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After Katrina "Kat" Summer's mother dies a mysterious and tragic death, Kat is hurtled into life at Apollo Beach. Her estranged and cryptic grandmother Rose fills Kat with legends of her Ancient Greek Ancestors from which the Summer family descends. Kat's world begins to unravel as secrets from her heritage are exposed – secrets that her mother purposefully concealed.

Leading to her birthday, the day of the Summer Solstice, Kat becomes frightened when enigmatic visions and disturbing dreams haunt her. When her visions become reality, her fear turns to terror as powerful forces threaten the lives of those around her.

Amidst the turmoil, Kat meets Alec Stone, her gorgeous neighbor, who becomes her sole solace in an evocative world of mythological enchantment and evil prophecies that lurk around every corner...

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The Summer Solstice: Enchanted is the first book in the Summer Solstice series and is just a taste of much more fantasy and romance to come.

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ABOUT THIS NOVEL

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From Reader Review Enchanted for online ebook

Louise White says

K.K. Allen's *The Summer Solstice: Enchanted* was the perfect 'lazy summer days' read for me this week. Newly orphaned Kat moves to Florida to live with her grandmother, the affluent and powerful town leader, Rose. The setting is idealic but Kat is curious to know why she was kept away from this branch of her family. Answers are not rapidly forthcoming but as her sixteenth birthday approaches strange things happen which Kat dismisses as a result of grief.

Having been brought up in a protective setting, Kat copes remarkably well with her new life - There's the gorgeous Alec next door, and unfortunately the somewhat hostile girls from the small town. Sharing solstice with her new family is a huge turning point, and from there we get some answers. The story develops at a good pace, allowing the reader to speculate on what might happen next. K.K. Allen's characters are very nicely drawn, and I liked the way the relationships develop, especially between Kat and Charlotte who fills some of the void left by Kat's mother's untimely demise. With enough drama, action and romance to keep me thoroughly entertained throughout, I would recommend this book to all who appreciate a touch of magic and suspense to their reading. I look forward to continuing this adventure to see what becomes of Kat and will be downloading book 2, *The Equinox*, in preparation for my next set of lazy summer days.

Sandy says

I was sent a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This book is about a girl named Kat who moves to live with her grandmother after the unexpected death of her mother. She experiences these visions and dreams and on the day of her 16th birthday, she learns something about herself that was a secret kept by her mother.

I honestly thought that this book was going to be a contemporary romance book but I'm glad that it wasn't all about the romance because I really really liked the whole supernatural aspect of the story. My only complaint would be that this book was TOO SHORT. I WANT MORE! Things were just getting started when it ended! Nonetheless, it makes me even more excited to read the next book.

Kat was a great character. I was able to connect to her immediately when the book begins. Since Kat is our narrator and she didn't know about her abilities, I liked how readers are finding things out at the same time that Kat is. It was easy to follow and I didn't get confused at all. Charlotte would have to be my favorite secondary character. She is like a motherly figure to Kat. Although Rose was sort of cold and distant from Kat, I still liked her character because she does care for Kat's well being and safety.

I wouldn't say that this book ends in a major cliffhanger but it does leave you wanting to pick up the next book as soon as possible. Overall, this was a quick read that I really enjoyed and would highly recommend.

Lilo Abernathy says

This was such a light fun read, I loved it.

Kat, recently orphaned, moves in with her estranged Grandmother and weird things start happening to her. Her sight and hearing senses become impossibly accurate. Disturbing and dangerous dreams haunt her sleep. She's confused about what's happening and her Grandmother isn't giving her much. Plus, she's lonely, and nervous about being the new kid in school. Then along comes the handsome neighbor boy. He gives her some confidence, but the two girls who feel she's infringing on their territory give her equal measures of trouble.

Author K.K. Allen has filled this story with all the drama of a young girl in this situation. There's suspense woven in through the enigmatic Grandmother, the unfolding of the family history, and the magic capabilities Kat is learning to control. Unbeknownst to her, danger is creeping up as she comes to the attention of evil forces. But, Allen keeps it light with the beach town setting and the threads of romance.

I recommend this lovely story. It was quite an enjoyable read.

Tracy Decresie says

I will never look at Apollo Beach the same! Katrina begins life with her distant grandmother after losing her mother unexpectedly. While Rose (her grandmother) appears distant and cold at first, it becomes clear that she loves her and wants nothing more than to protect her as she comes into her solstice powers. While Katrina has a hard time believing, things begin happening around her 16th birthday which forces her to acknowledge and learn. Even if all she'd LIKE to do is get to know the hot neighbor Alec better. Trying to fit in and make friends, Kat attends Alec's 4th of July birthday party and things quickly get out of hand...and she realizes that there are dark powers out there as well. Reality sets in when she realizes that her powers need to be honed and used for good...because something dark lurks around the corner. These characters were so developed and the story felt so "real" that I'm sure the next time I see a small sand wind tunnel, or sudden dark clouds, I'll be looking around wondering if someone nearby did that or was it just nature? Looking forward to the next installment of "Summer Solstice"!!

