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A Civil War soldier is hexed and dies to save his men. Can he find true love to live again?

Sarah Knight has a job she's good at, a quirky BFF, and a boyfriend who's bad for her. When Sarah unearths a Civil War artifact on a ghost hunt at Chatham Manor in Fredericksburg, VA, she brings home more than a souvenir.

Lieutenant James "Tanner" Dawson fought for the Union, working as a supernatural liaison for his Major General in a secret Masonic offset called the Brothers of Peril. When he's hexed by a witch, he learns the only way to save his men is to die himself. But death is not the end. Awakening 150 years later, he knows if he wants to be corporeal again, he has to find true love to break the hex: a task no easier in 21st century than it was in the 19th.

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Brandy Nacole says

Another great book by Lisa Medley!

So what would you do if you found an old ring and suddenly your luck began to change? Keep it of course. And that's exactly what Sarah does when her BFF takes her out for the night and she finds an old civil war ring. Sarah's bad luck changes, but so does her love life. When her current boyfriend becomes too aggressive with her, strange things begin to happen. When she discovers her protector is no other than Tanner, a civil war soldier who is the rightful owner of the ring she found, she becomes enthralled to know more about him. This leads for one interesting, and steamy, romance.

I was captivated from the beginning and left wandering about the characters until I had the time to get my hands on the book again. This is a fantastic read built on history, romance, a good ghost story, and two lonely people who find happiness while uncovering what really happened to Tanner the day he was killed and why.

HIGHLY RECOMMEND!

Sierra says

Complete honesty here, I was shocked with how much I ended up enjoying this book based on my initial impressions. The cover is a bit worrying and not gonna lie, I did indeed judge it based on the cover's hokey look. Then again, that was part of the appeal as to why it interested me in the first place! Second was that the premise was something that you do not normally come across and I am a complete sucker for ghost stories, lovers from another time tropes and roll all that into one...I am completely sold. I gave it a go, expecting to read a few pages before bed and before I knew it... it's 4AM and I've finished it.

Very likable characters, especially the secondary characters like the best friend and even the next door neighbor. That isn't to say the main couple did not have more of an impact, I was just very happy with the best friend Ellie's character. That is someone you would want as a BFF and in your corner, no matter what.

The main cast, Sarah and Tanner, were very likable and convincing as a couple. Even with the VERY odd circumstances of their meeting and blossoming romance, it was believable and did not feel rushed at all.

All in all, good romance with very likable characters. Props to the author for the original idea for the plot, you did very well and I appreciate it.

Haley Whitehall says

This was a well written and well researched Civil War ghost romance story. Lisa Medley was able to make the ghost existence of Tanner very believable. I liked Sarah Knight's strong character. She was in a difficult relationship with her boyfriend and then everything changed when she found a ring buried on a Civil War

battlefield.

The beginning was slow. It took me almost halfway through the story before I really got into it. I wish the romance between Tanner and Sarah had been a little stronger. Once they started communicating with each other things progressed rather quickly. Also, some of the supernatural happenings in this book were a bit confusing. That's normal for a ghost book. All in all the author did a wonderful job and I'm looking forward to reading more of her books.

L. says

Consent is Sexy

This is the third of Ms. Medley's books I've read and the one thing I've noticed in every one is that for every steamy scene, enthusiastic consent is a constant.

It doesn't derail the story, or make the steamy scenes any less steamy; quite the contrary, it enhances them.

No matter how flawed or wounded our main characters may be, there is a very clear line of demarcation between the good guys and the bad guys. Gone are the days of romance novels old when the supposed "hero" would rape the heroine, but feel really bad about it, only have her forget the brutality and fall in love with him at the end.

Consent is Sexy and Ms. Medley demonstrates that so very well.

Kimberly DuBoise says

I loved this book! I enjoyed the writing, the plot, the characters. Everything! I found myself really immersed in the story and I was so happy with the ending.

The historical components of the story were so captivating to me. My step-father is involved in Civil War reenactments so I enjoyed that part of the story. What a fascinating spin on our history, a bit of mystery! I found the modern feel of the story was tightly woven in with the historical backdrop. The romance was done just right. Perfect.

The characters were so great, I felt like I had known them for a long time already. They were comfortable, genuine, real. I Like that a lot.

I truly enjoyed every moment of reading this book. Such a pleasure!

I will be reading it again soon for more pleasure!

Amanda says

Loved it. Refreshingly original plot. Definitely one I'll read again.

India says

Sarah didn't want to go on a ghost hunt, but when her friend, Ellie, insists she finds that night changes her life forever. After picking up a ring that she finds on the ground that night strange things begin to happen and her luck changes for the better. Her complicated love life, however, becomes even more difficult, to the point where she has to fight for her life. Her hero comes in the form of a ghost and slowly the couple begin to fall in love. This is a beautiful love story with an unusual couple. The historic aspects are interesting and realistic, making for a unique story.

Jane Hunt says

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This a ghost story with a difference, full of historical detail, vivacious characters and mystique. The authentic opening scenes grab the readers' attention. The surprises and momentum keep you hooked throughout enhanced with poignant romance.

'Haunt My Heart' is a kaleidoscope of colours. It swings from humour when Sarah fails to observe the expected etiquette at the ghost walk to menace when Sarah's life is threatened.

