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Sarah Strange is a normal teenager with annoying siblings and a crush on two boys, Mal and Kierlan, who happen to be her best friends. But Sarah also has visions of a place where dragons darken the sky and feast on humans. When Sarah confides in Mal and Kierlan about her visions, she discovers her friends are not who they seem. They are part of the Night World. And they believe Sarah must help establish peace and harmony between humans and creatures of the Night World to stave off the apocalypse. And if Sarah's visions are any indication of the danger, destruction, and devastation that the apocalypse will bring, there is no time to lose...

Per Amazon and Barnes & Noble, the Hardcover print book has no current release date but the paperback is showing possible 2015 date (as of August 2014).

Strange Fate Details

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From Reader Review Strange Fate for online ebook

Leigh-ann says

I just realized that I have been waiting 14 years for this book. 14.

That is disgusting. With all of the demand for this book, I can't believe the publishers have not made her write it.

They had the audacity to re-release the first 9 - that should have meant something. But the years on that are coming and going also.

She can say all she wants about "taking time." When she was sick it was understandable, but the way she pumps out books now this is ludicrous.

Cece says

UPDATE 3/2/2014: Yeah, maybe I should just accept the fact that this book is never coming out, albeit it saddens me to no end. The below rant I wrote about two years ago. Two years ago, LJ Smith told me it would be coming out soon. WHEN IS SOON???

I have the feeling she's left this series to rot. I'll have trouble moving on, but moving on is the way to go. I've got a whole lotta book series out there to read, and their authors are actually willing to finish them!

THE RANT I WROTE TWO YEARS AGO:

After reading a not so recent message from LJ Smith to a fan, my expectations for the book went down.

THERE. CANNOT. BE. TWO. BLOODY. SOULMATES. FOR. ONE. GIRL.

LJ Smith says that this book is incredibly long hence consuming a lot of writing time, but seriously? I think it's been many years now and she's focusing on her other books instead.

I probably won't live by the time the book is released because it took that long to publish. Wait, that's not right. I'm younger than LJ Smith.

ANYWAY...

One of Sarah's soulmates is apparently the last Wild Power. Already Sarah sounds like some selfish snob keeping two boys to herself.

ARGH this is unfair! It's wrong! WHY ARE YOU GIVING ME THE WRONG IMPRESSION OF THE SHOULD-BE-KICK-ASS CHARACTER, LJ?

UNLESS this is completely false and Sarah doesn't really have two soulmates (I mean, soulmates are two souls made for each other, right?) and that the Wild Power or the other guy friend is a soulmate to someone else, I guess it's alright but leaked information like that really triggers bad reactions.

I'm still waiting eagerly for the book though. :)(Gosh I sound so nasty. I'm really frustrated).

I've been so hyped up for this book from spoilers other people posted. Please let it come already!

FragmentsofInk says

I think I was about 10 when I read all the books in this series (Night World), the four original Vampire Diaries books, and all Secret Circle, Dark Visions and Forbidden Game series books. LJ Smith and

Christopher Pike were probably my favorite authors when I was young....

My point: I clearly remember finishing the very last page of the 9th book in the Night World Series - claiming I could look forward to the 10th and final book in the series coming soon to a store near me!!!! I probably had some huge ass grin on my face all day with that news. Sadly, this wasn't a world with social media sites like Twitter and/or Facebook. I didn't even really use the Internet until I was maybe 14, so if there was a way for me to check when the book would release (other than to walk into a bookstore and stumble upon it), I was unaware of it.

I KID YOU NOT: For the next 4/5 years, every single time I stepped foot in a bookstore, I walked straight to the YA section to see if this book magically appeared. It. Did. Not.

Then Twilight happens, LJ's pub steals her books away from her (sad), all her books are re-released and once again the promises start rolling in for the upcoming 10th and final book in the Night World Series. Each and every time the upcoming release date comes and goes, a new updated release date magically appears and it's now a vicious cycle.

