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Relationship: Edward Cullen/Bella Swan

Edward and Bella have dark pasts that leave them severely emotionally scarred, with nightmares that force them to stay awake. They meet and begin to form a bond during the night hours.

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From Reader Review Wide Awake for online ebook

Sandy Southern says

I've officially read this one 10 times! It gets better every time!!!!

This is the little taste of crack that will begin your consuming addiction into the wonderful world of Fan Fiction. Read it - I dare you.....

I can't say enough good things about this story. I love cussing Edward so much - and jealous Edward, I love him too. This was the first Fan Fiction I ever read and I just read it again, and I must say: I've read about a thousand books since I first read this story and Wide Awake is better than all of them put together. I wish AngstGoddess003 knew how wonderful she is.

Tabitha (Bows & Bullets Reviews) says

The review is also available on my blog, Bows & Bullets Reviews

*****CAUTION: This review may contain possible spoilers, profanity, and rabid fangirling.*****

With all this hype going on about Fifty Shades Of Grey by E L James, which for those of you who don't know is an erotic novel that started off as a Twilight fanfic, I couldn't resist the urge to reread my favorite Twilight fanfic. This story is probably one of the best things I have ever read. Fanfic or not, it is still an amazingly written story of loss and love.

It obviously follows the story of Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. It's written in first person, alternating between Bella's perspective and Edward's. Both characters have serious flaws and are fucked up in more ways than one. Bella was the victim of a month long home invasion where her mom's ex-boyfriend locked her in a closet and abused her mentally and physically. This event leaves her mom dead and Bella so traumatized that the simple touch of any man sends her spiraling into a mental breakdown. She refuses to sleep because when she does, she has the worst nightmares and wakes up in a panic. She spent a year in group homes before finally allowing her aunt Esme to convince her to move in with her and her daughter, Alice. Edward is equally fucked in the head. When he was nine, he was in a house fire and watched his father burn to death. Shortly after the fire, his mother put him up for adoption and he spent years in group homes before being adopted by Dr Carlisle Cullen. He blames himself for the fire and his father's death. He is similarly afflicted as Bella in that he also refuses to sleep because of the horrid dreams. And speaking of Edward...DAMN. This version of him is lovingly referred to as "dark Edward" because he is a fowl mouthed, cocky, antisocial motherfucker. And I LOVED it.

The two are drawn together when they realize they have a similar problem and start spending their nights together out in the cold at the gazebo that is between her house and his to help keep each other awake. Things continue in this fashion, with the nightly hangouts for a few weeks until Edward gets completely exhausted and falls asleep on Thanksgiving. Bella becomes so worried that she climbs the lattice to his balcony and finds him curled in the middle of his bed, deep asleep whimpering, shaking, and with tears streaming down his face. She tries to awaken him by yelling at him, but no such luck. Desperate to help him, she crawls into the bed, knowing that touching him means another mental break but needing to wake him, and starts to try to wake him with her touch. And then something amazing happens. She can touch him. She doesn't feel the panic or have the mental flashes that she gets when anyone else touches her. She still can't

wake him, so she starts stroking his hair and humming the song his mother used to hum to him and he calms instantly. Eventually he unconsciously wraps an arm around her waist and she still feels no panic. Somehow, she ends up drifting off to sleep wrapped in his arms. They both wake up nightmare free many hours later and everything changes after that. She starts sneaking over to his house every night to sleep. Though she is attracted to him, it takes him a long time to admit his attraction to her for fear that he will fuck it up and ruin the sanctity of their sleeping. A lot of shit happens after this and things get better and then worse and then better and so on.

This story is so well written and it's obvious the author put a lot of effort into the research behind the illness that affect the characters. Bella & Edward don't just skate along carefree while being severally sleep deprived. That shit had serious medical consequences. As does post traumatic stress disorder which both characters obviously have. These issues are eventually addressed as the characters work towards a better relationship. The two finding solace in each other isn't a cure-all for their problems even though they think it is.

You guys have no idea how much effort I am putting into not fangirling out right now. This story will make you laugh, cry, scream, and get so angry that you wish the characters were real just so you could punch them in the face and tell them how stupid they are. And it's all worth it. This is just one of those great things that stick with you even as you read other things. This was my sixth time reading it and the wow factor still hasn't worn off. I'm just blown away by it. Maybe it's because I can relate (on a WAY smaller scale) to some of the issues that are faced, but this is one of those stories that is always in my head. Dark Edward rolls around in there along with Bella and Alice and Jazz. No offense meant to Stephenie Meyer, but this fanfic makes Twilight look like it's deaf, blind, and retarded cousin.

