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Magical beings who guide human emotions are fighting an invisible war dating back to the dawn of time, and Abigail's one of them. The more she learns of her heritage, the less she wants to know. Armed with a very old, very massive book to teach them about their history, Abigail and Derick run away to a place where they think they can be safe and happy, only to have their troubles secretly hitch a ride.

Her history book is in a sharing mood, and it tells her to keep a secret of her own.

But has she put her trust in the wrong place?

And will the world survive if she has?

Shattered Secrets Details

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From Reader Review Shattered Secrets for online ebook

Lynsey (A Bookish Life) says

The truth will out.

Shattered Secrets is an excellent, unpredictable and highly entertaining YA novel from an author not afraid to take the road less travelled in her storytelling. Centred around the imagined existence of two opposing supernatural factions, it's a good versus evil match to the death. But as is often the case, the hard line between good and bad is often blurry when you examine it more closely, and no one is ever all one or the other.

Having read another of Krystal Wade's books, I'm getting the sense that with her, no character is ever quite safe. Not even the major players. She's kind of ruthless at killing people off, which keeps you as a reader right on the very edge of your seat. And here was no different. There were plenty of OMG moments, and you were always wondering what could possibly happen next.

Shattered Secrets is a true YA - age appropriate, with nothing too sexual. Instead of that tactic, you are kept glued to the pages by the mystery, which was really enjoyable and although similar in theme to books I've read before, it was still unpredictable in its plotting.

Another thing that will keep reader's attention was the interesting relationship dynamic between main character Abigail, and childhood friend Derek. Although their relationship is well established, they're at the start of a new phase, with slowly emerging romantic feelings that were too cute to ignore.

Overall, a highly entertaining and fast paced read. Ideal for fans of authors such as Jennifer L. Armentrout.

4 Stars ★★★★★

ARC provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Aneta Bak says

Abigail loves Derick. After sharing their first kiss Derick completely stopped talking to Abigail without a reason why. As Abigail comes back from her first date after suffering from the heartbreak, she is kidnapped and taken to a cabin in the woods. What Abigail is about to find out is that her life might not be as normal as she thought it was. With her family keeping secrets, a new threat and two boys fighting over her, Abigail is in a huge mess.

I really wanted to give up on it when I started reading it, but I was determined to stick with this one till the end and write a review for it. If it wasn't for that I would have stopped reading. I kept putting the book down because it was really boring and I found the characters action to be silly and not a lot of action going on. A little after half way, the action pick up really well so the book got way more exciting, except the characters were still a little iffy to me. It wasn't until the last few chapters where the characters travel to a different place where I finally said "Oh wow, this is actually kind of cool." If the book was like that from the start I would have loved it, but sadly it wasn't.

The main character Abigail was nothing special, there wasn't anything about her that made me fall in love with her as a character. There were moments where I could somewhat relate to her or sympathize her emotions but that still wasn't enough to make me like her.

The swoon in this story wasn't that great either. I found him to be really annoying and childish at some moments, I was not impressed.

Honestly, if it wasn't for the ending of this book, I probably would have rated it one star, but the end was so fantastic that it makes me want to read more of this story.

I have no idea if I will continue on with the series, and I do recommend this book to people who don't really care for much action. Hopefully you like the characters and plot more than I did.

Happy reading,

-Aneta

Merissa (Archaeolibrarian) says

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Everything about you has been kept a secret for 17 years. Then one after another the secrets come crashing down around your ears and demand to be recognised. What would you do and how would you react? This is what Abby has to ask herself as she deals with being kidnapped after a date gone wrong.

There is enough confusion, twists, turns, trust issues as well as what might be a slightly dodgy advice giving book to make this book absolutely absorbing. Who should Abby trust and who should she keep at a distance. I can't tell you that because I was second guessing all the way through and something would happen to change my mind again and again.

This book is brilliantly written, with a well thought out plot line and a pace to match. The characters will interest and intrigue and keep you turning the pages. Definitely recommended for all Paranormal / Fantasy readers out there and it is YA so there is nothing there that shouldn't be.

<http://archaeolibrarianologist.blogspot...>

Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

Once again it just goes to show that the cover whore in me always wins out. I never cease to be lured in by a pretty cover and an alluring synopsis.

