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I wish heroes didn't only exist in fairy tales.

The closest I have to the myth is Skyler, my best friend. Maybe it's selfish, but I'm so grateful not to be alone in my life, or in our high school parking lot when the bullying begins. Every morning, standing by my side is my best friend.

Sky and I are... different. Or, at least, that is how it feels. So, we hold each other near and keep everyone else at bay. The only two people who can see through our defense are the Wise Ones. They love us unconditionally and do their best to shelter us, but they're high schoolers themselves. How can I break their hearts and tell them they are... failing?

My name is Serenity. And I am a girl with secrets.

When I meet Dereck and instantly have visions of past lives with him, I have to think that maybe heroes really do exist.

But can I trust the light he brings? Or will his brightness only lead me further into the dark?

Serenity Details

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Irena says

DNF

I gave up when I reached sth about 20% of the book.

This was just not for me. It was way too cheezy for my taste and I found myself lost at times bc all the love scenes made me feel like the time passed bc it felt like love statements were just too strong for this short amount of time in which they were made.

The main story seemed like it had a potential but I knew I wouldn't like it as much as I would like to bc I kept rolling my eyes over and over again.

I decided that the fairest thing would be just to stop wasting my time, dnf it and give it no rating then to finish it and give it a low star(s) rating when in the reality the main reason I did not like this book has more with me then the story itself.

I have to state that I can see some younger readers could enjoy this book, especially fans of the Twilight Saga.

Briana says

Wow. I am utterly speechless right now. This novel has everything in it; love, disaster, heart ache. It had funny moments and sad moments. But overall, every emotion/every situation was written beautifully.

When I started this book, I was not prepared for the intensity it portrays. At times I had to stop reading for awhile and then come back because of its realism, and since some of the experiences Serenity went through India went through as well got me...

While reading I laughed, pouted *ahem*, cried, almost threw my kindle at the wall. Overall just an amazingly written novel with real situations in it that isn't sugar coated.

The writing style of India Adams is spot on. I love the characters and their personalities. Each character is unique and has their own story, which I thought was planned out brilliantly.

The fantasy portion of it was written uniquely as well. Like I said before I wasn't prepared for the intensity of it, but overall incorporated beautifully. And will love to read the rest of this series

I don't really have any big critiques that influence my rating. At times the story was dragged on in some parts where I could see the author was trying to portray a certain emotion, but at times I felt like we got the point a chapter before. I also think some questions Weren't answered in this book, but hoping they will be answered in the next books in the series.

A heart wrenching story. A must read. Thanks India for allowing me to read your book. And thank you for allowing me to be the first to receive an arc copy. I absolutely love your bravery with writing this book. I applaud you.

5 star rating

ARC provided by author for an honest review

Carrie says

Sixteen year old Serenity hides her secret of her abusive home life well. She only has a handful of friends that she trusts but even they do not share in that horror which haunts her. Serenity also know there's something a bit different about her than others. She can see the dark or light that surrounds a person and has visions of other lives and a woman that she feels connected to.

Serenity is a book that holds so much in the pages that it's hard to describe and do it justice. It's definitely an emotional roller coaster ride from start to finish that will have a reader laughing and crying at any given moment. Serenity will hook you into her story very early on and have you guessing until the very end on just where the book will take you.

As usual with a book from India R. Adams I felt like she lives and breathes her characters and brings them to life to tell their stories. With such emotional and tough subjects involved such as abuse, rape and alcoholism it's a tough read in spots but also there's a light to the characters as they find a way to deal with all that is going on and some very heartwarming moments. A touch of fantasy involved in this one was just the icing on the cake to make this a very unique and wonderful read.

Overall, great writing that makes you feel every emotion along the journey and that brings the characters to life. Definitely one I'd recommend checking out.

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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Dianne says

Once again, India R. Adams blazes her own trail with depth, drama, charm and suckered punched my heart with the raw pain and a beautiful soulmate connection for a girl who sees emotions in colors, has dream visions and lives in a brutal reality. **Serenity** goes beyond an emotional rollercoaster as Ms. Adams exposes the ugly truths of dysfunctional families, child abuse and alcoholism, while giving a teen girl the support system few people truly have from unlikely sources, other teens and a secret diary.

Serenity and her best friend have been tied at the heart for years. Each lives a secret life of abuse and for so long had only each other to cling to. When older teens become their surrogate family, an unbreakable bond occurs and they find a safe place to land in the storm. When Serenity meets Dereck, she feels she has always known him and his kind and protective aura. When life reaches crisis-nightmare level, it is Dereck and his family that become her true shelter from the storm and they will go to any length to remain together. Is Dereck really Serenity's future? Have the Fates saw fit to give a young woman the life she deserves or will

they have one more mountain for her climb? Will she be strong enough to meet the summit?

