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Could she betray him...to save his life?

Always the good-girl, TARA is a typical high-school cheerleader dating a nice-guy football player. She's typical, that is, except for the fact that she's a Banshee who gets premonitions of other people's deaths. When Tara sees her boyfriend, LIAM's, death in an upcoming game, Tara vows to do anything she can to save his life...even if it means cheating on him with his bad-boy twin brother, KEAGAN. Can she change Liam's fate? And if she does, will her own change with it?

*Author note: Since The Banshee and the Linebacker is a 16500-word novella, it is intended to be a complete story but much shorter than a full-length novel. The Banshee and the Linebacker can be enjoyed and finished in one sitting. An excerpt of my full-length urban fantasy/paranormal romance, Entanglements, is included at the end of the eBook

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From Reader Review *The Banshee and the Linebacker* for online ebook

Tamara Ward says

Whenever I begin reading something by P.R. Mason, I have a problem: I can't put my Kindle down! *The Banshee and the Linebacker* is no exception. The story involves a love triangle between two high school brothers and a girl who can see the death of any person she touches.

As usual with Mason, everything – the action, the characters – sucks you in! And, while reading, your new reality seamlessly becomes the fantasy Mason creates.

As a side note, I also enjoy that the setting of the story is the same as found in Mason's other work, including *Entanglements* and *Fated Hearts*. Fun!

(This work does contain mature subjects: death, virginity, and verbal abuse.)

Siobhan Muir says

What an amazing tale. To be honest, this one was misrepresented on Amazon. It's a YA paranormal with romantic elements, not a paranormal romance, but it's a great story. Tara has an unusual gift as a Banshee - she can see when and how someone's going to die. This makes it difficult to have a boyfriend. But she found Liam and he's safe. He'll die as an old man. His fraternal twin brother Keagan, on the other hand, will die in a fiery motorcycle crash. Until Tara touches him and realizes he's destined to accidentally kill his brother in a football game between opposing teams. Tara will do anything to prevent Liam's untimely death, and that's the only reason she's offering sex to Keagan. Right? You'll just have to read it to find out and I highly recommend it. Ms. Mason is a gifted storyteller and keeps you interested, hoping to find out what happens next. 4.5 stars.

Sara says

This may contain spoilers??

This book is about Tara, Liam, and Keagan. Tara is a banshee and she sees how and when people will die when she touches them. Liam and Keagan are twins, and Tara is dating Liam. She sees how both guys die, and wants to change the outcome, because she has visions of both dying soon in different scenerios. In doing this she realizes that she may be with the wrong guy. I did not like exactly how this story went. Not a lot of consideration was put into Liam's feelings, or even Keagan's feelings, even though his ended ok. I did love Keagan! I would love a longer story with him. The story just came off weird to me, and I think adding more and making it longer with more details, and not quite how the cheating went would make a good story.

Aliraluna says

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by: P. R. Mason

My review:

Can you live knowing when the people you love will die? What would you do to save their lives and change their fate? Well meet Tara; a girl that is a banshee and her power is to sense tragedy, death; bad things, not happiness. She's in high school and is in between two hot twin; Liam her current boyfriend is the sun in the body of a cute, perfect in school, family and relationship body and soul; where Keagan is a cloudy storm and hot sin.. and her real love. What can she do when she sees that Liam's fate has change after a fight with his brother? and worst of all... Keagan is the one who kills him. Can love and attractions be the solution?

My thoughts:

I really liked how the banshee creature or power was in this story! I wish I could have read more in this story but I really recommend it! you will really love the characters !

5/5 <3

Judy says

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Keagan & Liam are fraternal twins. Liam is the beloved twin that his father is extremely proud of while Keagan is the bad boy that is always being looked down upon. When Keagan is sent to a different school he joins the football team and Liam is already on his. They are about to play the game of their life when not only are their rivaling schools about to play each other but the brothers have never been more at odds.

Tara is a Banshee. She has visions of when and how someone will die when she touches them. She knew her parents would die in a car accident but couldn't get them to believe her. She now carries the guilt of their deaths on her shoulders. She has been dating Liam as he is safe and she enjoys that in her life. Her visions always showed her that Liam would have a long life....until now. Suddenly the vision has changed and she just has to change his fate. And if Liam wouldn't listen to her then she just had to convince Keagan to help. And she was desperate enough to use any means she could to do so.

This is a shorter story that can be read pretty quickly but it is also a full story. It is unique and well written.
<http://justjudysjumbles.blogspot.com/...>

Nicole says

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Wendy says

Why, oh, why do I insist on torturing myself with these free ebooks?

And WHY did this story get an average of 4 stars??

