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Old Souls Details

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From Reader Review Old Souls for online ebook

L.J. ~ aka Former Lurker says

Wow! What an amazing roller coaster ride! This book was a page-turner from the first page! The characters were truly captivating. I was really invested in what happened to them. Some parts were incredibly hot. Some parts made me so angry. Other parts made me sob uncontrollably, laugh, cheer, and smile from ear to ear-- not necessarily in that order. One of the best features of this book is its originality and creativity! There were a couple of unexpected, fresh plot twists. I can't wait to read another book by this author! Count me in as a P.A.Lupton fan!!

The BookChick says

My Rating: ♥♥♥♥♥

VERY GOOD: The characteristics of a 4 star book include: a great story; I loved the characters; and there was an interesting plot and unique story elements; there may have been a few odd things kept the story from being amazing. I would read it again and I would recommend it to a friend.

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Page Count: 120 pages

My Thought:

Old Souls was an excellent story about fate, loss and love.

Alyssa Reynolds is an up and coming graphic designer at Young and Rubicam. For Alyssa, the story begins uneventfully but with a strange sense of foreboding. She has to deliver a presentation at a meeting that will be attended by one of the company's owners -- Mark Young. Sitting next to her longtime mentor and best friend, Colin, Alyssa attempts to still her racing nerves. However, she senses the foreboding and feels that her life is about to change. Then the vibrations start. Alyssa's body is positively alive with a strong vibration that she has only felt in a series of recurring dreams. The vibration grows stronger and then Alyssa comes face to face with its source, Mark Young. From that one meeting, Alyssa's life begins to change...never again

to be the same again.

I really enjoyed this magical novella. Alyssa and Mark were such likeable characters. And boy did I ever feel their plight once the revelations started coming so fast and furious. I love the twist with Alyssa's father...totally unexpected but very fitting with the story. The redux test was absolutely heartbreaking. Who could make the "right choice" in that situation?!?! But **deep breath** I so appreciated the outcome of the situation.

This story was endearing and sexy. Ms. Lupton definitely has a way of drawing a reader into the story and making them fall in love with her characters.

Reading Time: 2.5 Hours

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t'irla ~The Bookslayer~ t'irla's Talk Book Blog says

Fast paced, characters that jump off the pages and a story that is unique and holds your attention right to the end. You'll be wishing this Novella was a full novel by the time you are done.

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The Author has given me this copy for a honest review..Thank you PA

My Thoughts:

I loved this novella and truly hope that PA decides to turn it into a series. I was fortunate enough to be asked to read an early version and I can tell you that PA not only took the suggestions to heart but built on them. I absolutely loved her characters; Alyssa although dazed showed backbone, and an sense of honor and morality. Mark is someone who was poleaxed and came out grinning as if he received a new lease on life. The reader was able to connect with each character and PA did a fine job of making these characters multi dimensional,a bit more with Alyssa than Mark...but as I am hoping for a series I hope we find out more about Mark in upcoming books:) The story moved quickly and how PA crafts a plot makes it seem effortless almost like you are watching TV, it just reaches out and grabs you and doesn't let go until the very end. In this case the novella was only a 120 pages and could easily have been a full 250 page novel. Once again, PA

hits one outta the ballpark. I can't wait to see more of these characters and learn more of this world.

*note I don't usually give novellas or short stories a 5/5 because it is difficult to build both a new world and characters and maintain a good story line in so short a space however PA accomplished this in the 120 pages.

5 shiny gold stars for Old Souls and anxiously awaiting further books by PA Lupton!

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Anna says

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Katya says

4.6 Stars!!!

What a wonderful and unusual story....very imaginative and not your run-of-the-mill PNR. I really appreciated the original story line.

I have to put it out there and say it/get it over with....those who read my reviews know how I feel about novellas....I just think that you can not do a story justice or highlight an author's true skill in novellas....very few people are short story writers. How I wish this was a full novel.

Having said that, I loved the direction in which the author took this story. For such a short story it had alot of interesting detail and a convincing romance. Alyssa is going through life as an ordinary girl until she runs into Mark, her new boss. The attraction is instantaneous...there is something there between them....In the novella he is walking toward the boardroom where she is and she can feel his energy coming closer....and is stunned when he walks into the room and his eyes bore into hers. But it goes beyond attraction, between there is this synergy and something she picks up on and recognizes right away...soul mates? Destiny? Fate? Her skin actually hums when he is close by.

