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Rose Evermore has lived in Ar Cena her entire life. Despite this, she still feels like an outsider, like a shoe that doesn't quite fit. Halfway through her eighteenth year, she begins to notice changes around her, such as the fact that she has a stalker who can hold fire in his bare hands, or the dreams that she can turn into reality.

After a series of mishaps, Rose finds herself in an alternate realm, brought there to hone the magical power she was born with. Even here, though, Rose feels set apart. The Academy Masters treat her differently than the others. Her assigned soul mate avoids her when he should be working with her. Despite all this, Rose begins to grow into something no one could've seen coming; a hero.

With her, nothing is as it should be, and she decides to find out why. Soon she discovers that not everything about this new world is what it seems.

Least of all her.

Soul Fire Details

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Wendy says

"Soul Fire" the first book in the Soul Trilogy which I won from Goodreads Giveaways is a fascinating story reminiscent of the Harry Potter books. As the story unfolds eighteen year old Rose Evermore, an average student bored by the routine of her life in Ar Cena finds herself whisked away to an alternate reality, to an Academy for Mages where she's renamed Sky and has to learn to harness her inherent magical powers. In a realm she comes to love she will find unexpected danger from the Academy Masters who are there to guide her path, but are afraid of the differences that set her apart from the other students. What Sky doesn't expect is to find a soul mate, one she's prohibited from falling in love with, and to make loyal, trusting friends who will help her through the adventures and perils that seem to haunt her every step.

Aprille Legacy has created imaginative creatures like the Du'rangor, vicious and poisonous with its deadly fangs in a world that harbours soulless mages like Aloysius whose dark magic can overpower the good.

As the story progresses the personalities of the characters begin to come alive; Sky a bored teen in her own world evolves into a brave, strong-willed, self-assured heroine. Her soul mate Phoenix, who keeps the abuse he suffered as a child hidden appears aloof, uncommunicative and fights his feelings for Sky. Her friend Dena and Larni her servant are loyal and trustworthy, holding fast to Sky's secrets. For native born mages Eleanor is self-absorbed, and quick-tempered, jealous of her rival while Petre, of the House of Lyon seems arrogant and proud at first, until a gentler, kinder side of his personality begins to emerge. The Mage teacher Jett who's a steadfast, protective friend to Sky begins to rebel against the restrictive code of the Academy's autocratic leadership.

Woven into this enchanting fantasy filled with action, adventure and mystery are elements of courage, friendship and forbidden love. Although I found the writing style needs work in places, the dialogue sometimes unnatural and a lack of description of places and people, it in no way deters from a plot that's entertaining and interesting. I would recommend this series to anyone who likes to dream about acts of heroism in an alternate reality, and I look forward to reading Aprille Legacy's second book.

Michelle Wood says

This book is fascinating, with the fiery action, the loving romance and the amazing fantasy thrown into it's pages. A very addicting read, I couldn't once stop reading it, and am eagerly waiting for the next book in the series. I greatly recommend everyone to read it. A well deserved 5 stars to you, Aprille.

Theresa El-Thomas says

5 STARS!!!

Phenomenal literature that will transport you into a magical realm. I truly did not want it to end!

5 STARS!!!

This was a wonderful story! A well written page turner, that will draw you in from the beginning and keep you fascinated to the end. I loved the characters and the magic between them. I can not wait to see what is in

store for part 2.

The ending is a little sad but sets it up for the next book in the series.

Some of my favorite parts in this book include the killings of the Du'rangors . It really shows that Sky is a tough girl and she is so humble. I love that about her. It all most brought tears to my eyes after she made the rescue of the little boy and was told that the Lord and Lady were going to name their daughter after her. How sweet and deserving. I love the fact that Sky stood up to the Head Masters of the school when approached with the confrontation at the end of book one.

Six-Fingered Nigel says

Wow, so awesome to see this on here after reading it as a work-in-progress! This is such an amazing story and seriously well written. Well done Aprille! Everyone **has** to read this!