Richard says

I was guided to this book. It is not my usual kind of reading....but it is really really excellent. The writing is lyrical, fast paced and best of all I cared for the characters especially Kat who is both in the modern world and that of the ancient Greeks. Nothing about the fantasy in the story grates at all and I was there with Kat and enjoying her encounters which also lead to romance....

It's very good to read out of your comfort zone and K.K. Allen enchanted me as did Katrina. It will be a series so get in there quickly.

Unreservedly recommended to teenagers....and adults.

Gretta says

A surprise and great read from a new author. Well written and quite interesting as you go through Kat's poignant journey to Florida to live with her unusual Grandmother. Had to finish to find out her outcome. Book very original and well written. For a debut novel, well done!!! A perfect read for any age.

Tiffany Holme says

When asked to review this book, I immediately got excited. I love anything to do with mythology and it was clear that this book was going to rock. This book enchanted me and brought something new to the table that I was eager to devour.

Reflecting back I can't recall a single moment that the pacing slowed down. Honestly it stay fair evenly paced, minus a couple of scenes where it really picked up. There was a consistent slow stream of information, allowing for easy absorption. This aspect also allowed for excellent character development and world building, although I do feel that there could have been a little more on Kat's "changes." However, this made for the type of book that you can either devour in one sitting, or slowly enjoy it page by page at your own leisure.

Kat is the type of character I feel everybody can like. She has a fairly common story of loss, but this kind of added to Kat's character. Kat had an ability to do what many characters do not and that was ask questions but not push the limits more than she had to. This isn't saying that she didn't do things that she shouldn't have, just she did them for a good reason. This trait alone impressed me and made it so much easier to enjoy reading this book.

Romance. Such an important thing in a book I believe. Not so much if it is there, but more if it is there is it done right. Allen nailed the romance portion of this book. She did not kill the book with a boy but more gave it highlights. Kat is a teenage girl after all and Alec is the nice guy next door. There was nothing rushed and merely a couple stolen moments. This being said I was not sure what to think of Alec all of the time. He seems like a good guy but maybe too good? I found myself actually drawn to a male that was not the lead but I anticipate seeing more in the future (hopefully).

For fans of mythology this book is a must have. With an original story and a protagonist that not only has her own mind but knows how to use it, Enchanted is a must read. The only thing I could complain about was that I wanted more when I turned the last page. At 188 pages this book seemed so much shorter due to how fast I turned the pages. Pick this book up if you are looking for the perfect relaxing read, and something that you could finish in one sitting.

Nicole Campbell says

I enjoyed this book as much as I hoped I would! Being a huge Percy Jackson fan, I was excited to read a YA book with more mythological themes. I was not disappointed. This is a very appropriate YA or Middle Grades read, and I didn't feel like it fell into a trap of trying to be too much like Percy Jackson- it reads more like a contemporary swept with a fantasy brush rather than a full-blown fantasy novel. I can't wait to read the next book.

K.S. Marsden says

Kat's life inevitably changes when her mother dies unexpectedly. She goes to live with a grandmother she knows nothing about. It is here that she learns about a world her mother had tried to hide from her - the world of the Solstices.

This book reminded me of the Secret Circle (which is never a bad thing), with the steady pacing and style of writing. I would definitely recommend this as a summer read!

I love a bit of greek mythology, and I think that Allen got the perfect balance of information and entertainment without breaking the flow.

The whole Solstice bloodlines and history is nicely creative and original, gradually building throughout the book.

I like Kat as the main character. She's open-minded and you learn about the Summer family and the Solstices along with her.

The rest of the supporting cast are, for the most part, amiable characters. Iris and Ava were entertaining.

The bad bits:

There was nothing *bad* exactly.

I thought it was quite formulaic, it ticked all the YA boxes - the new girl, the cute guys smitten with said new girl, the shallow and bitchy girl(s).

That being said, it's better than half the YA stories out there.

It's a very nice read, I felt that it was less an adventure in itself, and more an introduction to the series to follow.

Which I will definitely be reading - only a few months to wait for The Equinox!

C.J. English says

I am an unlikely reader of this genre, I typically stick to non-fiction but K.K. Allen is such an amazing author I had to give this a chance. I don't know what typical books in this category feel like but this one was an unpredictable and "easy" read in such a good way that I was able to get lost in it and not know what was about to happen next, which is exactly the way I like my reads. I am not a reviewer that re-tells the story, you can see what it's about in the description, what I want to tell you is that the author is skilled at crafting a story that unfolds at just the right pace. If you like enchanting, mysterious tales, this will certainly feed your soul.

BookLoversLife says

When Kats' mother dies, she is sent to live with her estranged Grandmother. As her birthday approaches, Kat starts experiencing weird things. Her hearing becomes magnified, she is having strange and quite frankly horrid dreams and things start happening around her. It's not till she comes of age that she learns the truth behind her gifts and why she never saw her grandmother.

This was a refreshingly easy read. I really liked everything about it.

Kat was a great heroine. She is thrown into an uncomfortable situation but keeps her spirit raised. Her mum is dead, she is sent to live with a grandmother she doesn't know, she has to deal with being a new student and in her growing powers and it's enough to make anyone's head spin. She was an easy character to like.

