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Part of Your World

Where love is waiting just beyond the edge of what you can see.

When two worlds collide at the edge of the sea in a measure of desperation, a prince will bow before a commoner and a lost soul will be finally be found. Part of Your World - Where love is waiting just beyond the edge of what you can see.

Glistens

A guardian can't shine without the song of her ward.

Marian Spritz won't gain guardian fairy status if she fails her summer school project. But when she hears a call for help—a song felt only by Glistens—she must choose between not letting her schoolwork and teammates suffer and protecting a ward who faces grave danger.

Tethered

Can love heal all that's broken?

Life had been simple for vampire Jayden Blackwell until he met the runaway Emmaline Grey. One taste of her blood revealed that not only is she a fledgling vampire on the cusp of her transition, but she's also his bondmate and the granddaughter of his family's biggest enemy. Will family feuding keep them apart or is it Jayden who compromised Emma's survival?

Drops of Sunshine

Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. -Buddha

Working as lifeguard at a camp for the blind seems like the perfect escape for Nina. But a few perceptive kids can hear her thoughts. Can embracing her truth help her heal and reveal possibilities she never imagined?

Feathers and Fireflies

Will you follow the fireflies?

Seventeen year old Rory of Vanora Village dreams of capturing the sacred summer solstice ritual of the animal shapeshifters with her trusty charcoal and parchment. But with only legends and tales to guide her, she cannot even convince her childhood friend, Lucas, that the ritual is real. On the night Rory follows the fireflies, she gets far more than she bargained for.

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Capo Kamalou says

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Melanie says

This Book Was Given To Me In Exchange For An Honest Review

This is a YA Anthology featuring 5 new stories from 5 different authors, all of which were new to me.

This for me was a really mixed bag story wise but at \$0.99 it is a bargain definitely worth picking up. Whatever your paranormal preference there is probably a story in here which will appeal to you and the great part with an anthology is if you aren't feeling one you can always skip to the next one.

I took the average rating for each of the stories and it ended up as a 4 stars from me.

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Chrissy Moon says

This was a great collection!

Part of Your World by LA Starkey: Aside from a couple questions I have, I really have to say that I thoroughly enjoyed this story; in fact, it's one of my favorites from the collection.

I should probably mention that The Little Mermaid is my favorite Disney movie. This story is not a retelling of that movie; I would say that although it has a sprinkling of inspiration from it, it has its own lore and 'rules' that makes the reader want more.

I would also like to thank the author for the epilogue; too often does an ending leave a reader thinking, Well, what happened after that? Well done and thank you.

Glistens by Chess Desalls: Incredibly imaginative, the author truly created a new world, one that is somehow intertwined with ours. It's smart and appropriate for a YA audience.

Tethered by Kelly Hall: A tale about feuding paranormal families and an unavoidable innate bond, I enjoyed this tale, as I enjoy all of Kelly Hall's work. As usual, she has a lot of good lines. One of my favorites is "I'm in love with her; still and always."

Drops of Sunshine by Tricia Copeland: I appreciate the subject matter this author chose to write about for this story. I haven't read a lot of stories featuring disabled children and I thought it was smart the way the author wove in the mind-reading with the children as well as Nina learning how to let people in ("Needing others didn't make me weak").

Feathers and Fireflies by Melanie Rodriguez: Great flow, a lot of personality in the narration, and a great, meaningful ending. Perfect way to end the anthology because it leaves the reader with a happy, fulfilled feeling.

Tina says

The nice thing about an anthology is that there is always something for everyone. Spellbound is filled with 5 captivating Young Adult stories. Each unique, with their own supernatural spin. I was taken on a new journey with each story and touched by the very well written stories. Each author has their own style, so I found it exciting to begin each new novel.

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Book 4, Drops of Sunshine by author Tricia Copeland moved me. Nina went away to work at a camp that cares for special needs children. She thought this would help her to get away from her problems and the heartache she was experiencing. Pretty normal story, but the beauty of it is that these "special" children were gifted in a way that was unexpected and gave me chills. They could see and feel the emotions and struggles that Nina had been trying to hide. From the quiet Lily who called her by her childhood nickname to the brother of one of the counselors that could see the visions of her fear. I was just mesmerized by the authors ability to draw me in and raise the hairs on the back of my neck. Extraordinary!

If you are a fan of YA Paranormal/Supernatural this book is for you. All 5 books could be made into a series and I would be the first to buy them. I highly recommend this book!

2OCC Reviews says

I loved these stories! Each and every one of them were worth reading.. The writing was good, there were no plot holes in any story, I finished this in a few hours! - My favourite was most definitely Drops of Sunshine by Tricia Copeland.. The way it played with my emotions was incredible, especially for such a short story. It really was magical to read.

I will definitely be reading this collection of books again.. Each one made me smile.

A massive 5 stars overall from me for the whole book, also I'd give 5 stars for each authors as I loved them all.

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Darci N says

I have been enjoying the talent of several new (to me) writers in YA, while making my way through this anthology. I highly recommend this read for paranormal YA lovers, but also for all readers looking for something new. Anthologies are always a great place to introduce yourself to new writers in the genres you love, but also to introduce yourself to new genres.

Eliana Martin says

this is a paranormal young adult novella collection, it has 5 books/novellas . Tricia Copeland's book is number 4. which i already reviewed in drops of sunshine by Tricia Copeland.

the book is really nice, the stories are very different from one another, i enjoyed some more than others, but because i like to get to know new authors i purchased this e-book on google play books.