Kara says

I honestly don't usually read e-books, but when I saw this was becoming published, I knew I just *had* to read it. I read an earlier version of the novel on here, maybe a year ago or something, and while I enjoyed it then, I loved it now. There was a lot more depth to the characters, and the world felt real. Along with a likable heroine and a romance that didn't feel forced or rushed, it was an excellent read. And even though I knew that ending was coming, I was still biting my nails, anxious, waiting for it to happen. There were a few errors here and there, but it was nothing that took away from the story and are easily looked over. A recommended read for fans of strong main characters, likeable side characters, and a fast-paced, edge-of-your-seat plot.

I am eagerly awaiting the sequel.

Sofía Aguerre says

This a well-written story, with developed characters and a consistent worldbuilding. It has action, not the messy one, no. The kind of action that makes you hold your breath. It has a nice plot, even if it is introductory and kinda simple.

Why three stars, then? I just couldn't *feel* it. I'll give a chance to the other two books, though.

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Es una historia bien escrita, con personajes desarrollados como debe ser y una ambientación consistente, bien lograda.

Tiene acción, pero no es de esa confusa en la que no entendemos bien lo que está pasando, sino que es de la que te hace dejar de respirar hasta que termine la tensión.

El argumento está bueno, pero es introductorio y un poco simple. No deja de ser interesante, de todas formas. ¿Por qué es el que menos me gustó? Porque no pude sentirlo. Se me hizo un poco... No sé, no empaticé del todo. Eso cambia en los dos siguientes, lo juro.

Alex says

I loved this! It was so action packed and epic. The only issues I had were how Rose/Sky was so accepting of this new world she was thrust in. I expected her to put up more of a fight. Also, I felt like there wasn't enough Phoenix time. I wanted to know why Sky started liking him. But other than that, it was so good! I loved all the adventures Sky and her friends would go on. And the last seventy or so pages? OMG. I can't wait for the next one.

I didn't know this was going to be a book! I loved it when it was just a story on goodreads. I can't wait to read it.

Emily says

4.5

So, a little background for you:

Aprille Legacy first posted this book on Goodreads (and I was stupid and didn't read it) before she decided to self publish. Now, I've read some of her work on Goodreads, we even edited each other's work for a little bit before both of our lives got busy -- I read the first handful of chapters of another project she was working on. I know she's good, but that's not setting up a bias here.

This book had me turning pages as fast as I could. I haven't read a book this fast in a long time. I abandoned NaNoWriMo because I was so excited to be reading this book. The pace was great and the plot was amazing.

I know I usually complain about books being too slow at the start. The beginning of Soul Fire seemed a little too fast -- the main character seemed to accept everything that was happening, and I expected a little bit more fight back, but that's personal preference. There were one or two minor mistakes that come with self publishing (spellings/words that aren't picked up by spell checker), but they weren't distracting from the rest of the book. Part of me was confused at times because the author is Australian and I'm not, so I didn't get a few sayings, but I just read through it.

The concept of this book is pretty freaking great. The idea of magic and soul mates and adventure had me turning pages until I finished the book. Rose Evermore is a badass and she doesn't even know it. The rest of the characters were likable, too. You know, except for the characters that were awful. This book created a connection between the reader and the characters, both good and bad, and that's an amazing thing that great

authors can do.

There was one little continuity error I noticed towards the middle of the book, but I think it could've easily been me reading too quick. So, don't hold what I just said against me. It confused me for a minute or two, but before I could really prove anything, I was moving onto the next part of the book.

I want the second book NOW. The ending had me so frustrated and I want to know what happens and how the rest of the series unfolds.

Aprille Legacy is new to the published world and I hope she gets the recognition she deserves. Everyone interested in this genre should read this book. Best of luck to Aprille and to the rest of her series!

Nicole says

Such a fantastic book, full of adventure, magic, and mystery. I didn't want to put it down, and I can't wait to start reading the second one.

