There were a few times where I felt bored while reading this, and it dragged in areas, but it was an okay read overall.

Emmeline (The Book Herald) says

Big thank you to Jelly Bean Press publishers for sending me a copy of this book in return for an honest review!

This book was pretty cool!

I'm actually really intrigued with the outcome of this story, so yeah, I'm invested now!

Let me summarize the plot:

*Long ago, a Prince fell in love with a maiden.
No one knew who she was or where she came from, however they loved each other so much that they could not bear to be apart.
They married.
Their love was so pure that it transcended time, however, not everyone rejoiced.
A terrible war and take over occurred and the lovers were lost, doomed to never be together again.
The land fell into darkness, never to face the light again.
or is it?*

*Abby has a gift- she's a healer, she sees things no others can- She's called a 'gifted'.
Tragedy strikes and her mother promptly moves her far away, giving her a ring from her grandmother.
Starting a new High school is never easy for any teenager, however, her gaze collides with the brilliant blues of a boy, a boy her heart knows but she does not.
Her world changes.
Darkness and danger arise.
Treachery abounds.
Death stalks.*

My family always said i had a flair for dramatic descriptions! :P

Okay, so i actually really liked this book. I was intrigued, I loved the world-building and the contrast of the magical land and the contemporary world.

There is a bit of insta-love BUT i actually didn't mind it too much for this one, there was some parts that had me eye- rolling but otherwise it was pretty cool.

The fantasy part was also very creative, which is a superb thing in my eyes. It was creative and original, so very refreshing.

Overall, i give it a 3.5

There were some cliché themes in here and some other things which i can't really go into because it'd be a major spoiler.

Otherwise, I'm looking forward to the second book.

Stay awesome!

-The Book Herald

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Kbrebes says

An absolutely wonderful Young Adult novel full of love and suspense and charm. Also, a quick, easy read with characters to fall in love with and a plot full of twists and turns that make one hold her breath and grasp the book hard with both hands. Lots of good set ups and payoffs, not to mention evil antagonists--plural--who make the reader wish she could climb inside the book and throttle them by the neck, good and strong,

permanently! Well written. Love the elementals and paranormal gifts. Can't wait for the sequel!

Sara Beary says

This review was orginally on Sara's Books and Things

A rich lore and backstory, with dynamic and creative characters. Making this an instant love and add to my list of re readable books.

One part of this that I love is that it has all of the classic fairy tale elements, from cursed lovers, to an epic quest that must be undertaken, adding in fairies and mortals with abilities called gifts. It's beautifully done, a masterfully woven tale.

Another thing that I enjoy although you get a case of insta love between Kye and Abby it still develops and is well written.

I also really loved the story it's creative, and full of twists. Some characters that make you want to strangle them, because they are jerks and terrible people.