It really is a must read, so go read it now. Seriously, you have no fucking excuse not to because it's a fanfic so it is free, so go google "Wide Awake fanfic" and read it. NOW!

Random side note, I made a playlist for the epic story and it's below, in no particular order.

1. All The Same by Sick Puppies
2. White Balloons by Sick Puppies
3. My World by Sick Puppies
4. Survive by Sick Puppies
5. Master Of The Universe by Sick Puppies
6. The Bottom by Sick Puppies
7. The Red by Chevelle
8. Forfeit by Chevelle
9. The Gift by Seether
10. Walk Away From The Sun by Seether
11. Never Leave by Seether
12. The Crow And The Butterfly by Shinedown
13. Beyond The Sun by Shinedown
14. Stop And Say You Love Me by Evans Blue
15. Possession by Evans Blue
16. The Tease by Evans Blue

Siobhan says

I searched around on the internet one day looking for a Twilight website my sister told me about and came

across another site that proclaimed it was 'Twilight Fan Fiction Month'. I read through the summaries and clicked on the link to the first one I liked. It was Wide Awake.

I devoured every single word, see up until that point I had only read the books. To say that they left plenty out would be an understatement, I'm sure most Twilight fans agree with me on that point. But to see the beloved characters written in a way that was still them yet not them at all. I loved it! To this day I judge all new fics I read against this one, I try hard not to but I do!

One small piece of criticism, if I may...I read the story when it only had two chapters left. Then it went a year without posting. And I understand why, the criticism is not for the lack of posting, trust me. I just had a year to build up the ending, to make it larger than life in my mind and imagine every possible scenario for it. So, when the actual epilogue came out, it fell flat. Now, after having some distance and being able to re read it in it's entirety then I think it is a much better fit. So in all fairness, I think the issue is in my own mind and not so much in the story!

Either way I give it 5 stars with no hesitation and recommend it to anyone who will listen.

~Tina~ says

I know that technically this isn't a book...but it should be.

Wide Awake is the best of the best in fan fiction.

It has a very special place in my heart and my only hope is that one day this will get published so I can add it to my must have collection!!

Epic Win!!!

Redgie says

why is this even listed on GR?! Hahahaha
whatevs, I loved this shit back in the day

Natalie says

This was the first fan fiction I ever read. I read it years ago and it is one of these few fan fiction stories that play in its own league. It is one of the best one out there and if it ever get published i would buy it in a second. It is a long, heavy read, full of angst. And it is totally addictive. You can literalllly not put it down. I love this and i love this author's every work. She is amazing! Seriously, you should read it. I would almost say that this is better than Master of the Universe (Fifty Shades) and University of Edward Masen (Gabriel's Inferno) or just as good, at the very least.

Colleen Vincent says

This is a very well-known, popular fanfiction based on Stephanie Meyer's Twilight saga. You can get it as a free download online. I was checking out fanfiction, and I read that this was the best Twilight fanfiction, hands down, so I had to read it. This is an all human fanfic, rated M for language and explicit sexual content (lemons). If you are turned off by raunchy and the idea of Edward Cullen saying the f-word in every sentence he utters, don't read it. It will also make you hungry for cookies so if you're on a diet, don't read it.

The characters names and personalities are (somewhat) based on Twilight. For example, Alice is Bella's cousin and is a fashionista, Esme is her aunt and very motherly, and Jasper is Alice's love interest, but Rosalie is his twin. Edward and Bella have traumatic pasts that prevent them from sleeping-hence the title-and they, like in Twilight, develop a strong love for one another. Once I downloaded this story and began reading, it was like reading Twilight all over again. I stayed up until 2:30am two nights in a row to read it as the dishes piled up. I can almost agree with some of the fans who say this story is better than Twilight. While Twilight provides some backdrop for the story, WA can stand alone and maybe even appeal to the Twilight-haters. I think it definitely should be published, but with the raunchy lemons I doubt it would get the same recognition and wide-spread readership as Twilight.