While I would love to say this blew me away, it sadly just didn't. While it does have a pretty nice concept, good versus evil and lots of action I couldn't help being disappointed at the lack of depth to the characters that I so sorely need to really make a book stand out to me.

The writing was a little all over the place, going back and forth from one character to the next and the thoughts of the main character, Abigail, a little scattered at times and hard to follow.

And even though I didn't fall in love with the writing or the characters, again, that concept, powers of Abby's people and the parallel worlds was imaginative. Wade created something that while not completely unique was quite interesting and even entertaining.

While I wouldn't write this series off, I definitely won't be jumping at the chance to read the next book but I would be curious to see where the author takes the plot and to see more character growth from Abby and her friends and new family.

Eureca Laurice says

DNF at 90%

I can't bear to seat this in my currently reading shelf anymore. This is my 3rd almost-finished-but-I-can't-anymore books. It'll be **2015** and I don't want it to remind me my so slow-paced reading stride this year. I was cut by total half of read-book this year.

Why dnf?? It's bad. This is fucking bad. I tried to be lenient, since the story has potential, oh well every story for me has its potential. But it's quite unique in a sense because it was incorporated with games. Games!! Yes, games, you know the usual one that needs of handheld controls, yes that kind but it was badly incorporated. The world building was so shallow to the point of inanity. I highlighted a lot of my whines for this, but alas I'm too lazy.

I usually write comments on every chance I remember, and write all the bad ones. It was usually the bad ones.

As far as I remember the story, I hate the main girl she's too whiny, she's some sort of special snowflakes just because. No, just because she's the last of her kind, the last of the special kind. Darn, it was not handled well, I like me some special snowflakes, but not this type of special snowflakes. I go for a hard earned one, not because she was born to it.

LoL, because I can't write anymore, I retrieve my notes:

Here it goes:

Abigail or Abby she's **annoying, whiny, head-over-heels** with Derick(the love interest), **special snowflakes, everyone is in love with her** because of her some specials sort of power. She's a daughter of different clans. She's so whiny, always, and so in love that I wanted to neck-chop her. She's so special that everyone wanted her dead.

There's a lot of walking **deus ex machina**.

Plotholes.

Poor world buildings.

Lots of romantic moments, lots of it.

She was kidnapped. *cue moments*

She was going to be killed. *cue moments*

They are running for their life. *cue moments*

They are hiding for their life. *cue moments*

She almost got killed. *cue moments*

They are all running from psycho- friend. *cue moments*

Damn shit moments!

Then I start losing it. I'm over, I'm fucking over this! Goodbye book.

Now I wonder why I am doing this only now, I should have freed myself a long time ago. But past is past and now cheers for the future reads.

Cheers!

Overall rating 0.5/5

Radiant says

After being kidnapped, hogtied, and stuffed in the trunk of a car, seventeen-year-old Abigail Nichols' boy problems seem unimportant.

She couldn't be more wrong. The boy who saves her holds her heart. But Derick Crawford also holds secrets.

I love Wilde's series ,so when Krystal asked me for a honest review i couldn't say no to her another fantasy adventure. Abigail life seems to be happy, normal with her parents who love her and her best friends Derick, who she loved always. Life's was looking up when she realizes even Derick might have same feelings as she has..but then he ignores her and her life's changed, but it's the small change from the mountain of changes she's about to face.

And it begins with her kidnap, she hardly recovers from the rescue when her life is upturned knowing she is adopted and is a magical being -one who deals with emotions - as are her parents and the boy she

loves. When Derick and Abigail start their journey to start the adventure to save the world, they are armed with only one weapon- a Book, A old massive book that will help them in their journey to the safe place and beyond. She has only Derick to trust and he her. But this adventure is not easy-filled with lies, betrayal and death-this is hard to deal and to easy just to give up.

Abigail's realizes that the world around them has changed-enemy is taking over world and she has yet to know who to believe and who to trust, who to turn into. Every person around her makes her feel that they are not trustworthy, but what happens when she trusts the only one that shouldn't be trusted ?

