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Seventeen year old Lisa Brown's life is falling apart. First, her mother and father divorce, then their house forecloses and now, her mother has decided to commit herself to a psychiatric hospital.

If that weren't enough, she must leave sunny south Florida to attend a boarding school full of geniuses in cold, Lynn, Massachusetts. The city where the locals chant "Lynn, Lynn, city of sin; you never come out the way you went in."

And, they aren't kidding. Lisa must live in a tiny shack with two strange teenagers, a dog named Pig who growls when you look at him and a cat named Rat. "Mind the cat," everyone says. What the heck is wrong with this place?

Lisa thinks she's landed in her own house of horrors with the anti-social Alex and his facetious sister Ally. But, the real drama begins the day she is struck by lightning...

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Jennifer Y. says

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

CIN was definitely an unusual, yet entertaining read full of unexpected twists.

Lisa, our main character, has been sent to stay with her aunt while her mother seeks help for her mental and emotional health. While staying with her aunt, she'll also be forced to attend CIN, an unusual boarding school for geniuses...even though she's of average intelligence as her aunt loves to remind her.

Once she arrives at her aunt's home she encounters an eccentric cast of characters, both two and four-legged including siblings Alex and Ally, a dog named Pig and a cat named Rat. It's obvious to Lisa that this is going to be a big adjustment for her as she doesn't fit in her new environment. Things get even stranger when she's struck by lightning...twice!

As Lisa gets used to her new temporary home, she discovers some family secrets and interesting facts about her new friends and the town of Lynn. Things that have a major impact on her and the world she knows.

I am not sure what I was expecting when I started this book, but it definitely wasn't this fun, yet deeply emotional read. While the story is filled with humor and fun characters that I'd love to get to know, there is also a heavy and emotional underlying plot involving Lisa's parents that I wasn't expecting.

Like Lisa, I could sense there was something different about her new home and I couldn't wait to see what new discoveries awaited us. I am looking forward to reading the next book in the series!

Bèbè ♦ RANT ♦ says

"CIN" is the first book in Christina Leigh Pritchard's series introduces a little town called Lynn that has a very strange old saying. I found it very interesting to read about this town and do further research to find out some of the real life stories. I really appreciated author throwing in some little secrets about the town all throughout the book which made it very interesting.

Lisa Brown is a seventeen year old girl who is trying to find herself while going through tough issues that most of the girls in her age do not face. Parents' divorce, losing a house, and being transferred to a new school is not what she had in mind. On top of that she feels like her mother is just trying to get rid of her...

From the very beginning of the book, Lisa seemed like a sweet girl who had some unresolved issues which would be understandable in her situation. However, the deeper I got into the story, I start to see how whiny her character was and it really made me dislike her. There is a moment in the book (trying to hold off the spoilers) where she could see the truth about Alex and how nice he was but she chose to be selfish enough to be blinded by rage which almost caused complications. "Bolts of lightning shot through my fingers and crashed into Alex. He flew across the lobby and crashed into the cafeteria doors. They fell off the hinges and

glass littered the floor." Now tell me that's not going a little overboard and being psycho ..

First half of the book was very slow and had a lot of details to over. I was actually doubting when the lighting will happen. However, when lighting did hit Lisa, everything made sense and the slow beginning was very understandable and even necessary. Overall the book was great and I would probably consider continuing with the series. The author included a small preview of the second book in C I N series and it made me look at the story differently.

Jen says

Admittedly, I had a hard time getting into this book at first, but once I did, I was really intrigued by the story. CIN uses a great paranormal ability that hasn't really been covered, which was refreshing. The characters are quirky and likable and the plot sucked me in. Some places in the book were a little confusing, but in all I enjoyed this book and look forward to reading the sequel. Disclosure - I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Beth says

Her parents divorced, her mom loses their home and Lisa is left standing at a train station heading to a town, boarding school and aunt she has never met. Lisa's life has definitely taken some drastic turns and little does she know it's only the beginning of her life changing experiences. CIN Boarding school is not quite what it seems, her Aunt Millie has secrets and so do the student at CIN Academy.

C I N is a totally new paranormal concept with intriguing surprises that will have you guessing to the end. Great young adult read!

Sbr Martin says

"Lynn, Lynn, City of Sin. You Never Come Out the Way You Went In."... That is, of course, if you come out at all...

