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BRYAN

*I have a special power*, but no one would call it a gift. A curse, for sure. I don't know how I ended it up with this ... this thing, but I have it. It's the ability to know who will die. A single whiff as they walk by, and I know the person is marked for death. And there is nothing I can do to stop it.

I hate this ability, this power, and everyone who knows I have it hates me. Well, only one person knows. My father. And he hates me for it. He hates me for knowledge I don't want or know how to stop.

I've retreated into myself, knowing I can tell no one. But then, one day, she walks into my life. And I know immediately that she's different. She wears a scent, but not that of death. A different scent, an otherworldly one. And I know in that moment that I will stop at nothing to understand why.

*Scented is a stirring tale of 16-year-old Bryan, who with the help of new girl Lauraline, must learn to cope with the power he has and to learn to live fully despite the death around him. Grab Scented from any of the retailers below.*

## Scented Details

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## From Reader Review Scented for online ebook

### Bonnie Ferrante says

This is a gently paced novel focused on three people, Brian, Lauraline, seniors in high school, and Brian's father, Jack. Lauraline, the new girl, has left Brian breathless from the very first encounter. Brian is a kind, thoughtful young man but he has a skill that makes life extremely difficult. Lauraline also has a paranormal "gift".

The two teenagers also have great loss in common. Brian's mother died when he was eight and his father became cold and distant as a result. He avoids Brian and often seems repulsed by him. Without siblings, Brian has led a lonely life but for his closest friend Ferraz. When Lauraline walks into his heart, Brian is torn as to whether he should tell her about his grisly secret.

Lauraline, too, has lost her mother. But her father has stepped up and been a diligent and loving parent in spite of his own pain. However, Lauraline has a residual phobia from her mother's death. Although she was only three years old and can't remember the car accident, Lauraline knows it was raining when her mother crashed with her in the back seat. Because of this, she is terrified of rain. On her first day at the new school, when lightning hits close to the gymnasium, she screams and faints.

In spite of the fact that these two teenagers have not been able to recover from the deaths of their mothers, they are mature and thoughtful people. By supporting each other, they each become stronger individually. Little do they know that one of them will have to deal with death yet again.

This is a sweetly romantic book and although the darkness of death overshadows the narrative, Brian and Lauraline's courage and determination are inspiring. They are almost a little too level-headed and responsible. Their conversations often sound like sessions with a psychologist. I felt the book could have used a bit of humor now and then to lighten the atmosphere. I also felt the message from the beyond was a bit weak. It was wonderful, though, how well they treated each other. This is the kind of relationship everyone should have with a girlfriend or boyfriend.

All in all, if you're looking for a mature, inspiring romance that avoids any sexual incidents, this will fit the bill.

I received a free copy of this book from goodreads in exchange for an honest review. The book was donated to my Little Free Library.

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### Candace says

I was given an ARC to read in exchange for an honest review.

The premise is original, and the paranormal scenes are believable-- not one eye-roller to be found. The story has well-drawn characters, especially the main character, Bryan. The plot keeps the interest level up, and has some terrific twists and turns. Some scenes are quite moving. My only nit is that there are a few odd word usages, but the meaning can be discerned in context. Other than that, I recommend this book for young people who enjoy fast-paced paranormal reads.

### **Anna Maria says**

I started reading this book for curiosity and I found it very intriguing. It is a romance with a paranormal tone. The two main characters Bryan and Lauraline meet in H.S. They both possess particular gifts and unfortunately have both lost their mothers when they were children. They become friends and start to bond as they try to figure out life, love and their abilities.

The book is very well written and it really draws you into the story. I absolutely recommend this book to teens and adults who enjoy YA romance/paranormal books.

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### **Janet says**

This is an engaging YA romance with a paranormal tone. The two main characters meet in H.S. They both have unusual "gifts" or abilities and have both lost their mothers at young ages. They begin to bond as they try to figure out life, love and their abilities.

The book is very well written and the author's descriptive really draws you into the story. I like that the chapters are from the different characters POV , adding to the depth of the book. It is very clean- no violence, no sex, and no profanity. I would definitely recommend it to teens and adults enjoy YA romance/paranormal books.

\*\*\*Note: I received an e-copy of the book from the author for an honest review.\*\*\*

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### **Angela says**

An interesting story about characters with unusual gifts. A lovely gentle read.

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### **Dalene says**

A different kind of love story. This story is all about relationships with others; father and son, mother and son, neighbors, and friends. The main characters have "unique gifts" and are drawn to one another. They have kept their gifts a secret because of how it affects others around them.

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### **Cassey says**

Not quite the same ole, same ole...but it was a slightly clunky read. I enjoyed the diversity of characters, and dislike that it's something special that doesn't happen in all books.

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### **Linda says**

Scented: a love story by RJ Crayton

This is a unique story about two teenagers, who are learning to come to grips with their own special gifts. Bryan Harper has a secret he has only shared with his father; he can smell impending death in the living. As a result he has chosen to live a life of solitude to keep the smell of death at bay, except for his best friend Ferraz. When Brian encounters Lauraline Reese, a new transfer student to Knightsdale High School, he discovers an extraordinary smell he has never smelled on a living person before. Curiosity and attraction drive Bryan to determine why Lauraline emits this smell.

Lauraline has a secret as well, one that scares the bejeezus out of her. The only person she thinks can help is her grandmother, who is suffering from Alzheimer's, and whose lucid moments are fleeting.

Both Lauraline and Bryan are realistic and engaging. I found it easy to be sympathetic to both of them. I also enjoyed the fact that their talents end up complementing each other as they grow to understand and control the abilities they once despised. The twists and turns in the plot keep the story moving forward at a good pace. Relationships are also examined closely. Bryan and his father's has always been distant, troubled, and complicated. Lauraline's father is overly protective, which isn't uncommon in any father/daughter relationship as they reach dating age. Because of a past family history Lauraline is afraid that if her father knew her secret he would have her committed.

I had pegged this book as a young adult or coming-of-age, however, when the author threw in a small number of F-bombs I figured I must be mistaken. Honestly, these didn't even bother me or seem out of place as they express extreme frustration in the situation. What did bother me was the repetition. This is an element that also gave me the feeling that this story was written for a younger audience, to stress the points being repeated. Honestly, I don't need to be told something more than two times and only if it is extremely important.

Bottom line; this is a provocative and enchanting tale dealing with many complicated elements which were brought to a satisfying ending. However, certain components were left open ended for the story to continue. I would like to see that happen.

FYI: There are three F-bombs. \*\*Originally written for "BigAl's Books and Pals" book blog. May have received a free review copy.\*\* October 19, 2016

Format/Typo Issues: Small number of proofing issues.

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