Queen Keely Tubbs of Salt "the Last of the Moral, Conservative Catholics on the Internet" (aka *Keelskilo*) says

NOTE TO ALL: The first bit is an old note I had up because I was happy. Scroll down just a tad to begin the review. That's right, past the stars. But if you want to be happy with some author courtesy as opposed to the OTHER disparaging things we're hearing about authors of late, read my note. It is happiness.

Good news people.

After nearly half a year of trying and TRYING and **TRYING** to buy this book with no success (stupid Amazon.com retailers...) I am going to be getting this book on Friday!!! (Crosses fingers....) Just in time for my birthday on Sunday! Yay! Review to come once I have finished it.

Special thanks to the author for giving me a direct link to purchase!

(This is why I love indie authors! She has just joined my top indie authors list along with Lindsay Burouker and A.S. Olsoune. These three are just so open and chill! Love 'em.)

First. This: four stars. Four. I know. WOW. Not to fear, though; there will still be aMHAZing GIFS. Cuz I love 'em.

Ermkay. So I obviously got the book (yay!) and read it last...Saturday. Yeah. It was Saturday. Nope, I lied. Actually it was Friday. Whatever. Same day I got it. Because this is the sort of book that you start...and just read to the end. Because it just don't stop.

We're gonna have fun with this review, cuz I like to have fun with these sorts of things, and we'll start by saying that we like Rose. Yes, we do. Because she has SASS. No, no, I don't mean the *irritating* sass that comes across in most YA fiction these days when the girl just comes across as a b*tch who is obsessed with her looks. Oh no. Rose has funny sass. She's not mean to random people or snotty, but if you cross her, you will get the nasty end of her tongue. And her sword(s).

Oh yeah: did I mention that she can kick butt? Cuz that's a thing. Also, she does not suffer from the "everything I do is awesome" syndrome or the "but I'm so *ugly*! **OR** the "but I love them both so MUCH!" syndromes! I know! Amazing!

Authors take note: Do we *like* these syndromes?

Everyone: NO!!!!

Me: Has Ms. Legacy done a fine job here?

Everyone: YES!!!!

And there it is.

AND to top it all off! Rose/Sky is not a secret anorexic chick! Hallelujah! She eats! Because let's face it, after working out, we're not like "Hmm...I think my butt's still too big". Nope. Dunno about anyone else, but I'm like "FOOOOOOODD!!" The nice thing is that this isn't the widest spread syndrome in YA fiction, but every time I read about a "very slim" or "slender" girl who does not eat much...I want to punch something. Food. Eat it. It is good (I say as I eat my third piece of pizza...) [**Special note: this does not apply to girls who are naturally slim or slender. Just the ones who starve themselves to get there. I don't like it when authors promote that sort of thing because when it happens in real life, it is quite tragic.**]

There you go, Sky/Rose. We like you, so we give you Jennifer Lawrence.

Now, what about the book itself, you say? Shut up, Kili, and tell us more about what actually *happens*! Well okay, fine then. But the spoiler shield is now up. Jus' sayin'. (Mild spoilers or else I will put up a REAL spoiler shield.)

So, let's clear one thing up that you should know by now if you have been reading reviews: Rose is the main character's name over on Earth. Once she gets thrown into our lovely new realm of magic and BOSS-ness...her name gets changed to Sky. And in order to address one of my previous rants: Sky/Rose's names fit her. Which is a NICE CHANGE FOR ONCE. Jeez. Silly authors trying to come up with ridiculous names...Just follow the kiss rule! Keep it simple, stupid!

And Ms. Legacy uses kiss VERY well. You don't get a huge splurge of info dumping that bores you to tears (Sword of Shanara...) and her world building is efficient without being overly complicated. The plot doesn't slow down into boring bits, and keeps you interested. Nor is there a ton of ex machina or "convenient" happenings. There IS a hint of the "true love can restore/save" bit, but ever since I watched *Frozen* I'm willing to give this shpiel a go. Might as well, eh?