He clears the board room except the two of them and teases her by telling her things will change and she will start to notice strange things beginning to happen, and when she does...to call him. He hands her his card and refuses to say any more. She is intensely curious and part of her wonders if Mark is nutjob or for real. She is just not sure what to believe. Over the next several weeks....she starts following him....making sure to walk by when he is having lunch, or leaving the building at the same time. They start sharing lunch together each day...just getting to know each other. It feels so natural and comfortable to be with Mark....Maybe they shared some unknown past....As if it is meant-to-be somehow.

Then one day some things happen that change her life. (not going to tell you - read the novella) Everything she knew as normal life is thrown into chaos; what she believed of her past is somehow a lie....what she learns about what is happening and who she really is will mold the rest of her life going forward. Is it fate? She can remain the same person before meeting Mark. He knew what would happen to her....was it all planned and predestined? The concept of fate twists as the story progressed into one of free-will and self determination as Alyssa is forced to make a choice that will point her in a direction right towards Mark and

into his life....or catapult her far away. To choose Mark may jeopardize her friends lives and her own. What seems like an impossible situation draws Alyssa and Mark closer together like two halves of a whole as they try to figure a way to save her life.

What I really appreciated is how the author resolved the problem. I was expecting the usual, typical and stock-shelf ending where the big man (hero) swoops in and comes to the rescue....We are so used to the woman needing saving from her hero and in many ways he did just that by standing by her, supporting her and loving her. But in this story, Alyssa is the one who really had to save herself.....(how to say this without giving it away....) She had to rely on her own inner fortitude to make the right choice....the answer to the puzzle is placed in her hands and the choice to do the right thing is hers to make. So to answer the author's question: *"Is it fate or is it choice?"* Yes to both.....Brilliant Ending!!!

As readers, in our lives we often make split-second decisions about things that result in either life or death. We rehash it in our minds afterwards....Should I have done that? What if we had the luxury of time to consider the outcome of our decisions...would our choices still be the same? We agonize along side Alyssa as she considers and weighs the possible outcomes of her decision. It is a moral choice she has to decide which will result in a death....one way or another...and maybe her own. But what is the right thing to do? And how do you live with that decision for the rest of your life?

Another area that I especially appreciated how the author dealt with are the elements of death and euthanasia in this story. Don't get me wrong, I've read many books where death is an element of the story and is handled in many different ways. I don't judge another person's belief system or an author's attempt to deal with a subject. It is difficult to write a story and still please everyone with the content.

PA & I have discussed many ethical and moral issues in the Goodreads.com threads before. I am an Eastern Orthodox Christian and don't always agree with her or others....this is because we have different religious backgrounds and beliefs. But we respect each others' right to their own opinion. It is an interesting topic to discuss if you can not get angry and fight about it....and I appreciate the interesting open-minded chats we've had.

But chatting with a friend is a far cry from the tight rope you walk when you write a book that contains topics that many people may have different and strong opinions about. But in this novella, she did tell a story which contained elements of a controversial nature with such tenderness and understanding. The heroine, herself, raised her own conflicting feelings about it. I really found it remarkable. This is where being an author takes skill...to write something that can appeal to many different people...to go forward and tread on a topic so emotional without taking you away from the story and what the character is thinking....To not bail and take the easy way out...to do the expected.

I hope that people will pick this up and read this wonderful novella. I would love to see a full blown series with this sub-genre....hint, hint. I loved the uniqueness of this story and took a couple points off for some small things....mostly some dialog and some sections that I think would have benefited from having a few more sentences to beef them up. (Alas, novel vs novella-sorry, I can't help it!) **But these were all minor.** I loved it!!! This is the second piece I have read by Ms. Lupton and am enthralled by her story telling ability. I am also happy to call her "Friend." Thanks for the wave in your book by the way! A big thumbs up PA!

PS. Loved the cover too....Very pretty and "strange: in a nice way. :-)

Michelle(Chelle) aka Nightshade - Cake Whisperer says

This was a short, quick, sweet & sexy novella.