It's never coming. And if it does, I'm burning it for the tease it is. This book is nothing more than a serious case of never ending Blue Balls.

J.D. Stroube says

I just read that L.J. Smith is currently working on more books for the Secret Circle and Forbidden game series. Is she kidding? Come on! She keeps making excuses about how she has to take her time in order to write *Strange Fate* well. Maybe if she stopped writing books for the other series... she would have finished *Strange Fate* by now! I am actually very irritated with her. I understood when I read about her family issues, which was why she took such a long break from writing. I even understood why she was waiting for her books to be re-published. However, THIS IS RIDICULOUS! At this point, I don't think she will ever publish this book. I've been waiting for it for over a decade and I think that is more than enough time to write several amazing books, let alone one! I don't even know if I will bother reading this when it finally does come out. (sigh)

-Sorry, I'm just sick of waiting for this book. lol

Luke says

Honestly, I have no idea if *Strange Fate* is ever going to be released. Hopefully, one day, it will be; and everyone who has started the series will finally be able to finish it. However, I won't get my hopes up; I really won't.

Lucille says

Update: October 07, 2015

The year is now 2030. Pluto has been considered a planet again since 2014, the Super Moon occurred in 2015, and the aliens finally visited us in 2019. The vampires have been enslaving us since 2024, have burnt

all our books, and also banned the art of writing them.

The year 2030 ends. Somewhere out there, millions of fans who have been waiting since 1998 for Strange Fate cry out in their beds as they remember the characters whose stories were never finished.

The book never comes out.

Update: So, is the audiobook version out now? Ms. Smith should just self-publish it. She has enough money to do that. And I know that a lot of people would buy it. Because seriously, I just want to know how this series ends.

As of now, the expected publication is in October 20, 2012. This may change.

~~Wait. What? Is this true? I'm calm? Well, I've only *just* been waiting for this since 2009. Three long, agonizing years. So, no, **I AM NOT CALM.**~~

Amanda says

This book was originally supposed to be published in 1998. NINETEEN. NINETY. EIGHT.

I was 13 in 1998. Now I am 27. I have absolutely zero sympathy for LJ Smith. Finishing the Night World series should have been prioritised over starting new projects and writing new series or extending existing series. I can't lie, even as disappointed and jaded as I am, I will probably still read the book if/when it finally gets released. But I wouldn't be surprised if this never happens. All you guys who are moaning you have been waiting 'three long years' since 2009 or whatever- be prepared for the possibility that like me, you might be waiting a hell of a lot longer than that.

Erika says

I seriously can't wait any longer!!! I hope it comes out soon, the dates keep getting pushed back from 2010 to 2018. I wish it would be released already! It is a shame to see such a great series come to an end, hopefully this final book will match up to be as good as the others!

Tina says

wow you know you've been waiting too long for a book to come out when even goodreads removes the date of release

update: release date is December 31st 2030... when this comes out (if it does) im throwing it back at the

author... the original release date was 1998 come on already please

Sarah says

I came to a strange realization recently. I have been waiting for this book for 15 years, over half of my life.

That is a bit disturbing.

kitty cué says

We don't care about Vampires Diaries. Finish this book, I have been waiting to long! AND SERIOUSLY TWO GUYS?! No, I want one you can only have one soul mate (they've said it through all the freaking books!)

LJ Smith, get with the program.

P.S. I was hoping for three stories.

C says

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Tabatha says

[You can check out other reviews on my blog:](#)

I'm giving all readers a fair warning that there will be no fluffiness and cat gifs today. There'll be emotive language and serious topics.

Deep breath

I'm going to assume that L.J. Smith is never going to read this review because despite some, admittedly cute, pictures of a dog I really have no proof that she is still around.

But on the off chance that she is alive and finds herself on this very page then I'd like to say a couple of things.

Firstly, hi. I hope you're doing well, really.

I hope that you're healthy and happy and have a lovely life.