When it comes to deep and meaningful writing, India R. Adams knows how to dig in and present a tale of heart that exposes tough topics while still bringing the joy of great reading to all who open her books. Her attention to setting a tone and then changing it up just a touch is brilliant as what starts out as a group of teens together, seemingly a little over the top in their exuberance reveals the true story of the value of support through hard times. Add in some romance, sadness, humor and wonderful characters and you'll be hooked on the magi that is India R. Adams' writing.

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Sharon Mariampillai says

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Thank you India R. Adams for the opportunity to read your book. This was an amazing read. The concept really intrigued me. Also, after reviewing her novella, Blue Waters, I really fell for the author's writing. The story was a beautiful masterpiece. The characters were wonderfully developed. Serenity is a special girl who lives in a not so loving home. I felt bad for the things she went through. Her best friend, Sky, also from a rough home life, has been through a lot of things. Their friends, Josh and Jolene, aka the Wise Ones, take care of them and act as their mother and father in a way because they are really caring and nurturing towards them. They meet Josh and Jolene's Crew: Alex, Payton, Dereck, and Rocco. Rocco becomes smitten with Sky, while Dereck and Serenity have a special attraction. The story was heartbreaking at moments, especially close to the end of the book. I cried a bit during the ending chapters. The ending was beautiful. I can't wait to read Book 2. Overall, an incredible read.

Eeiko says

I received this in exchange for an honest review.

This book is about a group of teenage friends and their lives together as they struggle with issues of bullying, abuse, opening up, and growing up. The main character can see auras and has strange dreams and visions that lead her to figure out that she is connected with her lover and friends through past lives.

My main issue with this book was the characters and the dialogue.

All of the friends are good people that are amazingly kind and talented. No one ever tries to hurt anyone and

they're all friends forever (it seems literally). Pretty much everyone outside of the friend group is just bad and have murky auras. In short, one-sided characters.

The dialogue - there's a lot of it, it's repetitive, and it doesn't do much to move the story along. Much of the book is them living out their daily lives and their daily lives are pretty boring. I get that the time they spent together and the dialogue were supposed to help me get attached to the characters. It was supposed to make me laugh, or cry, but most of it fell flat for me. Instead it was all very cheesy and I couldn't stand reading over and over about how great a person everyone was and how much they loved each other.

So to sum up, the one-sided characters and repetitive dialogue made for a very boring and painful read.

India Adams says

Serenity is a very heavy book. I warn, she is NOT for the faint of heart. This novel will show sides of people that are not pretty, and that is the point. It will also show support through beautiful characters, representing the wondrous depths of the human heart.

Help children that are facing abuse at home.

This novel was written by me, as an adult, for the child I was... who wished for more...

L.N. Denison says

Heart breaking in places!

I know I have probably said this before, but i'll say it again! I am a great fan of India R. Adam's work and always will be. She has a unique style and the way she translates her stories to paper is nothing short of amazing. I think she is one of the only people I know who can pull off the first person POV properly.

Now to the nitty gritty! Serenity deals with many different topics. Some of them I can relate to, but won't divulge, as it is a part of my past that I choose not to openly discuss.

The main character, Serenity was doing really well hiding her homelife from her friends until an incident involving her close friend, Sky was brought to light...then everything seemed to be more open. She had some great support from her friends, especially her boyfriend.

Again! I think I felt every emotion possible as I read this book...and felt a little uncomfortable...but that is what makes a good book. I'm now working my way through the second book in the series. This is a must-read, and it will break you...mark my words!

Sage Knightly says

4.5

Serenity is a heartfelt journey that takes you on an emotional ride through hopelandia. Even when your heart is broken, you're healing from all the hope this book gives you. Even when you're surrounded by the darkness, the light always finds a way in.

Serenity is a 17-year-old (she starts off 16) girl who is abused and has an alcoholic for a mother. She doesn't tell anyone, not even Sky, her best friend who she can't live without and is connected to in a way that they feel what each other feels. Their journey is a tough one, as they make new friends, find love where they never expected it, and secrets come tumbling out while more are made. Darkness attacks them, and sometimes they get lost, but the hope and light keeps them together.

WRITING

The author's writing is brilliant. I laughed, I cried, I cheered. I became so invested in these characters and their lives that I forgot I was reading a book. The writing sucked me in and didn't let me out until I finished the book. I thought about the characters constantly while I wasn't reading and imagined the different paths the author could take them. The writing is simply amazing.