Sarah is a geeky heroine who so easy to like. Strong and resourceful, she is a sceptic when it comes to the paranormal and this leads to plenty of humorous scenes. Tanner reminds me of 'Bill from True Blood', a man out of his time but a true gentleman who has strong protective traits.

The mystery that surrounds Tanner's appearance has its roots in the nineteenth century but the evil prevails, when it is manifests in contemporary Fredericksburg. The romance is gentle and builds in a realistic way, the passion when it explodes is red hot and believable.

This story is a fusion of history, paranormal and romance, which makes 'Haunt My Heart' a book worth reading.

Lisa Medley

Cara Bristol says

When Sarah Knight's BFF drags her along on a ghost hunt, she finds a ring half-buried in the dirt. But her little treasure turns out to be relic that holds the spirit of Civil War soldier James "Tanner" Dawson. Hexed

by a witch, Tanner awakens in the 21st century, but tied to the ring, becomes an eavesdropper into Sarah's life. His only hope of gaining corporeal form is to break the curse by having Sarah fall in love with him. But how does a ghost who cannot be seen or heard get a woman to do that?

I loved, loved, loved this book. The plotting flows seamlessly, the details provide just the right balance to create a visual image in the reader's mind without bogging down the story, and the character actions are spot on. Lisa Medley's humorous writing style and keen observation make the story amusing while the tension builds. Seeing the 21st century technological advances through the eyes of 19th century character was a riot. I loved Tanner's first car ride! Don't let this sweet and sexy romance pass you by. Grab it!

Karen Jennings says

Lisa Medley's *Haunt My Heart* is a contemporary romance set in Fredericksburg and has everything a great story should have: humor, sexy romance, adventure, mystery, secrets, Civil War history, and characters who lead readers on a high-energy journey! Tanner Dawson is the perfect gentlemanly hero with a heart of gold and Sarah Knight is sweet and lovable as well as strong and spunky. Sarah and Tanner's relationship begins through writing letters to each other and Sarah falls in love with Tanner's way with words. But will their relationship survive the evil surrounding Tanner and the fact that he is a ghost from the Civil War era? *Haunt My Heart* is a keeper!

Jennifer DeCuir says

Super likable characters (except for the jerk ex-boyfriend). I loved that Tanner was a ghost who could manifest by drawing enough energy off other people. That said, I really wish he'd figured that out a LOT sooner. It's hard to root for him getting together with Sarah when they don't even officially meet until halfway through the book. But if you can get to the middle of the book, it ZOOMS after that and you won't want to stop reading until the end.

I loved how Sarah was dealt blow after blow (sometimes literally) and didn't let it turn her into a weak victim. She held strong and was still sweet enough to fall for Tanner's old fashioned 'wooing'.

The Brothers of Peril angle was very cool and made me wonder if there is a spinoff book out there that tells Agent Sykes' love story and shows us how BOP is running in present day.

Terena says

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I enjoy history, particularly the Civil War. It was fun to see how the author would deal with it from a fictional aspect. I liked all of the characters.. Mostly. But was glad to see Sarah's boss removed early in the book. While an interesting story; there were quite a few questions left unanswered. I don't want to give too much away but I did find myself thinking Where is.... Are they ever going to eat? What about families? I could go on and on. Rather frustrating actually. If there is another book, maybe it will answer more

questions. I didn't think much of Sarah. She was attractive, levelheaded, smart and wasn't afraid to fight. I guess what was off putting was from the very first chapter something dangerous was happening to her. It was so consistent it became tiresome. Really I liked her best friend better.

Yvonne Erwin says

"Haunt My Heart" is a great story with a well-paced story line. Sarah Knight, smarter and stronger than she knows, discovers an ancient artifact while on a Civil War ghost tour, and this artifact, a ring, turns her world upside down. As the story moves forward, Sarah begins to suspect all the good luck she's experienced while holding onto the ring is laced with something sinister. What she doesn't know is that a Civil War soldier's soul, and his love, are tied to the ring by an ancient curse. As James "Tanner" Dawson begins to drink of life's aura and re-materialize, he becomes enchanted with Sarah and Sarah becomes embroiled with wanting to decode an ancient book and in so doing, brings the feds to her door. Will love survive the curse? Can Tanner and Sarah truly join together as two living human beings?

I recommend this book by Lisa Medley for your collection. "Haunt My Heart" is well written, with intelligence, humor and some gentleness. Very nice. Kudos to Ms. Medley!

Amanda says

In a style that is part J.R. Ward, part Sherilyn Kenyon, Medley creates a supernatural love story that hooks readers. A ghost that is willing to cross the corporal divide for the woman who has finally made him feel alive again will keep the pages turning well into the night.

Gwen Knight says

Haunt my Heart had everything I was looking for. A quirky main character with her side kick and a to-die for hero that more than once had me swooning. The first thing that came to my mind when reading was that I'd never liked the name Tanner. After this book, I'll never feel the same way. It fit this character perfectly.

What I enjoyed the most was the unique (at least unique to me) way the author developed the characters. This book is not love at first sight, but rather a gradual build-up. And though Tanner is a ghost, the method of their communication lends him a solid feel.

This book has great moments and I highly recommend it. Who knew ghosts could be so drool-worthy?