Plot wise, it moved quite steadily. We learn about everything the same time as Kat so it felt more real. There is magic, mystery, intrigue and a little bit of romance which all adds up to an entertaining read.

In all this was an engaging and enjoyable read and I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Caroline Miller did a great job with the narration. She had an easy voice to listen to and made for a great Kat. She brought me into the story and made it more enjoyable.

I received this for review. All thoughts and opinions are my own.

Dianne says

Yep, the literary world is full of young adult urban fantasy, yet each author casts their own magic on their work and K.K. Allen must be a master spell caster because her world, her characters and her words are enchanting from start to finish. **The Summer Solstice** doesn't follow a straight and narrow path, Ms. Allen has woven link upon link into a tale of fantasy and make believe and finished off by gathering each link together perfectly.

Katrina Summer's only had her mother, who kept her as isolated as possible. She never knew her father, never knew she had a grandmother, and never really knew anything but life with her mom. Then the most horrific thing happens, her mother mysteriously dies and Katrina's world will never be the same. Sent to the grandmother she never knew, Kat must try to fit in where she isn't sure she is wanted or even belongs in Apollo Beach, Florida. Kat is having terrifying visions, are they the result of stress and grief or have her grandmother's strange tales of Kat's ancestors seeping into her thoughts as she sleeps. What is her grandmother trying to say? Do Kat's dreams have a meaning? Are they future visions that could come to pass? On her sixteenth birthday, the day of the Summer Solstice, her visions come to life in a nightmare of epic proportions and Kat must accept who and what she is, as well as her place in a world of enchanters. When she meets Alec, her life becomes even more complicated, as she must keep her gifts to herself, because who would believe her anyway? One slip of the tongue and the lives and safety of the magical community around her could be in peril, but how can she know what to do or who to trust when no one will tell her the entire story? If she is old enough to carry this power, she is old enough to find out what is going on, one way or another. But is she able to control what she can do without harming others or will anger consume her ability to keep a tight rein on her gifts?

All Kat wants to do is to fit in, to find a new place for herself in this strange and enchanting world, but is it even possible? She now has to contend with being the leader's granddaughter as well as the angst of high school, thank goodness for Alec, but will he be her rock against the avalanche of change Kat is undergoing, even if she can't tell him about herself? When a beach party goes up in flames, even Katrina's "help" turns into a disaster that nearly costs her her life, and all she remembers are a pair of eyes and strong arms. Another vision? A dream? An omen of things to come?

I'm in for however long this series goes! K.K. Allen adds a special spark that ignites her readers'

imaginations as each scene rolls past, colorful and vividly described. You may even feel the sand between your toes, the taste of saltwater and rush of that first kiss as Ms. Allen waves her magic pen across each page. Even her characters come to life, from the distant and seemingly aloof to the charming, Katrina and her cast almost walk off the pages. When you hear the words new, different, magical, or must read, they may be talking about K.K.Allen and **The Summer Solstice**.

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The Villain says

From the get-go I found this book as enchanting as the title suggests. The writing is so fluid, descriptive and every line, scene and chapter is perfectly portrayed in your mind, all the traits for a awesome author as you are right their with the characters on every page.

The book, well Kat, the main character, I found to be inquisitive, intelligent and in denial until certain things happen... (I resist the temptation to reveal too much here)

I found Rose powerful and somewhat of a velvet lady with an iron glove and you see their relationship slowly develop over the duration.

I am quite eclectic in my reading tastes, but found this book equally opened up my mind as it does Kats!

There is love, twists and fantasy all rolled into fascinating fiction! A lazy hazy read actually does this book an injustice, its so much more than that....

I think this isn't a book to be categorised purely as YA, as every age and genre will appreciate the authors work here.

Well done KK

Alina C?t?r?u says

I don't know about you, but one of my favourite thesesis family secrets and boy what a life-changing secret the protagonist is about to discover in the book I'm going to review today! Enchanted is the first instalment in K.K. Allen's Young Adult Contemporary Fantasy trilogy entitled The Summer Solstice. In this novel, we follow Katrina Summer's story, a teenage girl who is unaware of the special bloodline she comes from for almost sixteen years. After her mother's unexpected death, Kat moves to Apollo Beach, Florida, to live with her estranged grandmother Rose, she has never met before, a respectable yet mysterious lady, who acts cold towards her at first, but things will change as they get accustomed to each other. As Kat's sixteenth birthday approaches, she experiences strange visions and vivid nightmares whose hidden messages she's unable to

grasp.

Full review on:

<http://alinasbookishhideout.com/revie...>

E.B. Hood says

Hello again, this E.B. Hood the author of Melabeth series. If you haven't seen my Youtube channel E.B. Hood, you need to check it out and subscribe. I do reviews of books and movies. Once again bring you another review of great book, Summer Solstice, Enchanted by K.K. Allen. You can watch my review at <http://youtu.be/fIKSnTzDRTc> and then come by and check out my book at www.melabeth.com