CHARACTERS

They were great. At times their voices did seem to blend, and the shorties did seem a bit too childish and dependent after they met Rocco and Dereck. Otherwise, they were all strong, compassionate, selfless characters.

Jolene and Josh were the parents of the group, protective and watchful, understanding. They listened to their friends and got them back on their feet every time, even if it meant giving them a reality check. They fought endlessly for their friends.

Serenity and Sky, the shorties, were the babies of the group. They were the shortest, but also the most sorrowful as they both have tough home lives. Glued together, they're attached at the hip and feel everything the other feels. They're both compassionate characters who appreciate their friends. They make others see the beauty in things. Sky is a bit more outgoing, but they're mostly similar.

Dereck and Rocco are the romantic interests, the main protectors of the shorties. They find out what true love is and they treasure it. They are everything a girl could want in a boyfriend, understanding, gentle, kind, loving. They made their girls feel treasured.

ROMANCE

There is a bit of a love triangle with Dereck and Rocco's exes, and the romance is instant, but it doesn't feel like it. We have visions and chemistry that make it seem like it was meant to be, and it was. I adored every moment of the romance, and I'm not usually a big fan of it. I was rooting for people, wanted a pair together and another to make it out of the darkness. I never stopped caring, I actually cared too much.

PLOT

I didn't predict anything correctly at all. There were twists and paths that I never saw coming. I was on the edge of my seat the entire time, and I loved it! It did get dramatic at times, but I didn't really care because I enjoyed the story too much. And while I hate that something so sad had to happen, it brought this story together in a tighter, hopeful way. I can't wait to see where the author takes us in book two!

OVERALL

Serenity takes you on a journey of heart ache and hope, where you learn to treasure things in life and appreciate what you have. The author wasn't scared to give us details about the abuse (though it was only a few scenes), or the darkness of depression and sadness. Healing takes a long time, but with loved ones by your side, fighting for you, you'll make it through.

*Review originally posted here

*A huge thanks to the author for providing me with an eARC in exchange for an honest review!:)

Kaitlin says

Actual rating: 4.5 Stars

Full Review on my blog: <http://kaitbooktopia.blogspot.com/201...>

Serenity was such a beautiful and carefully crafted story that you are bound to fall in love with. You will feel so many emotions that keep you invested in the story and characters. I 110% recommend this story. It is definitely one I will re-read over and over again.

Yesha says

(Note: I received book from the author, in exchange for an honest review. I am glad I got a chance to read this book. Many thanks to author.)

This book is about social abuse and bully, how that can affect so deeply to a person, struggle of coming out of that suffering to a whole peaceful person. How friendship and love that can heal anything in life.

This novel featuring Serenity, who was born different, had a gift to see aura of people, having a dreams of brown cloaked woman who giving signs to her in her life. She living in house that her parents has turned into dark battle ground and even at school she is facing bullies. In this lonely, tormenting, terrifying world, her best friend Skyler and young couple- Josh and Jolene- are life boat for her. They are like family to her who fill the gap that her own parents had given. They eventually bring a life savior in her life, Dereck. When they first meet, they feel they know each other from many life times. Can Dereck and Serenity's friends save her from the darkness of her life? Are Dereck and Serenity meant to be together? Who is that cloaked one in her dreams?

Characters: Crew - the Wheel of this ship - Serenity, Dereck, Josh, Jolene, Rocco, and Skyler- they were so adorable. I wish such friends in everyone's life. The boys were so loving and I could feel the pain of girls. I loved Josh and Jolene the most in the book, without them I can't imagine the life of other crew member. The love between these couples- Josh and Jolene, Dereck and Serenity, Rocco and Sky- was incredible.

What I liked in this book- Everything...! Characters, their powerful emotions, love and friendship of crew- they just drew me in their world and I was lost in them. Poems and songs-they were remarkable. I like how India include music in her books, it make them so unique. Deep moral behind the story that can motivate children/women who has faced abuse in life.

I was literally crying from climax to the end. This part of the book touched me the most. I am going to read this whole series.

I recommend this book to everyone.

Snow says

So, India R. Adams , challenged me to see if her book Serenity can make me cry. Now my besties Shanny and Denise (Sirens Book Reviews <http://sirensbr.wix.com/sirensbookrev...>) know that - me crying is like that sayin "when hell freezes over" but I'm up for the game, just so I can see how far emotionally I can go ?? LOL

Let's do this!!!

Reading finished **April 14, 2017.**

I didn't cry per se, but **this was one of the most emotionally fulfilling books** I have ever read!