This Edward and Bella have issues, and the author doesn't let them get off easy just because they're supposed to be soulmates. While the threats to Twilight's Edward and Bella came mostly from without, their in danger from their own inner psyches. They realistically battle their histories and the impact it has on forming healthy relationships; the author is not uncomfortable exploring how their dysfunctional behavior may cause possible irreparable damage to their newfound love. There is also humor, and I lol'd a lot. It switches back and forth from Edward's to Bella's point of view, and Edward is just so snarky and funny. The author has given us insight into Edward's mind, thus making him more than just a dazzling cardboard cutout knight-in-shining-armor. I also really liked this fanfic because Jacob was absent from the story instead of standing in as a tired plot device to make two books into four-because we all know Bella was never going to pick Jacob over Edward! (Sorry, had to finally get that off my chest).

There are a few problems with the story. Edward's self deprecation and Bella's intimacy problems become a little tiring after awhile, although these problems are probably very realistic given their histories. I also think the author should have left out the epilogue-it wraps up very nicely right before that, giving the story closure and a great last line. The epilogue is very long and it leaves you with feeling that the events contained within are leading up to a sequel, but the author has vehemently refused to write one (according to her fanfiction.net FAQ page). Also, there are some distracting typos beginning in the middle of the book that the author refuses to fix.

In comparison to other fanfiction I've read, WA deserves four stars. I appreciate the way that the author has transformed the well-established characters of Edward and Bella into people with dimension. You can actually understand why Edward loves Bella in Wide Awake. While the author's inspiration from Twilight is definitely apparent throughout the novel, she truly created a transformative story that can stand on its own two feet.

Krista Ashe says

Wow...I still can't say enough how amazing this story is. It really could be two books because of the length, but man, oh man, did it keep me "wide awake" several nights reading. The author should have a book deal for this over the ridiculous 50 Shades one! With its trailer receiving over 4K hits, there being forums for people having withdrawals after reading, fanmade trailers and gifs, it's obvious this story resonates with

people.

Love this bc it captures Bella's cookie making, which is how all the chapters are titled!

And of course, unicorns stand for something else I won't spoil!!!

The story is so much deeper than I could ever imagine a fanfiction being. Yes, this is Twilight fanfic, but in name only. If you took out the character names, there would be nothing to tie this to Twilight--instead there is a much more amazing story of love and the human condition. Although it deals with really dark themes, there is such humor, hope, and love that it just blows you away.

A little background...Bella Swan comes to Forks because her mother was murdered by a crazy exboyfriend who tortured the pair for over a month. Bella was kept in the closet for most of the time. She is broken now by her experience. She cannot stand the touch of a man or to be in close proximity of one, and if one touches or gets to close, she has a traumatic episode. Her PTSD includes not being able to sleep for the horrific nightmares she endures.

Her mother's sister is Esme, and she and her daughter, Alice, live next door to Dr. Cullen and his adopted sons Emmett and Edward. Oh, the Wide Awake version of Edward is AMAZING!! He's haunted by a dark childhood and the fire that left his father dead and himself physically and emotionally scarred. He also cannot sleep and survives on catnaps.

The two meet at a party thrown at Dr. Cullen's. The reclusive Edward is sketching in his bedroom while the party goes on downstairs. After Bella escapes from the overbearing Mike Newton into Edward's room, the two strike up an odd friendship or bond over their shared dark experiences. They start meeting in the gazebo on the Cullen property to talk. Soon they find that when they are together they can sleep in peace without nightmares.

Then is when the romance begins...and OMG, swoon!!! The chemistry is so real and how they react to each other is both sad, funny, and romantic. And the other characters are very well drawn, different, and their interactions are awesome.

Do yourself a favor and read it...all you have to do is google Wide Awake fanfiction. There are two versions--one with slightly less swearing and naughty bits!

?Angela? says

DNF 47%

916 pages is just too much. I thought I could finish it, but nope, I lost interest. At first it was alright, but apart

from too long the story is also to sloooooow.

Amber says

Hands down my favorite Twilight fan fiction I've read. This shit could easily be a movie or book by simply just changing the names, since there's no other Twilight connection besides location. Definately WAAAAY better then 50 Shades.

? Garima ? says

I don't know how did I land up here. and still bigger concern - how did I decide to give it a go?
I even couldn't stand Steph's own re-writing of Twilight by switching genders, I simply can't read this.

I'm a huge of Twilight and lost count of times I read it. Despite of some of my GR friends' dismay I'm not ashamed of reading and loving it! I like it - suck it up! or unfriend me - see if I care.

That being said, I can't stand reading fanfiction of Twilight. I just can't.

Sorry but can't visualize Bella cussing and smoking cigarettes! As I didn't continue after merely reading 1%, I'm not rating this stuff.

