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She Speaks to Angels edited by Connie Webb and Ashely Egan and my Alpha/Beta readers!

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What if everything you believed was a lie?

A Suicide

Seventeen year old Allison Maney attends Millennium High School in Manhattan. Nothing out of the ordinary, unless you consider the occasional suicides at the school. At least that is what everyone is told, what everyone believes. But Tommy Bachelor was a popular football player; why would he jump off the roof of the school?

Dangerous Liaisons

When Dameon pays attention to Ali, she couldn't be more excited, because for the past three months he was all she could think about. But now that Dameon is finally pining for her affections, she is becoming more and more wrapped up in a clique of three who, as new transfers to the school, are proving to be trouble. But at least Dameon loves her, doesn't he?

Kian- a dangerous love interest she did not ask for.

Powers- belonging to an underworld she never knew existed.

A Clique- that could be friends or foes?

A Soul Purpose

The underworld of angels and demons have one thing on their mind: Earth.

Demons want to do what they want.

Angels want to protect humans from these rogue angels, AKA: Demons

For Allison Maney, everything is not exactly what it seems...

A Suspenseful Romance

Caught between Dameon and Kian, the suicide and the clique of three,

Ali won't know who to trust...or who to love.

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## From Reader Review She Speaks to Angels for online ebook

### Ami Blackwelder says

Review from Night Owl Reviews- 4 1/2 stars

She Speaks to Angels is most assuredly not what I expected. What I expected was a somewhat lighthearted, upbeat, young adult novel about a young girl who can speak to angels. What I found was a beautiful novel that, although it is quite dark in many spots, tells the story of a young girl who is torn between the powers of good and evil and trying to protect her heart and those she cares about. The characters are charming, and I found Ali and her friends easily relatable. I am quite eager to read the next novella in the series, Dumah's Demons, and the next full novel, Falling Angels, to see where the saga of Ali takes her. She Speaks to Angels is a novel that I believe will appeal to readers of all ages, and rightly so.

Ali Maney is a typical high school teenager. Nothing special ever happens to her. As a student at Millennium High in Manhattan, sure, a few weird things have happened, a few suicides over the years, but nothing really bizarre. Until one day, in English class, when a hugely popular football player, Tyler, suddenly pitches himself off the roof to his death. Ali and her two best friends, Molly and Jen, are positive that Tyler's death was not intentional. As they investigate, the bad boy in town starts to notice Ali. Daemon is gorgeous! Ali is shocked, but amazed. What could he want with her? As she ponders this, three new students arrive. Kian, Krysta, and Nathaniel all seem to have something....different about them. Ali is floored when Kian appears more than interested in her too. What is she to do with two gorgeous guys after her? But not everything is as it seems. As Ali gets closer to each Daemon and Kian, the forces of the supernatural will come closer as well. One has been sent to protect, one has been sent to kill. Can Ali be saved? Or is she in way over her pretty little head?

### REVIEW FROM BITTEN BY BOOKS -4 stars

Allison is seventeen, and being a teenager is never easy, but for Ali it is worse. In the past there have been kids that have committed suicide at her school. When a popular, beloved football player allegedly jumps off the roof of the high school, Ali has more questions than answers. Suddenly, three new students start at Ali's High School, she befriends them, and then she realizes they are troublemakers.

When Ali's crush, Dameon, starts to pay attention to her, Ali is thrilled, but torn between him and her three new friends. Not knowing whom to trust, Ali and her friends question the supposed suicide, and she learns there is more going on than what it appears.

She Speaks to Angels starts out slowly, but suddenly picks up in a flurry of action. This book is very well-written, and the high school parts of the book are simply perfect. The author captures those moments exactly like the days when we were in high school (though we did not have angels or demons). She captures the "cliques" that are at every school with such finesse, and talent.

Ali is a great character, and Ms. Blackwelder does such an amazing job with her very detail-oriented descriptions, from the characters to the background, especially of the angels and demons. I highly recommend this novel, especially if you have a love of angels. It is not an easy task to write a book for Young Adults that also captivates adults, yet Blackwelder does it flawlessly. I am looking forward to her next book to see where she takes the characters.

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### **Cheryl says**

A different kind of angel story and a very great read. I enjoyed the quick pace of the read, it kept me till the very last page. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a very different paranormal story about angels and demons.

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### **Meghan says**

I liked this book. The storyline was unique and I liked the mystery that was mixed into the beginning of the story. I like the chances that her and her friends take to figure out what is going on, especially when they think that something just isn't right. I liked the unexpected twists and turns that happen throughout the book.