India R. Adams writes a **poetry in motion** while she presents events that are **painfully real, devastatingly cruel in grasp, hard to process** and yet she gives us **hope, deliverance and catharsis** through out love and devotion beyond any measure, beyond comprehension!

This is a story about being different and being placed in a cruel and abusive environment that will test the border lines of these two beautiful teenage girls and shape their paths towards the freedom of their physical lives, mental and emotional states and inner spiritual connection, through out reviving friendship, special bond that transcends time, as they find strength in each other and the few special people around them, they would find love. But before that can happen, the hardship of growth, of life itself, of circumstances that are destined, of faith that can NOT be avoided, after the pain of loss and suffering the meaningful essence will come through and it will shine through the dark...

To love someone, truly love someone, means that self sacrifice is sometimes the choice that has to be made.

I can't really explain everything that transpires through out the story, I just let go and felt it. I was placed into these alternate world of painfully beautiful experiences...and the only segment reliable that can't be taken for granted as it connects every sphere, spirit, material, non-material, palpable or not...is the notion of transcendence of eternity - TIME - eternal love - TIME

"Not even death will part us, will it, Dereck?" He smiles.

"No Baby Doll, we are forever."

I honestly feel like I can't find words worthy of this story. I can only express my own emotional state and appreciate the foundation I keep Building this notion upon, and keep on cherish the beauty in everything.

You dont want to miss out on this experience. You won't be sorry if you decide to enter this catharsic world, in fact just the opposite. You will feel alive and grateful for the little things you should cherish as precious every single day.

India R. Adams is an author worthy of your attention and time, I know she enriched mine.

Complimentary COPY given by the author in exchange for an honest review

Mimiorphee says

This book is a true UFO, as I've never read that kind of story before. It's long, very long, and emotionally intense. Don't think you'll get through it unfeeling, this is a moving story! With the spiritual/ magical/ mystical and very enigmatic tone, we are plunged into the heroine's cruel life.

Serenity is a teenage girl who lives with abusive parents, she deals with domestic violence and alcohol. From the beginning you know that it's going to be a difficult read, and the heart-wrenching scenes will soon confirm the sensation.

But there is so much more beyond sorrow and pain! The resilience and incredibly strong feelings binding Serenity and her friends feel like a much needed reprieve from her horrible family. Very few authors have that ability to make you see and feel the light in the most sad and painful moments. India has that gift. She will make you cry and then smile, she will make you feel her character's distress and then their healing love toward one another. Their connection, compassion, empathy and kindness form a shield around Serenity, one that feel like a soothing balm. I don't know if I'm making much sense here, but if you give it a try (you need to), you'll instantly recognize what I'm talking about.

Serenity is a profound read about survival and the power of love, of being surrounded by the right people and the purity of feelings. Something to think about, I sure did!

I VOLUNTARILY REVIEWED AN ARC COPY OF THIS BOOK. THANK YOU!!!

J. Kahele says

This is the best way to describe this book, serene and filled with such beauty.

Serenity is a very special seventeen-year old girl, who lives in a not so special home with a mother who completely drove me crazy in the story. She knows she is different, she feels things and can see the light(good) and darkness(bad), in every living thing. She stumbles across a diary that she is amazed by because the words written on the pages are so similar to what Serenity is experiencing in her own life. She begins to dream about the girl who wrote the diary and feels instantly linked to her, emotionally. Like her, Serenity's best friend Sky also has a not so pleasant home life. But they are both very lucky because they have a couple, Josh and Jolene, that helps to take care of them. It's this couple that introduces them to Dereck and Rocco. Serenity is smitten with Dereck almost immediately and it's when the visions begin and Serenity is thrust into a world of the unknown.

4.5 Stars.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Blurb:

To say I know where this story begins is to say I remember what lifetime started it all...and why. What I do know is this lifetime is hard and cruel...maybe like the rest. That is until I meet him—the light that shines and guides me. To where, I don't know, but my soul chooses to follow regardless. I believe my soul has done this before. I believe I will follow him...forever.

"The toll on my spirit had slowly broken me down—day by day, night by night, drink by drink, hit by hit—to the limp, fragile, lost girl that Dereck Hamilton . . . carried away."

A destructive home life silently destroys Serenity, a 16-year-old girl, until her broken spirit is given a gift in the form of an old journal that sends her a visitor in the night. The cloaked woman teaches Serenity that the lingering feeling of missing a part of her soul may not be a figment of her imagination, and with these words, Serenity's journey, of this lifetime, begins.

*"Away from the sun I close my eyes
and release myself into the unknown
I hope she is there
I hope she is there..."*

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