I just finished reading the first installment of Christina Leigh Pritchard's "C I N" series: Book 1 - "Lynn, Lynn, City of Sin. You Never Come Out the Way You Went In." And, I'll tell you something interesting—after stepping into Pritchard's fiction, I didn't want to leave, and I definitely came out different than I went in.

Pritchard's work is a YA paranormal yarn, which typically isn't found in my book bag. But I decided to give it a read nonetheless, to broaden my literary horizons—and I'm so very glad I did.

This book may be YA, but it is for an ageless audience. The story is very compelling and intriguing, filled with characters—both human and animal—which touch your heart, slap you in the face, and raise your eyebrows.

Full of surprises, the novel progresses at an addictively readable pace. I found myself going farther in the book than I had intended to go during each reading session. I just needed to find out more and *more*.

It isn't until nearly halfway through the work that Pritchard starts to reveal some of the characters', and town's, secrets. The build-up is riveting, and the revelations are shocking, sometimes disturbing, sometimes pacifying.

The conclusion of Book 1 itself is not a conclusion, but rather an introduction. At the end of her work, Pritchard has her lead, Lisa Brown, asking herself many questions, which tease and taunt the reader with things to expect in the forthcoming books in the series. As soon as I read the last page, I found myself hitting one of Pritchard's websites, <http://cinseries.com>, so that I could find more "C I N" to feed my new addiction.

"C I N: Lynn, Lynn, City of Sin. You Never Come Out the Way You Went In" really impressed me and kept me turning its pages. The paranormal characters are of a new breed that is absolutely electrifying, so to speak. You'll definitely want to read this one—and the ones to follow.

L.M. Preston says

I won this book via twitter. My daughter and I read it and had agreed to give it a 4 star rating. We loved the main character Lisa who loved her mom and desired to have that close mom/daughter relationship that all kids hope for. But things with her mom aren't what they seem and so many secrets get revealed in this somewhat twisted tale of love, obsession and control. Also note that there is some physical, sexual contact, but is not extensive and could have had a little bit more build up to make it intense. If it was left out, you wouldn't have missed it because there is so much going on that it didn't really make an impact on the story. The other main characters that impact Lisa's stay at C I N is Ally, Alex and Michael and none of them are exactly what they seem. We enjoyed this read and would recommend it highly to anyone that likes a mystery, kids with super issues, and intense love.

Michelle Pickett says

This review was originally posted on Michelle K. Pickett's blog: *These Words Tell a Story...*

"Lynn, Lynn, the city of sin; you never come out the way you went in."

Okay, so I have a confession to make. While I've never bought a book based solely on a cover I've loved (I have not bought one because of a bad cover, but that's a different post), I've also never read a book based on a tagline... until now. The tagline of Pritchard's CIN caught my eye (or ear, whatever) and made me take a second look at the jacket blurb. And I'm so glad I did. I thoroughly enjoyed CIN and the world it transported me to. And I'm thrilled to have the author, Christina Leigh Pritchard, here today to tell us a little more about herself. But not the typical stuff... she's giving us some super fun deets. Read on...

What strange or quirky writing habits do you have?

Christina: I like to lay flat when I write

Would you rather have no internet or no cell phone?

Christina: No cell phone

Finish this statement: Once, just to attract attention, I...

Christina: stood on a stage platform in a mall and dragged my foot making noises pretending to attack my cousin (on a dare).

Do you believe in love at first sight?

Christina: I sure hope it's real

Does Prince Charming exist?

Christina: I haven't found mine yet, but you never know!

French Fries or Tater Tots

Christina: Tots!

Crayons or markers?

Christina: Crayons because you can burn them ;)

Favorite line from a movie?

Christina: "Who knows where thoughts come from, they just appear." Empire Records

Chocolate or vanilla?

Christina: Vanilla

Milk or dark chocolate?

Christina: Semi J Dark

M&Ms or Skittles?

Christina: M&M's

Tea or coffee?

Christina: Coffee

Dogs or cats or birds or rabbits or...?

Christina: Dogs

Favorite song?

Christina: MakeDamnSure

E-reader or print book?

Christina: Print

What's for dinner tonight?

Christina: Crockpot sausages and Meatballs

Do you snack while you write?