Though it feels very lengthy, the book is a roller coaster ride filled with adventure in every page. It leaves you with biting nails and its very unpredictable, i couldn't even guess the next scene. It was intriguing to the last page, made u run on toes. And yes also very confusing at various points too which is something that made me annoy and wanted to skip further to know what happens..lol.., but i guess its a part of book and we can't change it. I love Derick and Abigail's relationship-it was sweet, passionate and strong..that it can face any troubles when they are together! I am looking forward to next in series as it made me wanting more and more..i want to see more of Derick and Abigail and the Past/History where it led to this book. This series made me remember me one of the other fantasy series i read of Jessica Sorensen.

Krystal-great work....again! Fantasy reader u better not miss it.

Rating -4.5 !

Mara Valderran says

This was a really great read! I love the overall plot. I am a sucker for characters that discover hidden truths about themselves, and I love how everyone around Abby knew before she did, even her parents. I really appreciated that Derick didn't know everything. He just found out about everything surrounding their abilities and identities himself, so they sort of go on this journey together on the same page.

Having a first person POV book with multiple POVs can be jarring, but I felt like Derrick's POV was incredibly natural and fit really well. His POV enriched the story. And their voices were both very distinct. They have some ups and downs in their personal relationship, but there's not an overabundance of angst. They are two teenagers dealing with some really big, out of this world, problems, and we see them grow up quite a bit. They endure betrayal, lies, and loss, and never wallow, which is so refreshing to see in a YA book.

I think the best way to sum up this book is to say nothing is as it seems. Abby and Derrick constantly learn this with every twist and turn, most of which you won't see coming at all. Krystal Wade never lets you truly relax, keeping you turning every page as the suspense continues to build. The fear and heartbreaks Abby feels are palpable, and the entire book is one huge adrenaline rush of plot twists and shocking turns. This book will make you cry, swoon, and gasp, and then come back for more. It is definitely a must read!

Michelle Hauck says

I received this book from Net Galley in exchange for an honest review.

This book just wasn't for me. I couldn't get into it, no matter how hard I tried. I didn't like the main characters. Abigail was a huge damsel in distress. She relied on Derick for everything and most of her thoughts were about him. She was inconsistent and jumped around from one thing to another, making the plot hard to follow. For instance, one minute she wasn't ready for intimate contact, then next she was focusing on going to bed with Derrick. She was like a caricature of a teenager. Only this teen was weak and dominated, unable to stand on her or make decisions for herself.

Derick seemed to have no interests beyond Abigail. She was his entire life. In fact every member of her family or friends worshiped Abby in one way or another, making Abby a total Mary Sue. There was nothing intelligent about their actions or thoughts. It just wasn't my type of main character.

The plot stalled about a third of the way through and I had to quit reading.

Kristen says

Abby is kidnapped by two psychopaths, tossed into the trunk of a car, and taken to a nasty cabin in the woods. She is rescued by two friends, and wakes up in the hospital. And that is only the beginning. Abby learns more about herself and her boyfriend, Derik, than she can possibly believe. How would you like to be kidnapped, learn you are adopted, and find out that you are not even human all in the space of a few days?

This was a very well written, exciting story by Krystal Wade. It had just enough of the Paranormal element in it. I enjoyed every minute of it! I will definitely be picking up the next one so I can finish the story.

Sarah says

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to Curiosity Quills Press and Netgalley.)

How pleased am I that this is over? 100 stars!

Who would I recommend this to? People who loved Teardrop.

Will I ever read this again? No. I cannot delete this off my kindle fast enough.

I really didn't like this book. This was one of those where I wondered if my 'I've started so I'll finish' philosophy was actually going to kill me.

I didn't like any of the characters in this story, and really didn't care what happened to them. The main thing I was thinking as I was reading this was 'Someone shoot me. Please.'

The storyline was predictable and boring, the things people said were cringe-worthy, and I could feel my will to live bleeding slowly from my eyeballs with every darn word that I read. I didn't care about the mythical creatures, I didn't care about the freaking game, I didn't care that a certain person could turn invisible, I just didn't care.

The ending was sweet, sweet relief!

Overall; yuck, just yuck,
1.5 out of 10.

