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Ever wonder what happens if you die in one of your dreams? Tessa never thought much about her death or her dreams until the night she managed to escape from the mysterious fire that killed her parents.

Desperately seeking the truth about what happened that night, Tessa discovers she is revisiting the tragedy every night in her dreams. What she doesn't realize is that a handsome stranger has his eye on her each time she watches her lake house burn.

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Emily Lynne says

I received a copy of this book through the Goodreads Giveaway program for an open and honest review.

This was an entertaining read, probably best suited to a high school-aged audience. I found it similar to Twilight, although I personally much preferred Mershon's empowering development of the female protagonist Tessa. Although there was a clear love interest and a good part of the book was spent developing this relationship, Tessa experienced personal growth and realization by means of her own skills and her friendship with Grace.

Kathleen says

If I Should Dream before I Wake, by Brittany Merson, is an engaging Young Adult romance/fantasy adventure. It begins with the narrator's thoughts just before she runs off the edge of the cliff to her death. Then it drops back into the regular life of Tessa, a withdrawn outsider in her high school, suffering from the loss of her parents in a terrible fire, the same fire that she somehow survived. Her hair also turns bright red after the tragedy, encouraging her classmates to label her a witch.

Her longtime friend, Jeremy, seems at first to be an ally, but later he turns against her. At the same time, Tessa learns about the various figures and powers involved in the world of her dreams, and that world becomes more real and important to her than the regular one. Here she meets Raven, the brooding, dark-haired guy who seems to help her but at the same time push her away. Many adventures follow, and the reader learns of a whole power structure that influences what happens in the world of dreams and to the dreamers who wander there. To her surprise, Tessa discovers her heritage in this other world, as well as answers to some questions about the night her parents died.

And her school friend, Grace, seems very willing to help Tessa deal with the strange new world Tessa has discovered.

The story is told in sections dedicated to the viewpoint of either Raven or Tessa, giving the reader both sides of many situations. The end leaves open the possibility – or necessity – to continue the love story of Tessa and Raven, once they have both assumed the powers gifted to them as part of their legacy.

I found the idea of shared dream worlds fascinating and look forward to reading the next installment in the adventure.

Andria Bethany says

Thrilling and compelling. Tessa is a heroine we all can relate to and Rave is the kind of hero I'd like to meet.

Sarah says

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to author Brittany Mershon.)

"I'm trying to keep you safe, but you make it impossible!"

This was a YA paranormal romance/fantasy story, featuring a dream world.

Tessa was an okay character, although she was sometimes a little impulsive, and Rave sometimes came across as a bit of a sap when it came to Tessa.

The storyline in this was about Tessa repeatedly dreaming about the night that her parents died, and then meeting Rave in one of her dreams and realising that he was real, and that something weird was going on. We then got a bit more backstory, and a battle between good and evil, as well as a blossoming romance between Tessa and Rave. I did get a bit bogged down in information at a couple of points though, and something happened that was a little too convenient for me, which dropped the rating a bit.

The ending to this was okay, and things were tied up quite nicely, with there still being room for a sequel though.

6.5 out of 10

Adriana says

Tessa can't escape her dreams of fire and feelings of despair as she tries but fails to save her parents from a fire she doesn't remember how she survived. She's seen as an outcast by her sister and her schoolmates. It's not too surprising since she can't remember how she survived, how the fire started, and that her hair inexplicably turned from blond to bright orange. Things start to unravel when a mysterious boy named Raven inside her dream starts talking to her - in the only way a dark haired brooding boy can - rudely. Of course, Tessa can't help fight back at his words while being immensely curious how this boy can be in her dream. Who or what is Raven? How did she escape the fire? Why can't she remember that night? Raven serves as a catalyst to solving the mystery of that fateful night and revealing the danger that lurks in the corner.

If I Should Dream Before I Wake starts out having a great mystery with elements of mythology. There was so much potential just waiting to be discovered. However, it turns into a story that I couldn't help roll my eyes at. The plot is interesting but it's the dialogue and the way the story progressed with the characters that got to me. Raven and Tessa's relationship went way too fast, Jeremy's lack of kindness towards his "friend" just made no sense, and the friendship Tessa formed with the new girl was awkwardly formed. The relationships, how they were formed, and where they were going, made me start skimming while reading. I wish I could have connected with Tessa... anyone really, but it didn't work out.

Sharon Mariampillai says

I received a copy from the author, in exchange for an honest review.

Thank you Brittany Mershon for the opportunity to read your book. This was a decent read. The story was good, but there were parts that bored me. I thought the characters were okay. I did not relate that well with Jeremy. I thought he was a jerk. The premise was intriguing. I think the book has potential. Overall, an okay read.

Karen Barber says

Apart from disliking Jeremy with a passion, I came to like the other characters here.

I received a copy from the author in exchange for my views-thank you for the opportunity.

It takes a while for some of the finer details to make sense, but the story kept me interested and I am curious to see what comes next. The romance element was tied so closely to the story that I didn't get fed up with the continual references to it. Even after reading it, I do wonder about Tessa's parents and to what extent they knew of this. If they did, how was she left so unprepared? I also can't help but wonder whether her brother and sister will be similarly gifted.

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I was torn about what rating i should give this book. There were some parts that I liked but others weren't that great.

What I liked:

- the concept of dream walking. It was intriguing and exciting. There were many twists the author could have used to make this one of the best books out there yet it was confusing mostly.
- the writing style was good.

What I didn't like:

- the characters and how they fell in love. Insta-love should be outdated. No one falls in love that easily and they shouldn't. So, the romance was very childish to me. Also the back and forth in the first half was tiring.
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Abbie says

(I received a copy from the author, In exchange for an honest review.)

I didn't love the characters in this, but a few of them were okay.

It took me a while to get into this, but even when I did there were still a few problems with it for me. There were a few parts that bored me, and there were parts that dragged quite badly for me. Overall though, it wasn't a bad read.

Trisha says

I think this is just a case of this book and I - we just aren't meant to be.

I don't like boys that act like jerks. I don't find them to be 'bad boys' and am not impressed when the "good girl" falls for them. Bleh. I wouldn't stick around a guy that told me to go away. I'd do just that.

mix that with all the different creatures and fantasy elements added into one thing - and this one was just not for me.

pretty cover though