Christina: Unfortunately

Are there any authors you would recommend to fans of your books, possibly that you love yourself?

Christina: If you have children—read them Jerry Spinelli. You will laugh as much as them until your sides hurt.

When writing a story, do you stop to consider how readers will react to certain plot twists and changes to relationships between characters and does it cause you to alter your story?

Christina: I want them to be so busy reading that they forget about life for a few moments. Whether they figure out what's happening is a bonus to me.

Beach or mountains?

Christina: Beach

Morning person or night owl?

Christina: Night owl

Would you rather take a European vacation or a Caribbean cruise?

Christina: Caribbean Cruise

Would you rather have no one show up for your wedding or your funeral?

Christina: Funeral

What's one thing on your bucket list?

Christina: Visit the real Lynn, MA.

Would you time travel to the future, or back to the past?

Christina: Future

Which would you choose: the ability to read minds or the ability to fly?

Christina: Fly, I already read minds...kidding. Kind of. J

Would you rather have a rewind button for your life, or a pause button?

Christina: Pause to enjoy the great moments!

Which would you choose: Free Starbucks for a year or free iTunes music for a year? Christina:

Starbucks

Would you rather be a wizard or a Ninja?

Christina: Ninja

Are you a country or city person?

Christina: Small city person

Do you play a musical instrument? If not, which would you like to learn to play?

Christina: Clarinet

As a child, what did you want to do when you grew up?

Christina: ...write lol

Favorite quote?

Christina: "Life is a lot like football. You have to tackle your problems, block your fears and score your points when given the opportunity."

What advice would you give to your younger self?

Christina: Never give up because some do not like what you create. Don't take every comment to heart and enjoy those around you more. Work will always be there but not always the people you love.

What do you do to relax?

Christina: Get a massage!

Your favorite season?

Christina: Summer

What are your hobbies?

Christina: Collect Elephants, drink martinis (kidding, but I do like those)

If someone made a movie of your life would it be a drama, a comedy, a romantic-comedy, action film, or science fiction?

Christina: A comedic drama

If you were a genie, what wish would you absolutely not grant?

Christina: To make someone do something – I dislike manipulation.

If a genie granted you three wishes, what would they be? (Can't ask for more wishes or money.)

Christina: To fill my life with genuinely kind, loving people, find a husband with these qualities, and to remove suffering & torture from the world.

If you were to name one piece of clothing that describes you, what would you say?

Christina: Striped short dress

Favorite place to eat?

Christina: Dada's

Favorite meal at favorite restaurant?

Christina: French Pear Martini with Mediterranean Plate

If you could visit any place in the world, where would you choose to go?

Christina: Ireland

What's the one thing, you can't live without?

Christina: My family

What's your motto in life?

Christina: Don't let the thoughts get inside your head.

What does your workspace look like?

Christina: Like a tornado went through it

What internet site do you surf the most?

Christina: Amazon :-). Guess what I am looking at!

What is your favorite dessert?

Christina: Tiramisu

What is the first thing you notice about the opposite sex?

Christina: His Face—eyes, smile, persona. The way they look at me can make or break my attraction to him. For example, is it kind or intimidating? Then his arms and I am a sucker for a nice manly back.

What's in your refrigerator?

Christina: Right now, lots of waters for the hurricane.

What's under your bed?

Christina: No frame, no things.

If you could be a Disney character, who would you be and why?

Christina: Cinderella or Ariel. I'd love to live under the ocean and I'd love to find my prince and live in a castle.

Would you rather swim in the ocean/lake or pool?

Christina: Ocean

What childish thing(s) do you still do as adult?

Christina: I still will color and if no one is at the park when I go walking the trail, sometimes I get on the swing before heading home.

What are your favorite pizza toppings?

Christina: Ham and pineapple

What is the scariest thing you have ever done for fun?

Christina: Zip-lining in Belize

You win a million dollars, but you have to give half to a charity. Which charity do you pick?

Christina: Paws of Luv

If you were to perform in the circus, what would you do?

Christina: Dance performance with the elephants

Have you ever jumped out of a plane?

Christina: no

What is something you own that has a lot of sentimental value, but little to no monetary value?

Christina: My dumbo from when I was a child

Do you have nicknames?

Christina: Teeny, Teen

What is the wallpaper on your computer?