Sharon Bayliss says

I loved The Darkness Falls series, so I was excited to find that I loved Shattered Secrets even more! It's a fast-paced, high-stakes blend of suspense and fantasy, with a heavy dose of romantic and family drama in the mix. The book starts off fast with a love lost and Abigail kidnapped by a pair of psychos who seem to have some serious delusions about who or what Abigail is. However, these "delusions" turn out to be all too true. Abigail may have thought that boy troubles were her biggest concern, but she was wrong.

This one is definitely a page turner, not only because it's well paced, but because Wade has created a story all her own. I really couldn't guess what would happen next! I'm looking forward to Charming!

Jackie -Sated Faery says

Wow! What a thrill ride! The action starts right at the beginning with Abby's kidnapping. She doesn't make it easy on them, though, and that's what I love about her. She'll fight even if she thinks she has no hope of rescue. When she does get rescued it's just the beginning of the craziness that takes over her life. The jerk next door that she's been trying to forget is back in her life but she has to decide if she can trust him and believe all the other weird things that are starting to happen. Every page brings another surprise and an impossible situation for Abby & Derrick, they usually fight their way through but the stress of the unknown really starts to wear on them after a while. The story definitely kept my heart pumping! I can't wait to find out what's next!

Kay Froebel says

I really enjoyed this book. There were a lot of elements in it that worked really well. First and foremost, I loved the concept of beings existing parallel to our world with the ability to alter the affairs of humans. The whole actions being able to be manipulated by other beings isn't new, but Wade offers a great take on it.

Her characters are another solid aspect. I absolutely loved Abby. She was sarcastic and independent which I really liked. I am a sucker for strong female roles. I also really liked Mark. He wasn't as big as some of the other characters, but the impression he leaves is amazing. He is such a confusing character, but in a GREAT way. It's like he is changing, morphing into something else throughout the book and I am addicted. Then again, I always love the slightly crazy characters.

Another aspect of Shattered Secrets that I liked was that it was truly written for YA. Too often I find myself encountering somewhat heavy sexual themes in YA books that feel a bit too graphic. Wade creates characters that are still teenagers, but are not as vulgar as they seem to be in a lot of other books. It allowed her focus more on the intricate world rather than sex scenes.

I highly recommend this book!

Ray says

I received an Advanced copy of this book to read from the author on the way home from work sitting in the back seat of her car on a daily basis. I promised to give a honest and fair review of her work.

Fall in love with a boy. Then the boy leaves you. Your world is shattered. Then you get kidnapped and told they were going to kill you, and are rescued by that same boy. He does still love you. Then you find out you aren't even human. What do you mean not human? Then that you were adopted. Could life get any worse? At least on the positive side the boy you loved still does love. You are to read a book that is twice the size of the bible and seems to write itself. You and your boyfriend run away to a small island down in Florida to keep away from the bad people. She is a Guardian, which basically means that she is to keep the evil ones where they are suppose to be, and that happens with her just being alive. Her boyfriend Derick can turn invisible and can charm people into doing what he wants. He is a Romancer.

So they are staying on an island down in Florida and everything is a dream come true. Or is it. Everything is based off of the happiness of the two of them. A magic book that seems to answer questions.. or is Abby a bit crazy?

Is her friend Mark a good guy or bad guy? Only time will find out.

I have to say for a Young Adult book geared towards girls, this book is very well written, and is an easy read that anyone can pick up and read. I have read the authors other published books and have to say this is so far the best book she has published.

Shelby *trains flying monkeys* says

Ever felt bad when you did a review on a book? Usually I don't..but I love the publisher's on this book. They publish one of my favorite authors and I am sad this book just didn't cut it for me.

The blurb on this book makes it sound so good. Don't worry. It sucked.

What I hated:

The main character Abigail. Mary Sue all the way. All the boys love her. Wonderful parents, great gal and does no wrong. Oh she gets kidnapped and finds out she has powers that can save the world. Yep. Don't forget how beautiful she is too. Can't forget that.

The boys who are so crazy about her: I can't figure out which one I wanted to smack more. Dullsville USA
The writing: No pacing, the story is all over the place, and never did make a bit of sense.

What I liked:

The cover is pretty

That's it.

I recieved an ARC of this book for an honest review from the publisher Curiosity Quills-who I hope forgives me.