I feel this way because as a reader I care about the person whose words I'm reading, whose words evoke emotions in me. I care.

See, there's a special bond between a writer and a reader. It's a bond that depends on loyalty and trust. So when a writer, a novelist, is taken advantage of, I as a reader feel not only personally scorned on her behalf but am eager to do everything I can to show that I support and understand her.

But it also means that when I as a reader feel as if I am being taken advantage of, being deceived by someone to whom I'm loyal, I feel completely betrayed.

I'm one of many. And while it may seem over dramatic to be so emotional over a book, I don't care. The Night World series means a lot to me. I read it as a young teenager when I first started to discover what really made me happy: Reading.

I love the concept of soulmates. I always have and I always will. I love the juxtaposition between the simplicity of the concept and it's undeniable complexity. It's magical. And I think we all need a little magic in our lives.

But there's a difference between magic and illusion. Whilst magic may be improbable and out-there, there's an element of reality to it. Illusion is just a mirage, it's a betrayal of sorts because there's nothing real there. You're told that there's magic when really it's all a lie.

That's how I feel about Strange Fate. That it's a never ending illusion. Almost, *almost* real but not quite. A trick, a lie.

I realise of course that I sound bitter and possibly insane. But I'm upset. I'm upset that some people have waited even longer than I have and that realistically this illusion is never going to be the magic that we all crave.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe, just maybe Ms Smith has finished Strange Fate and is having it published right this second. But I don't think that's likely. And that is what upsets me.

It makes me sad to know that for a book to take this long there is either no effort going into it or way, way too much. I think that there's beauty in simplicity and as out of character as it sounds I would rather read ten simple stories about magical people finding magical silver bonds than one expertly written book with a complicated plot about magical people with a complicated magical bond.

I liked the simplicity. I miss it, the effortless that the characters had. It was easy. And it was loved.

Lisa Jane Smith, I'm sorry that you felt we needed more than what we had, because I know I didn't. And if you are writing Strange Fate and it really is coming I implore you to please give us some form of indication, some kind of update.

Because if not then I don't know why I'm still waiting.
It may even be time for us to all quietly exit the waiting room.

I think I've matured since the last time I sat down to write about this book. I'm more understanding maybe. Less patient, but more understanding.

Over & Out, T xx

YET ANOTHER EDIT* (April 11th 2013)

(Alleged) Release dates:

Barnes & Noble:

"This item will be available on December 31, 2030."

Umm.. 2030? **AREYOUKIDDDINGME??**

Amazon:

"Release date: April 1, 2013"

THIS ONE, was a fudging April fools. I'm not even kidding.

"Feb 2014"

Let's face the facts, doesn't look as if we'll be meeting Sarah Strange anytime soon..

ANOTHER EDIT*(September 20th 2012)

"The epic STRANGE FATE cuts that long time down to a year, so that you'll see all the soulmated couples as they are after about a year of living, learning, and loving. Some even get married—and one couple ends up expecting the patter of tiny footsteps. Don't even ask who, because it's a deep, dark secret."

Source: ljanessmith.net

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Any ideas? Go ahead and leave a comment, I'm completely buzzing when it comes to the Night World!

Yaaaaaaaay!

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EDIT*(June 8th 2012)

I've added kitteh's for dramatic effect --Plus, they're cute! :0

What? I mean.. What?

If this book isn't released soon, i might actually start a riot.-

I mean, so many of us have been waiting for this book for so long! And L.J keeps writing new books..

What's up with that!?

Ugh!

Over & Out, T xx

Cupcakedoll says

I decided to collect everything I can find out about Strange Fate into a timeline of events leading up to its nonrelease. I do not know L.J. Smith; all the data here is collected from around the internet and thus may not be all correct.

Timeline:

In January 1998 Witchlight, the last of L.J. Smith's books, was published. She'd been bringing out three Night Worlds a year for the last few years, working hard. Strange Fate had a release date—I don't remember what it was but I do remember I'd put in a request for it at the local bookstore. And silence fell. According to wikipedia Ms. Smith stopped writing to care for her brother's children while he battled cancer, and during that time she also lost her mother.