Alyssa Reynolds has just started a new job and she hopes to make a good impression on her new boss. So why is it that when Mark Young first walks into the meeting they are having she is shocked by two things....first he looks exactly like a man that she has been having erotic dreams about and second, he appears to be pissed by her very presence. She feels an incredible tingling under her skin just being in the same building with this man, what on earth could be going on.

I loved where Ms. Lupton took this short story. She managed to pack a lot into about 100 pages making me wish that I could keep reading more about Alyssa and Mark.

Mark was incredibly smexy but not in the usual alpha male way. He had an impish sweet way about him that made me melt.

Ellen says

Typically I don't read novellas, but I loved P.A. Lupton's Bound by Blood so decided to go ahead with this one. It was awesome. I was surprised at the amount of story packed into this novella, and it was unique. There were so many twists I hadn't expected that it kept me flipping pages. I read the whole thing in one afternoon.

This story pulled me in from the first chapter. I really liked the characters Mark and Alyssa and was curious to find out why they were so drawn to each other. And it wasn't at all what I expected. The paranormal parts of this story were different. I've read books about vampires, witches, werewolves, demons and pretty much every other type of being, but I love how the author came up with an origin for the supernatural parts of this story. How did it all start? One of my favorite types of Paranormal and Fantasy is when there is a theory, and it was definitely one I hadn't seen before.

This is a great story and so easy to read. I recommend it for people who love romance sprinkled with a bit of supernatural.

Charlene says

Just finished this...and WOW... I'm truly impressed by the quality of this self-published novella. It's not often that I can say I've read something truly original in the paranormal genre, but I'm able to say it here. I mean, how many ways can a guy shift into a wolf's body? How many varieties of vamp bites could there be? I've often thought witches were an underrepresented literary species, and the author has done a great job of creating their world in a short piece of work, not something easily done. I might have wished for more background and details, but we got more than enough for the plot to make sense. I had none of those WTH just happened moments here, as too often happens in a paranormal tale.

The characters were both well developed and likeable. Alyssa seems like a girl you might like to have as a friend, and Mark...well, I think we all know how we'd like to get to know Mark! Steamy scenes were well-placed and made sense within the story...not to mention HOT! Nothing was overdone though, and nothing crass or crude - this wouldn't have worked with the characters, so I'm glad Ms. Lupton chose to stick with tasteful!

All in all, a very satisfying read...are we to hear more about this world from Ms. Lupton? Maybe a series (hint, hint)...certainly plenty here to work with.
4.5 stars

Bube says

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Magda says

What a great, quick read!

Story was a refreshing take on witches, characters were likeable & the book flowed well.

Excellent read if you're in the mood for a short story with a punch.

Megs says

AHHH!!! When I first read the excerpt..I was sooo eager to read the book, that I started it immediately after I finished another at 2 in the morning. It didn't disappoint me at all!!!

I loved the story, it was very creative, I loved the characters, all of them. The book was very straight forward, without unnecessary details with so many twists and turns, that it was impossible to put it down. Ever time I wondered "how would they find a way out of this"...and every time I was surprised. I loved the flow...and the way it opened up. After the first chapter I had strange ideas on what would happen next, luckily it wasn't that easily predictable...I liked the fact that the story wasn't made too unbelievable..Every element introduced had an explanation to its existence and its origin...which is rare in this genre.

I am a huge fan of paranormal romance, and after reading tons of them it feels great to encounter one that breaks tradition and is different from most others..a must read..!! RECOMMENDED..:D

*** Brandy * says**

The author of this book is a friend of mine on Goodreads & while I might be *slightly* (wink, wink) biased because of my relationship with her, I do believe in giving an honest review regardless.

I knew nothing about the contents of this book before I read it except for the book's description, so

everything about it was practically a mystery to me. Having said that, I don't want to give too much of the book away in my review to all of the potential readers out there. However, I will say - Old Souls is a thrilling, nail biting, steamy paranormal romance that will keep you on the edge of your seat for pretty much the entire length of the story. P.A. Luton knows how to reel you into her world by creating mystery in her plot to keep you obsessed with turning pages to find out what will happen next. The H&h's characters are well developed & their romance is HOT - not to mention the amount of passion & love you can feel with P.A.'s words that make you feel their emotions right along with them. This book is definitely one that I would recommend to any adult that loves paranormal romance, with hot sex & a suspenseful plot.