And more on true love: NO BLOODY LOVE TRIANGLES. Hu-zzah!!!! And the *chick* gets to save the guy for once! Double huzzah! (Without him being a complete sap. Which is nice.) Plus, we get a few NICE motifs without being hit over the head with them (remember how *New Moon* tried to give us the Romeo and Juliet motif...but was just a little TOOO overt on that? Yeah. No probs here with THAT.) Yes, there is some romance, but it is WELL DONE. As I've pointed out in the past, I LIKE the romance in the LotR movies and ones done like that because it is tastefully done. It is not sappy or annoying and we don't dread it because it is NOT THE MAIN POINT OF THE BOOK. There are plenty of other things to keep Sky busy, like saving small children, and helping people who are being treated basically like slaves, and learning how to use her magic. The romantic bits are sort of just on the side. For developmental reasons and such. (view spoiler)I'm not going to say that the story could still flow as well WITHOUT the romance, because it is quite essential, but as I mentioned. Well done. Not annoying.

And we don't need to hear the guy give the gal a "rah-rah you are da best eva and soooooo BOOTIFUL!" speech. Thank. God.

Now, because I am annoying and whatever, I will mention a few things that were a little "eh", but just look up at the top first. Done? Good. You'll remember I gave this book four stars. FOUR STARS. That's a rarity here. So. Winner.

Anyways, I would have liked to see more of the other characters fight. We get a good dose of Rose/Sky AWESOME (which is GOOD, I LIKED that) but I also would like to see Phoenix and maybe even Jett kick some @ss. That would be interesting.

There was something else that I think I was going to say bothered me, but I forgot it. So I guess it really wasn't that big of a deal. Hm. So if I can't remember it....Ms. Legacy did a good job of covering it up with things I DID like. (Dang. She outsmarted me! Pigs.)

Oh, another thing I was going to elaborate on: Sass and not good at everything syndrome. We'll work backwards because that is how my brain is thinking right now. So, the "not good at everything" bit: Sky doesn't start out like an amazing fabulous aMHAZing girl. She dreads the work out sessions and she has to put some time and effort in to get anything out of them. She doesn't ALWAYS win and she doesn't have an impossibly long list of talents. She be just a kid. And a special one. But not a *special* one, if ya know what I mean. We don't get hit over the head with how AMAZING and INCREDIBLE and IMPORTANT she is. Yeah, we know she's important, but that's just because she's the main character, really. That's why the book is from her perspective.

What I'm trying to say is (mild spoiler), the green-eye curse happens a couple of times, not only this ONE time to SKY because she's *SPECIAL*. So we get a deeper historical background setup and we also don't get our eyes irritated by rolling them so much. Good news all around.

I REMEMBER THE OTHER THING THAT BOTHERED ME! But it's not a big deal. Srsly, it's not. It was just that the annoying girl was blond (sniff. Us poor blondes...) Yeah, I know. NOT A BIG DEAL. It's just a thing that pricked at my mind because, you know, I'M A BLONDE. So it's not really an issue, more like a personalized nit-pick.

But while we're at it, another thing she did well: at least the blond chick and Sky argued with one another

OUT OF SIGHT OF THE BLOODY TEACHERS. And it wasn't really a "big bad bully" cliché because Sky can take care of herself (beeches). They just CLASHED. That can happen. But unlike some other books I've read, Ms. Legacy understands that though we teenagers are stupid, we are not THAT stupid. We do not get into ferocious fights in front of adults. And we certainly don't TELL them about it if we do (unless it's Jett because he's chill.

Another thing: I like Jett. He's chill. Did I mention that? In the last line, you say? Silly, you! Some things **need** to be said twice!)

Now. Here comes the inevitable.

This is a SarahTerese*Kili!* review. So you know this was coming.

"But Kili!" you say "WHAT ABOUT THE BLOODY VILLAIN!!!"