Part of your world, by L.A Starkey was one of my favorite ones. I've never read any books to do with mermaids or anything like that. But i must admit i enjoyed this wonderfully written novella.

Agie says

Anthologies are a fun way to get introduced to new authors and to read something new from your favorite ones. This is a fun summer read for young adults - my rating above it the average of the 5 stories. Below are my reviews of each:

*** 3 stars for Part of Your World by LA Starkey - interesting premise that reminds me of The Little Mermaid but it's more about the Little Merman :) It seemed a bit rushed in parts, which is why I only gave it 3 stars.

**** 4 stars for Glistens by Chess Desalls - when I was reading the story, it reminded me a bit of Harry Potter. I really enjoyed learning what a Glisten is, their magic and felt for Marian as she had to make some tough choices to ensure she did not break her promise to her ward.

** 2 stars to Tethered by Kelly Hall - my least favorite of the 5 stories. It just seemed a bit silly and I skipped a lot of parts because of it.

***** 5 stars for Drops of Sunshine by Tricia Copeland - I really enjoyed reading this one. The characters are well written and very relatable. I would like reading more about Nina and Jacob.

***** 5 stars for Feathers and Fireflies by Melanie Rodriguez - this one was my favorite! I really enjoy Rodriguez' writing and to me, she just keeps getting better. Rory and Lucas are really great characters and I hope that they will get to have their own full length novel or some more short stories depicting their adventures. Follow the fireflies! :)

Brooke says

I received an ARC in return for an honest review. I loved the premise of this book and how each author wrote their own story and took their own perspective on a paranormal novella. That being said, I do feel like some of the stories were a bit rushed at the end, which is why I gave it an overall 4 stars. I would recommend either shortening the individual storylines or making each one a little bit longer. I particularly enjoyed Tricia Copeland's Drops of Sunshine because of her use of pacing throughout the story as well as the plot itself. She was able to make sure the story was coherent without rushing the ending due to the need to make it short. Even though some of the novellas seemed rushed, I did still enjoy all of the stories and how they fit together in the collection.

Timothy Killoran says

It was a very good read. Wasn't very spectacular as the name of the book suggests.

Chess Desalls says

Enjoyed reading all the different interpretations of the theme—so much fun! (Can't wait to get my hands on the paperback.)

Michelle Olms says

Great book

Karen says

What a great idea, so readers can sample up and coming writers! I didn't like all the stories by any stretch but it was a very enjoyable read overall, with some wonderful stories included. Totally worth the read to find them. One that stuck out for me was "Feathers and Fireflies" [Book 5, by Melanie Rodriguez] - it was well written and had a good flow to it. It was hard to put down as it had a few surprises in there as well! Some great imagery and an interesting story line, a treat to read. I also enjoyed "Part of Your World" [Book 1], an interesting take on a version of The Little Mermaid.

Claire - The Coffeeholic Bookworm says

Here are my ratings for the stories under Spellbound.

4 stars for Part of Your World by LA Starkey - simply because I love everything about mermaids. I can read all tales and novels about this fish-tailed creatures every day and would not get tired of them. LA Starkey took me to a ride underwater with Dominic, the prince of mermaids who was about to be married to someone

he didn't love. Then came Kinsley, a mortal, a human who had always been fascinated about life in the caves and under the sea. I wish this was longer, though. I want to know more of what happened with them when their fates were sealed.

5 stars for Glistens by Chess Desalls - this is perhaps my most favorite among the bunch, because it's my first time to read about fireflies and their world. Marian Spritz is a good heroine, she's got a good heart for those who are in need, even if the one calling for her help is a fellow Glisten who was never good to her. I love this story so much, I demand Chess Dessals to write a trilogy of this.

3 stars for Tethered by Kelly Hall - a story about vampires with feuding families. Sounds like Romeo and Juliet with a twist. I enjoyed the banters between Grandma Aggie and Hazel, and I was hopeful for Emma and Jayden's story.

4 stars for Drops of Sunshine by Tricia Copeland - I liked this story too because it is quite different from the other novels in the book. Nina has enough on her plate, having to deal with divorcing parents, her mom's an alcoholic and her dad's new wife is her best friend's mother. Then there's her deaf brother who has always acted special and perceptive of her. When she joins a camp for kids with special needs, she's in for a treat. Girls like Leslie and Lily can actually read her mind causing her to bolt and be more aware of her surroundings. Nina isn't really sociable so she's having a hard time dealing with her co-counselors and is afraid to open up.

5 stars for Feathers and Fireflies by Melanie Rodriguez - although at first I was confused with the title of the story because I was hoping to read about birds and fireflies. I was so wrong. This short story is about a girl named Rory who loves to draw using a charcoal but her uncle forbids her to do so. Reasons out that girls aren't meant for anything except to be housewives and do house chores. When his own son Aeden defies him and tells him that he's going after the woman he loves, the two young ones escape the old man's clutches and meets with Mistress Kyna, a scribe, who seems to believe the tale of animal spirits and their destined human mates. I didn't know about the shape shifters until the end of the book, and that was a great and unique experience. So much love for Rory, Aeden, Lucas and Sorcha!

I always loved reading short stories and anthologies. I can always finish one story in one sitting, take a rest or a drink, relish the story a little more, and then I'll proceed to the next story. Before I knew it, the next read would be better and the next, and the next, until I realize I love all the stories and can't particularly choose a favorite. In Spellbound, five talented writers joined forces to give the readers the chance to get to know the authors and be drawn to their world. I love all the short novellas in the book and I'm craving for more!