Christina: It changes daily

What music are you listening to?

Christina: Right now, I am watching Property Brothers

What is your middle name?

Christina: Leigh

When is your birthday?

Christina: February

Do you do dance crazy when no one is looking?

Christina: Heck yeah!

Do you like to sing in the shower?

Christina: Not the shower but in the living room to music

At the beach would you rather play in the sand, or play in the water?

Christina: water

Weirdest thing you've ever eaten.

Christina: Alligator on a stick, frog legs, octopus...

Thank you for taking your time to read about me. If you're reading this, I consider it an honor. I wrote the C I N Series for anyone who just wants to escape life for a few hours. I hope the world of Lynn does this for you.

a Rafflecopter giveaway

I quite enjoyed CIN. I thought the story was unique, especially the lightning strike as the impetus for Lisa's powers. I liked following her development as she learned how to deal with her powers and a way of life that was completely out of the norm for her. All the while she had to deal with other issues, such as her mom's illness, boarding school, moving to Lynn to live with her aunt and some downright disturbing teens, and her confusing love life. Lisa was a likable character that was real, flawed, and easy to root for. Everything a good protagonist ought to be.

Secondary characters were also well-developed, some more than others, but overall all they were all nicely done—odd and creepy, they added nicely to the overall spooky setting of the book.

I enjoyed Pritchard's writing style. Although, I did find some dialogue and prose a little stiff and contrived at times. It felt too formal for a YA book. But it was easy enough to overlook and didn't hinder my overall enjoyment of the story.

The end of book one leaves the readers with a lot of questions, which I'm sure will be addressed in book two. But it also gives a lot of answers, too. Like the secrets of the creepy characters and town. Once readers finish book one, they'll eagerly reach for book two in the series! And don't worry if you've heard rumors about "beautiful characters" from other reviewers like I had... you aren't going to meet any overly done vamps in CIN (I love vampires, but been there...done that)... you're in for something much, much cooler!

"Come with me." Alex pointed to the stairs. We took them slowly. To the left on the second floor was a pool table. Reginald, his three groupies and Michael congregated around it. I glanced over at Michael who poked his butt out as he bent over, aiming his pool stick at the cue ball. When he saw me holding Alex's hand, he scratched, dropping his stick onto the table.

"Lisa, why?" He frowned, inching forward. "Not with him."

"It's not what it looks like," I stammered. Alex pulled me closer and Michael's lips tightened. He stomped his feet and stood only a foot away.

"It looks a lot like you're going to his room with him; alone."

"So what if she is. She already told you it wasn't like that. We've lived in the same house for the past week and nothing has happened. I think you need to chill out and finish playing your game," Alex said. I looked at him. His eyes sparkled and his lips trembled slightly. Was he timid?

"Lisa," Michael grabbed my arm, jerking me away. "Don't go with him. It'll be a big mistake, trust me."

Alex stood, frozen in the center of the game room. I looked up at Michael and then back at Alex. Michael's eyes were angry, and Reginald and his groupies stood against the wall with frightened looks upon their faces. Were they really afraid? I knew I was! His grip tightened and he forced me over to the pool table.

"Stay here, don't you dare go to his room."

"Lisa," Alex whispered. My fingers twitched. "Please, let's go. You and Michael can play pool tomorrow. We need to do this so that I can find out what's wrong, remember?"

My knees weakened and I could hardly stand. I glanced over at Alex. His blue eyes saw straight through to my soul and it made me crumble like a mound of jello.

“No, Lisa, don’t go with him.”

“Dude, what’re you doing?” Reginald whispered. “You’re going a little too far. I’m not with him on this one, Alex, so don’t take it out on me later.”

“I wouldn’t dare.” Alex folded his arms across his chest. “Lisa, please come here.”

Read more of my reviews, including this one, on my blog: *These Words Tell a Story...*

Mitchell says

I have to say, this was a pretty good book from a fairly unknown author. C.I.N. was well written with a story that I continued to keep my attention.

Having no idea what to expect, when I first started reading this, I planned on setting it down after the first couple of chapters. But before I knew it, a couple hours passed and I was reading well into the night.

The story kept moving and didn’t have hundreds of pages of useless fluff that many other books seem so fond of. I understand what the author was doing and she pulled it off very well.