The problems

1) The characters. The three main characters in this novella are so over-the-top stereotypical, it's not even funny anymore. The "good" girl dating the "good" brother but is secretly attracted to the "bad" brother. And the reason that the "bad" brother is so "bad" is because the parents made him that way. Seriously? I get that the length of this story didn't really lend itself to a whole lot of character development, but this is just sad.

2) The dialogue. It was just painful, particularly during the scene at the beach. I'll let the following excerpt speak for itself:

Keagan pushed [the pizza slice] closer with a smile and a gleam in his eye. "Doesn't the wittle baby wanna eat? Open up the itty bitty tunnel and let the choo choo train come in." "Stop that, silly." I pushed it away. "You'll make me laugh then I'll choke on it."

3) The plot. I get the whole banshee idea. It's a cool concept and one that hasn't been done that often (though I would definitely recommend the Soul Screamers series by Rachel Vincent if anyone is interested in that type of story). Tara's vision of her boyfriend's early death presents a very real and very exciting complication. Unfortunately, my sympathy for his character is very short-lived. It doesn't take long to see that the "good" brother is really a jerk, while the "bad brother is the sweetheart we never knew about.

The positives

It was short.

Carmen says

An interesting and somewhat reading experience! Honestly I was surprised how much I enjoyed this one. I really can't put my finger on what it is about this one that I enjoyed so much – there's actually quite a bit of content that usually annoys me to an extent.

It pulled me in pretty quickly (which is probably a good thing, considering the length), and I stayed well within it until I was finished.

The characters were both enjoyable and annoying. But when they were annoying, it was in a good way (yeah, it doesn't make sense to me either...) that made me want to press on rather than give up. They each had qualities that made me like them, then hate them, then like them again... I was rooting for a different person (especially back and forth between the brothers) the whole time. So that was well done.

Honestly my only complaint on this one is that it was so short – I wish there was more of the story! I'd

gladly read it!

CATHERINE says

This is more like a short story than a book. The main issue I have is that the author doesn't understand what a banshee is which is a feminine spirit in Irish mythology, usually seen as an omen of death and a messenger from the Other world. In the mythology that I am aware of if you hear a banshee or it jumps on your back you are going to die. In this poorly researched story the banshee in question is actually a physic who can see people's deaths. The fact that the girl has been dating one brother for years and just by having a conversation can change their futures is a shallow plot line. The way she uses her female wiles to make the men do what they want is somewhat depressing especially for a female teenage audience. Uninteresting characters and a weak plot ensure this isn't worth your time.

Carol Mason says

A terrific story. This book is young adult but I recommend it for everyone of any age. It keeps you interested and wondering what will happen...right up to the very end of the book. Hard to put down!

Denice says

What kind of parents does Keagan have? Seriously? They're blaming him for that happening? Are you serious? No wonder Keagan is like that...

Liam is not really that good... He's like his parents... Making Keagan's life hell...

As for Tara, at least she chose the right man for her... The other one was not really that supportive...

Overall, the story was good... It's not really exceptional, just right... =)

Happy Reading!!!

★Ruth★ says

I have to say for a short story I really got invested in the characters, got a very clear picture as to who each character was and was totally smitten with Keagan. I do love me a bad boy who needs saving :) For a freebie (at the time) it was very good and would make me look at what else this author has written :)

Brandy Owens says

I didn't get very far before the book completely lost me. Most of what I read revolved around the main

character's monologue about how wonderful her football playing boyfriend is. She monologues about how grateful she is that he has a long life ahead of him. As soon as she started in about her status of virginity and how confused - but afraid - she was, how she wonders how long her boyfriend will stay faithful to her because she won't sleep with him (yet), I knew this book is not at all close to my tastes.

For the amount that I read, less than five minutes later, I can't remember the name of either character and I definitely don't think this has "epic love story" written anywhere near it.

Iris says

I totally loved the aspect of Banshee's, who are able to see the moment a person died. But this isn't used to it's full in the story. Because it's a bit short (only 50 pages) the story didn't delve in it and stayed on the surface. Such a shame, it could have been so interesting.

Furthermore there's not much character developing or any developing at all because of the shortness in pages. It felt a bit rushed for me too fully enjoy the story.

Cat says

Despite the truly awful title of this book, it was pretty good.

In some ways this is perfect as a short story, it doesn't drag on and on, and there's less emotional turmoil (and therefore less droning on and on about it). I do think it could have been longer; a bit more explanation re: banshees but overall this is good length-wise.

The most cringeworthy part of this book for me was the stereotypical characters - WHY oh WHY does every boyfriend have to be on the football team? And whyyyy does she have to be a cheerleader?

You don't get to know the characters very well, and there's really only the one plot but, again, it's a short story so you can't expect too much. Good for the YA audiences with a paranormal flair. Very quick read.