Oh yeah. That.

Well, this gives us an interesting case, because I'm not sure how I feel about the villain quite yet. Probably why I would give this book a 3.8 instead of a full four if I'm being nit-picky (which I was before, but am not now and I will explain why.)

Our villain is not in most of the book, or even spoken about very much until the end, so we don't know much about him. However, since this is a trilogy, I imagine he will come back VERY SOON. From what I can INFER from his view bits, though...we have some good things going. He's seems mildly manipulative (always fabulous in a villain) and he's gutsy. Always a good thing.

Wants his son back? Oh, he'll just storm in and take him. NBD. AND HE DOES TOO. So. Gutsiness is well founded, I suppose. Overall, I need MORE of the villain, but there is JUST enough of him in this one to make me happy. As long as there is more of him in the next one. I'd REALLY like to see a throw down between him and Jett. (Daddy v. Daddy!) Whoops...spoilers....

But...if I don't get it, I'll live. THAT'S WHAT MY BRAIN IS FOR, SILLY! SO I CAN MAKE THIS STUFF UP! (While we're at it, that express elevator to Middle Earth, brain. If you're so powerful, GET ME THAT ALREADY.)

So....yeah. That's about it for now. Sort of a short one here, but yeah. Whatever. First books (unless they are VERY BAD usually have short reviews.) The second book will probably give us a much longer review because by then we will already have all of our characters established and there will be MUCH MORE TO TALK ABOUT. So. There. Don't yell at me for a short review.

So check it out! Indie books can be quite fabulous!

And now to go and do something productive with my life. (Like add GIFS to this review.)

Ciao!

Post script: If you are reading this, and there are NOT GIFS (or not many GIFS), that is because I actually lied. And I have run out of time. And I will add said GIFS later. So breathe.

Deb says

Great plot, overall.

First up, I'd recommend this to people who were about the right age when Harry Potter came out and are looking for something similar with a touch of romance. There's a school for wizards (mages) for ages 18-20... so, it's very nearly an NA Harry Potter... With a female MC.

And this isn't a bad thing, because we all love watching characters learn new things and grow into the characters they need to be by the end of a tale, and a school of some type is a great way to do this.

The start is a bit slow where we're introduced to Rose's regular life - go to school, deal with bullies, go home, make dinner, set kitchen on fire, get rescued by stalker... totally normal (o:

OK, so not totally normal, but written in a low-key manner. Rose isn't freaked out by much. She's always calm and collected.

I got lost in a few places where characters didn't react to things as I might have expected. Sometimes it felt as if characters were doing things for the sake of plot, rather than their own drive -- especially the school activities.

I loved the little mud men (absolutely fantastic scene) and I hope they come in handy later in the series (I was surprised they weren't used here).

For those adverse to this kind of thing: Not quite "insta-love", but a little spontaneous, in that the couple hardly interacted, it just happened. (It didn't totally have me rolling my eyes, though, I only warn those particularly sensitive to this feature).

I would have liked a better reason WHY soul mates weren't meant to hook up. None was given... it was a rule, everyone accepted it as such.

I would also have liked to see Rose/Sky freak out a bit more over landing in a new realm and not knowing whether her mother knows she's gone or if she's dead or whatever... I would have liked Rose to question why they got given new names. Again, this was pretty much just accepted. One or two more escape attempts at the start would have felt good, too. Rose/Sky knew other students came to the school via other methods, so if I was her I would have tried a couple of others...

I would have liked to see a few more of the lessons, too... We never really saw the students using magic, not like in Harry Potter. I think what I'm saying is, I would have liked to see more struggle... the magic came very easily to those we saw using it.

So, yes, I had a few niggles that bothered me some. But overall the writing was generally good and at times I was totally digging it (as mentioned above, the mud men scene really had me, and there were a couple of other moments, too).

There were some wonderful sparks (yes, I may be making a pun here) of imagination on display, too, which says to me that Ms. Legacy will be one to watch as her career develops.