But...

This is a YA book and I highly enjoy this genre, but (there's that but again) I was not a typical high school kid, I guess, because some of the things, like always wanting to be kissed (and thinking about how attracted to someone she is - ok, we get it!!), the lack of concentration on important topics, the childish behavior between best friends, and love triangles are all completely alien to me. (I don't even remember my friends being that way and probably would have stopped being friends with them if this was the way they acted.) Talking this out with my mom, she says I can't hate the book because of that stuff - and I agree - but I can write in my review that I disliked all of that malarky. The rest of the story does make up for it, though. The adventure kept me reading and will keep me reading the rest of the series.

I do want to point out that, at the end of the book, she includes "Discussion Questions." I actually think that authors who write for this age group should utilize this tool to help with recalling what they read and she did a good job with them.

(Note: There are some editing issues, which I brought to the attention of the the author.)

Note: I received a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Gayle Pace says**

### **MY THOUGHTS**

I wasn't quite sure I was going to like this book or not. I guess I was thinking along other lines as to what I was expecting. I was thinking it was going to be about somebody speaking to angels. Well, that's not quite what it's about. As I read I found that the book was touching my heart. It's not all sweet and goody goody. It has its deep dark moments. It's a struggle between good and evil. As I read I started to really enjoy the characters and wanting to know more about them. It takes place in Manhattan at Millennium High School. Ali Maney is a teenager attending the high school and she is just an ordinary everyday girl, living a rather dull life. Her home city of Manhattan is a rather calm city where very few bad things happen. That is, a normal day in class, a football star, Tyler suddenly leaps off the roof of the school. Was this an accident or did Tyler intend to commit suicide? Ali and her friends start to notice some strange things. It didn't add up. For some reason, a couple of boys start to take note of her. One of the boys is the town's "bad" boy, Daemon. Look at the name, interesting? Then some new kids come to school. Kian is one of them and he seems like he likes her too. She never had two guys after her at the same time. She never had any guys after her at all. But, what is this all about? Two guys liking her, the football star leaping or being pushed off the roof? Questions to be answered. Ali starts to get to know the two boys and finds some things that are disturbing. Unknown to Ali, some forces beyond her control are also working either against her or for her. You'll have to read to find out.

We have a bad boy and we have a good boy. One is out to kill her and the other is out to save her. You may be surprised to find out which is which. I was. As we all know, nothing is as it seems, ever! Has Ali stepped beyond the safe line? Has she gone into a space that she can't get out of? The author wrote a thought provoking read that will keep you on your toes trying to answer questions and trying to decide who is evil and who is good. Is it possible one is an angel and one is a devil? Think hard on this one. I'm ready for book two.

This is the first in a series, Angel Fire Chronicles. I would suggest reading the series in order although they are stand alone books.

I received a complimentary CD book from the author and voluntarily decided to review it.

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## **Sara Nowlin-Edens says**

Ami Blackwelder, indie author, brings a Young Adult paranormal tale of suspense, intrigue and a little love to Millennium High School. The first few pages of the book bring sadness as the class looks out the window as Tommy commits suicide. Imagine how horrified those kids are! Ali (Allison) convinces her friends that something's not right about it. So, they investigate and find just enough to bring more trouble to Ali's world. Blackwelder handles the situation without an overly dreadful air, yet it doesn't ignore the suspense and danger that's coming.

Dameon is tall, dark, and handsome, a combination Ali can't ignore. Suddenly he's paying attention to her and they become an item. Her friends become jealous since her attention is diverted from them, a very similar situation that occurs in high schools across the nation. But how does Dameon really feel? Does he love her like she hopes?

Three new students start at the school, but who are they? Ali's friends are spending time with them. Ali likes them too, but Kian tries to get in the way of her relationship with Dameon. Oh what a tangled web.

Ali's brother is a cop, investigating the suicide. He lives at home with Ali and their mom. He doesn't figure prominently, just enough to know their relationship is a typical brother-sister relationship and that he wants to keep her protected, as any older brother would, especially in a family without a dad.

As the paranormal reveals itself, the gang is taken into a world where anything can happen. Things we see today in our lives might, just might, be something else entirely. Read *She Speaks with Angels* to find out!

Blackwelder left me wanting more! But . . . oh look, the end of the books says there will be a sequel, whew!

I'll give this a 4 of 5. It's a good read and holds attention (obviously, I wasn't ready for it to end).