Candice says

Although this work cannot be found in a bookstore, I can easily say it is one of the best things I have ever read. I highly suggest you track it down on the internet because it will change your life like all good literature does.

It has been several years since I read Wide Awake for the first time on fanfiction.com. Yep, that's right, this 52 chapter story started off as a fanfic about the popular novel Twilight. However, aside from the names of the characters, nothing about this story is the same. I have often said that if AngstGoddess would just change some of their names then she could publish this story in a heartbeat. I would go as far as to even say I like this story better than the Twilight Saga (no offense intended to Stephenie Meyer).

The author does a terrific job of capturing the emotions and psychological trauma that these characters face. Edward is quite hilarious and his language is amazingly naughty. The relationship between Bella and Edward is heartbreakingly honest. Again, I believe I prefer this Edward to Meyer's Edward.

There is some heavy language and some adult scenes in this work but all that aside, I would suggest that everyone who can get their hands on it should read it. The storyline is creative and holds so much depth that you will want nothing more than to read it over and over again! BRAVO!

Once Upon a Twilight says

The Mecca of all twilight fanfic!!!

Brandi Kosiner (Brandi Breathes Books) says

Disclaimer: I am reviewing Twilight fanfiction in this post (it will not be a regular thing, so if you don't like it, please don't click unfollow!). Yes, that makes me a nerd. Yes, I am okay if you don't read this :)

This is also rated M, and for a good reason (the story not my review.)

You can read the story here scroll down and there are chapter links on left hand side or read first chapter here, or get pdf here

So, up front- who has read it? Anyone? What are your favorite fanfics if you read them? Just for Twilight or for other books too (I am mostly Twilight but have read a few Vamp Academy)

As for the cover, it fits so much because Bella in fanfic likes to bake and she makes cookies every night and then gives them names based on something in her day.

Okay, so I haven't been able to get this out of my mind the last few days. It is ultimate proof that I have a huge soft spot for bad boys with a tender side. This transforms the Edward and Bella that I love into something darker, more complex. I am drawn to people with issues, watching how love can heal and their journey to healing, and this fanfic has it all.

I guess that it says something that I have a stack of books to review and all I can think about is this story! Okay, so I have said what I needed to, and talked about it a bit, now I am back to the regularly scheduled program.

Their characters are really deeply sculpted. Yes, I know its based on Twilight, but Bella and Edward only share a few characteristics of the ones in the book. We have their connection and their pasts, but in this, Bella is traumatized because in this story Phil was an exboyfriend of her mom's but held a two week long home invasion where Bella heard her mom being tortured and eventually killed and she experienced physical and emotional abuse. As a result, she can't be touched, especially by men, or she has severe flashbacks and ends up screaming, shaking, and out of it.

Edward was in a housefire and watched his dad pass away. After, his mom gave him up to the state. He is crude--he has the filthiest language and most people don't think there is a sensitive man with a lot to offer.

What initially draws them together is that they both can't sleep and go through extreme measures to keep themselves awake. They have debilitating nightmares and will do lots of things to avoid sleep. They meet at the gazebo at midnight, and begin to talk, and eventually Bella realizes that Edward can touch her without her flashbacks.

This story is hot! It contains a lot of steamy moments between the two but it follows a deep emotional connection. They share their nightmares and pasts and feel like its okay because when one shares or shows, so does the other. Tit for tat as they call it.

They create this dependency because they discover they can get a full night sleep in the other's arms. So Bella sneaks out every night, and into Edwards room. (In this story Esme is Bella's aunt who has taken her in. Carlisle is a foster become adopted dad to Edward and Emmett, and Jasper and Rose are in another family).

Of course, they are eventually caught, and Esme and Carlisle forbid them from seeing each other. Their symptoms of sleep deprivation comes back, lowered grades, slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, weight loss, not able to concentrate well, and only halfway making it through life. It is during this separation though that they face some real issues, and start working towards healing themselves in ways they only could when they were ready. I love seeing their transformations and how their love evolved as well as their life outlook.

I give this 5 stars and really think that it should be published. I read it once in 2010 when I was looking for things to read after twilight, and then again this week because I am still thinking about it years later.

Elle says

I have read WA by AngstGoddess003 three times and I'm currently rereading it for the fourth time. It's absolutely my all time favorite fanfic. It's 2-3 years ago when I found this masterpiece and I think I'll be reading WA for the rest of my life, not only because it's so good, but also for the great memories.