Katie Low says

I thought this short story was absolutely amazing. It had the perfect amount of twists and turns to keep you guessing, and the characters are easy to love.

It is so hard to find stories that have shockers that you never saw coming, but this story definitely delivers. I dare anyone to read this and not love this story.

Mari?ina says

3,5 Stars!

I really thought i will like it more!

I loved the start but then...

I had a long time to read an absolutely hardcore romantic book and i enjoyed that factor a lot.. Cause this book is full of romance and feelings.. And chemistry.. And lovey-dovey sweetness.. In that aspect was perfect, but i had some issues that bothered me while reading..

Well things start to get weird around the middle of the book..

Many issues left unanswered..

Or some things didn't make sense..

Like the whole story with Evangeline! In 1800s she was more likely to be treated for mental illness(because women in Europe in that era were considered prone to develop hysteria.. Thats how the dildo was born, i kid you not..)than to be a well known doctor..

No way because the first woman doctor was 55 years away yet and with no family to back her up??? NOO way!!!

So history was out of the window, also consistency..

She said she had the nightmare twice.. And then she said she had it for weeks..

I know those are not big issues but they really bugging me personally..

And do not forget how slow she was..

Come on why it took you so long to ask some questions Allysa?

Or 'get' some things!!

By the way the ending was purely WTH too..

Why would anyone act that way? I am all for saving the love of your life..

I would trade my life for my man's in a heartbeat but that was just disoriented..

Allysa was a spineless girl who did what dad said and didn't protect anyone in the end.. Evaneline (although for sure not a doctor) helped people while defying everything..

I mean she did some stupid moves too but what the hell..

Why Allysa didn't fight to do the right thing?

And no matter what i wouldn't be ok with my self after taking the decision she took.. No matter how things turned out.. But she had no problem.. I wouldn't want a friend like her.. That's for sure..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- The way they were sensed each other was so sweet..
 - I loved the story about soulmates..
 - The meeting was Crazy!!
 - It escalated quickly.. I wanted more..
 - The fact that they could talk without talking was amazing..
 - Plotholes.. damn..
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Alexis **Reality Bites** says

SPOILER FREE REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Paranormal Romance

'It had started the day I interviewed for this job, but never as strong as it was now. What I'd felt then compared to what I felt now was like trying to compare static electricity to a bolt of lightning. Both were energy, but there was a vast difference in intensity.'

She felt him.. She could actually feel him before she met him.

Could you imagine starting a new job and at your very first meeting with your new boss he comes storming in to the board room filled with your peers like a raging hurricane?! Then he proceeds to kick everyone out but tells **you** and only you to stay?! Well that is exactly what happens to Alyssa and this is only the start of the unusual things that will begin to take place in her life.

Recently Alyssa started having dreams.. Erotic dreams and **one** man has been the star with his recurring role as her lover. She is literally SHOCKED because the man with the starring role also happens to be her new boss. Mark Young. Someone she has never met a day in her life. Yet her dream man is real, very real and standing in front of her in the flesh.

'When our eyes connected and his clear blue gaze bored into mine, I recognized a spark of something almost familiar. God, I could drown in his eyes, like I might sink so deep I'd never come up for air.'

Words are exchanged after she expresses her embarrassment due to his actions and he apologizes. Embarrassment however becomes the least of her concerns when she starts to get the feeling that there is something he is not saying. Something she needs to know.

'It was easy to spot his frustration. I think he wanted to explain, but for some reason felt he couldn't. It left me feeling like I was missing an important piece of the puzzle.'

Alyssa feels this never ending pull towards Mark, and it causes her to act out of character. A close friendship develops, Mark warns Alyssa that '*strange things*' may start to happen and to let him know when it occurs. Well he was right, 'strange things' start to occur and when tragedy strikes Alyssa is left devastated .

My Thoughts

A quickie but a goodie! It was fun, sexy and magical! P.A. Lupton brings you a sexy paranormal romance in 120 pages that will leave you wanting more! I wonder if she will turn this in to a series?!? I recommend this to all PNR lovers! And I look forward to more from this author!!

My Ratings

Characters- Sexy

Writing Style- Good, the author has a way with words ;)

Plot/Storyline- Good, it dealt with being selfless

Steam Factor- Medium/Moderately Steamy

Overall- I enjoyed it! I highly recommend this to PNR Lovers!!

Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!

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