March 2001 the final Vampire Diaries: the Return: Midnight was released. After this all future books were by the ghostwriter. The ghostwriter is anonymous; we don't even know if it's the same person for all the later books.

January 2008 Ms. Smith opened her old blog

October 2009 saw the publishing of the Night World Ultimate Guide

2011 saw the Secret Circle TV series and the news that Ms. Smith was fired by Alloy Entertainment.

October 2012 in an interview with Salt Lake magazine Ms. Smith says she “just finished” The Last Lullaby. So Strange Fate isn't the only lost book!

February 2013 the first chapter of Strange Fate first appeared on Ms. Smith's website. So one chapter is written, anyway!

November 2013 Ms. Smith posts the “What about Strange Fate-- really?” post, which tells us how she decided to split the book into the Strange Fate we hope to know and love and a more “serious” dystopian novel called The Last Lullaby. I actually emailed Ms. Smith about this time, a quick “Dystopias are fun, amirite?” and she responded a quick, “They sure are!” kind of reply.

April 2014 we get articles about tribulations with Alloy, the publisher for Secret Circle and Vampire Diaries. Ms. Smith is no longer allowed to write for Vampire Diaries and Secret Circle. Disagreements about which pairing is the true OTP seems to be the reason for giving VD to ghostwriters. Ms. Smith of course “bit back” by writing fanfiction of her own series so we could continue reading them.

The end of June 2015 had the last facebook post for a good long time. It would be December before fans found out what happened, in the post entitled “And Then I Woke Up.” You've all read it so short version: Ms. Smith had a major medical emergency, was in a coma for like two months, and while she was well enough to post by Christmas she wasn't well enough to do all the normal life stuff. She talks about the difficulty of life in a wheelchair and wanting to write a book with a wheelchair-bound heroine. (Am I the only one who'd love to read that book?)

During 2016 Ms Smith facebook posts mostly about her pets. In January she gave us a chatty post about her still-wonky brain and her Goodreads reviews—she seemed to be planning to do many reviews but only one ever appeared.

December 2016 the hardcover Night World editions were published by Simon & Schuster. In the author's

note Ms. Smith says Strange Fate is finished.

January 9 2017 silence fell. I couldn't find any news from Ms. Smith after that date.

So what happened? We don't know. The obvious guess is that she suffered a medical setback that left her unable to blog or write. In her blogs Ms. Smith seemed just as eager to get Strange Fate to us as we are to read it, and even if she's just pretending to care about her fans I'm sure she cares about paying her medical bills! Logically, she's got to be doing her best to get the book to us.

December 2017 I called up Simon & Schuster to see if I could get any info the internet didn't have. Explained my question to a nice fellow who checked his computer and said... "Publication canceled." I sort of asked if there were anybody who might know more, but he said there really wasn't. He also said the 2030 or whenever date we see in amazon is just a placeholder date and doesn't actually mean anything.

So that's the last word on Strange Fate for now: things do not look good. Strange Fate will probably never see the light of day. But Ms. Smith is still alive as far as the internet knows, and she sure seems like a determined lady, so maybe fate will deal her a better hand in coming years and she'll succeed in getting those lost books into the world.

Alexandra Mott says

MAJOR EDIT

I was doing some research today and I learned that L.J. had taken 10 years off of not writing. I learned that she had personal family issues. I believe family is the number one most important thing in the world so I understand why she hasn't gotten this book out yet. When things start to alter your life you can lose your motivation for anything you do. L.J. must have lost her motivation and took a long break. It is okay now though because would you want her to write Strange Fate in a state where we all know it could have been better? Of course not. We want her to write the book when she is at her best. Everyone has their own issues. We're not L.J. so we don't know what is going on in her life. Shes doing the best she can and I appreciate it.