Great book and I will be keeping an eye on this author for the rest of the series.

Highly recommended!

ACME Teen says

I love Paranormal Romances and this one is perfect for Teens and Young Adults! Cynthia Leigh Pritchard is off to a great start with this first book of the CIN series. CIN is unique with a new approach and situations that would appeal to teens like cute guy crushes, an ill parent, moving, divorce and more. When the heroine gets sent to a boarding school, her life seems almost surreal and she has to adapt to all of this on her own. That’s where the real fun begins.

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She’s told to ‘mind the cat’ named rat. People never age. And that’s just the tip of the iceberg. The story builds and builds with mystery and suspense for at least 2/3rds of the book. There is some romance and it gets a little more intimate than I would have liked (Remember, we try and post only Clean Reads) but it would likely appeal to most readers. This was a real page turner for sure. Once I started reading it, it was in my hands every spare minute of every day until I finished and then I wished there was more! Thank heavens it’s a series!! So if you are looking for something new and different, that’s a bit hard to describe, look no further than CIN!

*****5 Stars*****

***I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book. I received it in exchange for my honest review and all opinions are my own. ***

Mindy says

Interesting premise. I don't think I've ever read a story quite like this one. I enjoyed the character development as we learned more about each of the main characters. The idea that this group would go to all this trouble for a "normal" kid is amazing. The resiliency that Lisa shows is amazing. I'm not sure I could be as calm if it was happening to me, just saying.

I give this book 4.5 out of 5 clouds. A really good read.

Elizabeth Parker says

If you like suspense stories, you'll love this book. When Lisa leaves Florida to visit her aunt in Lynn, she wasn't too keen on the idea. When she arrived, it was as if she was from a different world. The friends that she met were odd, the cat was bizarre and even the dog was strange. Throughout the story, you can't help but try to discern what is going on, but only toward the last few chapters are the clues given away. This is a story that'll keep you interested until the very end.

Ariana says

I obtained this book as a r2r.

Words can't begin to describe this book. I started reading the book this morning after I received it from the author. I was instantly pulled in to the mythical world where people never age. I was quite surprised because usually it takes quite a while for book to pull me in.

The characters were built up and slowly their secrets are stripped one by one. I loved this book to the end. It can continue in a second book or left the way it is. This book was beautifully written. I couldn't put it down until I was finished reading.

Laura Hernandez says

This well written story kept my interest from beginning to end and the characters are all unique and jump right out of the pages. Lisa is my favorite character and little by little she realizes that things are often not as they seem. I look forward to reading the second book in this series!!

Stephanie Ward says

CIN is a great young adult paranormal story that has fresh concepts and ideas. The characters are unique and have their own personalities, which makes them seem like real flawed teens. It's easy to identify with Lisa because she's dealing with so many issues - the normal teen problems, trying to help her mentally ill mom, crushes on cute guys, going to a weird boarding school, etc. On top of these problems, she gets struck by lightning and begins a whole new life that she never even thought possible. She has to learn how to adjust to this new existence and just how she fits into her new life.

I thought that the story was really interesting, but the dialogue of most of the characters didn't seem natural. That put me off a bit and pulled me out of the world the author was trying to create - I just kept noting in my mind that the dialogue and word usage felt scripted and forced. Otherwise, I enjoyed the story and it flowed well. There were some romantic parts in the book that I felt were cliched and pretty sappy, but it didn't hinder my reading or enjoyment of the story too much - it probably would appeal to most readers. I really love reading paranormal young adult books and I think that the author brought something new and different to the genre with this series. I'm excited to continue reading the series to see how things will go for the different characters and to see how things will turn out.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.

Regina Linton says

I was blessed enough to get this book from Christina Leigh Pritchard. I really enjoyed reading this paranormal romance revolving around a teenager named Lisa. She is forced to move to Lynn, Massachusetts and live with a aunt she has never met and room with people that are obnoxious and strangely beautiful, Lisa is thrown into a whole new life.

Just when Lisa thinks things are falling into place for her, strange occurrences begin with the bazaar family she is living with. Ally, who hates Lisa for even breathing; and Alex who does not like to be touched. Lisa is befriended by a dog named Pig and a cat named Rat. Eventually Lisa finds where and how she fits into the town of Lynn and why she can't leave.