**DISCLAIMER:** I received this book from Library Thing in a Member Giveaway.

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### **Linda says**

Ali Maney, A Junior At Millennium High School In New York City Investigated A Supposedly Suicide Of Tommy Bachelor And What She Knew About The Football Player Just Didn't Add Up To Him Jumping Off The School Roof! Armed With Her Two Girlfriends They Set About To Prove Tommy Was Murdered, But She Never Expected To See A Running Winged Creature In His Cell Phone! Just When She Thought Daemon Would Never Say Anything When They Were At Their Lockers, The Dark And Dreamy Guy She'd Had A Crush On For Months Talked To Her.....

Kian Was Born To Protect Ali As The Angelfire Members Protected The City From The Dark Angel demons Controlled By Daemon's Father. He Tried To Warn Ali Away From Learning The Truth But She Was Like A Dog With A Bone! Once Humans Saw Them They Both Lost Some Power And Only With The Human Dying Could They Get Their Power Back And Kian Vowed To Keep Ali Alive!!

Wow, Be Prepared To Rapidly Read As You Work Side By Side With Ali And Her Bunch Of Junior Detectives!! Ali's Lips Are Sealed As She Can't Endanger Her Family And Her Friends By Revealing The Truth And Once She Learns Of The Angelfire Members And What They Do, She's Determined More Than Ever To Fight!!

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### **Cassie says**

Ami Blackwelder has done an amazing job again! Don't miss adding this book to your "To-Read" Shelf!

Allison is sitting in her High School English class when Tommy, a popular football player jumps from the school roof and dies. All of Millennium High is shocked at the suicide but Allison is more than just shocked, she is suspicious. Her and her friends take it upon themselves to investigate Tommy's death and what they find is more dangerous than any depressed teen suicide. Allison soon gets sucked into the world of Angelfire, angels who serve mankind by protecting humans from demons....demons like Dameon.

Dameon has made it his mission to harm Allison and anyone who gets in his way. Now she must work with the amazingly handsome Kian to save New York from falling under the control of Dameon and his gang.

Blackwelder has created an angel story that surpasses other popular YA paranormal's like Hush, Hush. I thoroughly enjoyed learning about the world of Angelfire and getting to know the characters that made this story so memorable. Not many stories start off so intriguing and it doesn't take much time to realize what seemed like a teenage suicide was really a murder. I can't wait to get my hands on the next book in the series! Make the Angelfire series part of your library today!

To read the full review, please visit here: <http://shadowkissedcassie.blogspot.co...>

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### **Hailey says**

KIAN!!!! \*drools\*

That is all for now. But seriously, read this book.

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### **Hailey says**

I loved a lot of things about this book, I was getting tired of all the angel books being about the same thing, so when I read this book I was a little hesitant. But Ami has added a few quirks to the typical angels. I will say at the start I found it a little hard to get into, I kept putting it down, but after I got to the middle I was hooked and didn't put it down until I was finished. I think it was a great read.

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### **My Book Addiction and More MBA says**

SHE SPEAKS TO ANGELS is an action packed story that keeps you wanting more. School is let out early due to a student jumping off the school roof and falling to the ground in front of Ali's English class window. Is it murder? Will Ali ever get together with Dameon or will it be Kian? Dameon's pull on Ali is a bit stronger than Kian's at first and this leads to her almost being killed. Ms. Blackwelder keeps you on the edge of your seat waiting to find out what happens next.

This is a must read for anyone who likes a good mystery.

Rating: 4.5

Heat Rating: Sweet

Reviewed by: Susan Faatz, My Book Addiction and More

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## **Elise Marion says**

I was intrigued by the plot of this book at first, as I have a thing for books about angels and demons. I like to read different authors' take on the Paranormal theme, and this one seemed unique to me. I also like YA when written well, which sadly in this case, it was not. I will say that the story had a lot of potential and had tons of great ideas. For me, the problem was execution and style (which there was very little of).

For one thing, the main character Ali, and her friends, are probably the most insipid group of teens I've ever read about in a book. They are high school Juniors but act more like 4th graders. I found their verbal exchanges to be a bit on the corny side, and it felt as if the author was simply imitating what she thinks a teenager should sound like. Like some bad MTV movie or something. It was so stereotypical and full of unneeded slang that I found myself rolling my eyes on every other page. And I may be alone in this but the author's use of OMG grated on my nerves. I don't know a lot of people that say OMG out loud and have mostly seen it used in texts or online. Even if people do say it out loud, in this case it was way overused.