Rachel says

I love this book!!!

I have to admit, I was slightly doubtful at first. But as soon as I started reading it, I just had to finish it. And now I need the other two books; I absolutely NEED them!

It is wonderfully written, and it is such a great story. It is so action packed and epic, and I hated putting it down even for a moment. Lately, I've been having a little trouble getting into books, but I read this one all the way through, only taking breaks to grab food. I fell in love with the characters, especially Phoenix, and I

just desperately want to be Rose.

Anyone who likes romance, magic, fighting, or just plain spectacular books should absolutely make a point to read this story!

I received a copy of this book for free through Goodreads First Reads. In entering the giveaway and receiving the book, writing an honest review is encouraged. The opinions expressed in my review are my own, and have not been influenced in any way.

Jamie says

I expected a little more from this book, but I still really liked it.

The Story

Rose is bored with her life. Same people, same routine. That is, until she sees someone stalking her. After following him and falling into a pond, she wakes in a different world from her own. They change her name, tell her she's special, and start training her. But, creatures are appearing where they aren't supposed to, and the leaders are shady and rude. Not only that, but Rose's own soul mate won't talk to her. Will Rose be able to figure out what's going on without getting hurt?

My Thoughts

The words that made me want to read this book were '**soulmate**' and '**Academy**'.

The idea behind soul mates was pretty cool. They were considered your soulmate, but in a best friend kind of way. SO technically, they were your *Soul Mate*. I mean that kind of threw me off, but I thought it was unique. The first rule between soul mates is not to fall in love with yours. And of course, our hero and heroine are rule-breakers. Even though they fell in love, they only hung out together three or four times throughout the whole book. I was rooting for them to fall in love, but I was kind of hoping for more interaction between Phoenix (Diego) and Sky (Rose).

Also, I was left with more questions than answers. There were only fragments of answers thrown at you about Rose, her family, and Queen Fleur. Like, why is Rose the only one with green magic? Why are the two leaders afraid of her and Phoenix together? How are Queen Fleur and Rose connected?

There was also this random piece of information that I had no idea about until later on in the book. (view spoiler)

Thankfully, there was a lot of action and adventure, which made me give Soul Fire four stars. Rose (aka Sky) is so badass. I mean she's strong and witty, but she's also humble and considerate. Phoenix was cool. We don't really interact with his character that much, but hopefully we will in the second book.

I really liked the overall concept and plot, and I know the only reason we were left with more questions than answers is so that we'll come back and buy the second book.

I recommend it, and I will be reading the second book as soon as I can.

Eli says

I received an ARC from the author, and can highly recommend this to readers of YA and fantasy alike. The story offers a likeable and interesting protagonist, as well as a colourful and intriguing setting. In its current state, I found this book easy to read but hard to put down, and I look forward to the sequels.

The YA genre has so oft been spliced with the supernatural or occult that it seems hard to avoid overlap, and yet as this story delved into its rich world, it became clear that it is unlike anything I've read, and is both enthralling and captivating.

I highly recommend this book, and hope to see it commercially available in the near future.

Suzanna Williams says

Soul Fire follows the story of Rose Evermore, the feisty small town girl who never quite fits in, as she is drawn into an alternative world and discovers she has magic powers, where she remains equally feisty and finds she still doesn't quite fit in.

Ms Legacy builds a detailed and realistic world. The school Rose attends has shades of Hogwarts and Rose has magic powers to rival good old Harry Potter but with more attitude. From the time she backs her car into the school bullies to the way she stands up to the teachers at the school, I loved her.

Soul Fire is a book that has it all; forbidden love, intrigue, jealousy, loyal friends, poisonous beasts that kill by howling, a horse called Echo and a soul-mate from a wild Northern mountain range with many secrets. The plot unfolded at just the right pace bringing some surprising plot twists and leaving me wanting more. I will definitely be looking out for the next book in the trilogy.