What was sad for me was that the author clearly has talent. There were pieces of brilliant writing that shone through and had lots of promise. But then it's like she went back and dumbed the whole thing down because it was geared toward teenagers and ruined it with the OMG's and other such stuff. It really wasn't needed. The fact that this book deals with issues like suicide and sex are enough to capture the young crowd. On the other end, all of the grownups in the book were equally corny. They sounded like a carbon copy of a bad TV mom. It was just not believable. I kept reading and thinking (who says this kind of stuff?)

Also, the story dragged on and on and was weighed down by the inane chatter of Ali and her two friends. Halfway through the book very little has been accomplished toward the solving of the mystery, but we have learned just how snotty Ali and her friends can be. When the three girls bully the new kids over a table at a coffee shop ( a table that they always sit at so clearly it must be theirs), I just about threw my Kindle across the room. There was just too much of these sorts of interactions, that by the time I got to the good part (Kian and Daemon in an angel/demon fight), I was so worn out from the other mess that I didn't really want to continue. There are also a lot of inconsistencies. For instance Ali's brother's eye color changes from brown to blue halfway through the book. The school janitor's name switched from Alberto to Antonio. One night when the girls are inspecting clues from Tommy's locker (photos and drawings), they mysteriously disappear. How is it then, that the next night Ali pulls them out to look them over again? Hadn't they gone missing? It was things like this that made it hard to get into the story.

Overall, I felt this story could have been a solid 4 or 5 if not for poor execution. I hate to give such a bad review, but I try to be as honest as I can when writing these. I think that this book would go over well for very young teens (12-14), but anyone older than that might find it as insipid as I did.

I was given a copy of this book by the publisher in exchange for an honest review. My opinions are my own and I was not compensated in any way.

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## Katy says

**My Thoughts:** This was an unsolicited book that the author sent to me; I guess because I'd won a couple of her books from LibraryThing. My reactions to the previous books I'd read by this author were mixed, so I wasn't sure what to expect from this, other than it isn't really in my preferred genre. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed the story. Despite a lot of really silly similes, the writing was pretty natural-sounding, and very much like what would come out of high school students. I also found the relationships and their progressions were pretty realistic based upon my own memories of the hormone-charged days of being a teenager.

Admittedly this is an ARC, so I can probably believe that the janitor, whose name changes from Alberto to Antonio, will have his name finalized in the end. However, after the girls took all the stuff out of Tommy's locker, that night it all disappeared; then Sunday night Ali gets up and looks at his drawings – which were among the items that disappeared on Wednesday night. This is probably a major plot point that will be hard to fix. Hopefully it is.

Overall I would recommend this book - I quite liked it despite the few problems, most of which I anticipate will be fixed by the final copy.

**Disclosure:** I received a free advance copy of this ebook from the author in exchange for an honest review.

**Synopsis:** Coming April 6th exclusively on Kindle, and Amazon Prints. What if everything you believed was a lie? *"I tried not to sound hysterical, but it's not every day you find out the paranormal is hunting you."*

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### **Jacquie Talento says**

Ali attends Millenium High School. One of the students has committed suicide and Ali wants to know why. But when she starts her search for the truth, she puts herself in danger. Dameon is taking notice to Ali but now so has another new student named Kian. What has Ali gotten herself into? Not only is her life in danger but so are those around her and who can she trust? If you like a story about Angels and Demons, this is the story for you. I enjoyed this story.

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### **Beverly says**

This book totally rocked! full of twists and turns you find your self rootingf or both sides not knowing which side is good till the moment when you realize ur rooting for the wrong team. Ali is one ofthose characters that you can really relate to so curious and wanting to know more and more. The clicks in this book took me back to highschool.Where Trivial things only mattered till something else came up.Ami hit the nail on the head . Some parts were slow but slow is good helped me savor the book if you havent read any of Ami's work you really should and deff go pick up a copy of this book youll be waiting for book two to come out n pins and needles like I am.

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### **Sam says**

17 year old Allison Maney attends Millennium High School in Manhattan. When a popular football player jumps off the roof of the school, students are told he committed suicide. But Ali doesn't believe it and starts to investigate. What Ali discovers is an underworld of angels and demons in the city of Manhattan, and the meanest demon of all is out to kill her.

I loved this book. Some have said that they thought the beginning was slow but I didn't find it slow at all. I loved the characters especially the angels, and I was surprised at the ending. I cannot wait for book two to come out. This is a definite read.

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