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The Saving Angels Series continues...

A new cast is introduced, while journeys already taken start to merge with the present, leading you down the old Red Dirt Road.

Death has always seemed just one step behind Layla Hill, taking almost everyone she's ever loved. After she loses the love of her life, Layla vows to never love again—how could she, when she's a death magnet?

Trying to outrun fate traveling with her uncle Willie and his band, Layla meets Michael Roberts, a beautiful Irish boxer as gentle on the piano as he is brutal in the ring. He proves as relentless in life, fighting for a place in her world even as she pushes him away, trying to protect him from her killer tendencies.

But neither foresees the sinister presence waiting for Layla at the end of the Red Dirt Road.

Red Dirt Road Details

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Marla says

Annie Rose Welch's stories should come with a surgeon general warning label, letting the reader know that when you read one of her books, that they are instantly addictive, and may cause irregular heart beats. Red Dirt Road opened my heart to truly believe that two people could be soul mates. This book opened my eyes to pay attention to the signs of your loved ones for they are truly with you. Did you ever read a book that made you feel like you weren't alone? That is the magic I experienced when reading this book!

When this story starts and we meet the beautiful Layla, nicknamed Lotus, my heart was thumping so loud. My blood was pumping through my ears. She experiences loss after loss, believing that death finds her loved ones. I felt like I was drowning and wandered where this story was going, was it going to be a seriously sad story? I was surprised how smooth the transition was from how Layla was when we first read her traumatic loss to where she was traveling with her Uncle and his band. She seemed like she was coping, and going through life pretty decent until she meets Michael.

Michael is a mystery. He is intense, but vulnerable. He is hard muscle, but soft heart. This Irishman's heart and soul belongs to Lotus and he will always put her safety first. He fights and instead of seeing an alpha male gritty, we are gifted with seeing an alpha male move gracefully. He is music.

"One day you are going to find your angel, the one who is strong enough to be near you."

Lotus is stronger than we realize. We know she is beautiful, captivating, and most of all she is funny. Up against an evil that is so strong, it will be through her that she will have to fight the biggest fight for her life and for the love of her life, Michael.

The sexual tension between Lotus and Michael is constant. I craved them, without all the dirty words and sex scenes, it really wasn't needed. See, this story is like a piece of art. It is there for us to interpret, to put together, to relate to it, to feel from it, and to appreciate it. I sometimes felt that my words would not be strong enough to convey how much I love this story.

This story is paranormal. It is a story of a battle between good vs. evil. I enjoyed the vivid imagery, the symbolism, and trying to put the pieces together between the characters.

This is the second book and differed in some ways from Marigny Street, however it never lost the sense of two people on a journey. It is more lighthearted, but I felt it still provided us a couple who we will melt for, funny moments, and a whimsical world. I was left with an overwhelming feeling not to fear signs, and to live. That it is ok to ride hard and take chances ;). I would recommend reading Marigny Street first, because I think it adds to this amazing story and you will notice certain connections and cross overs from the first book with this second book. I can't wait for more!

Anny hernandez says

I was provide a copy of all three book in the series by the Author for an honest review.

Ok so I am gone do this different, since I have read all three books in this series, and did not stop to write a review, I will do it here, I am gone say a little about each book, I have to say that I am so in love with the series, that I did not wanted to finish, I want more I love the characters, and love the way the books turn out to be, but I also love anything that has to do with Dreams, this Is a heartwarming story I love it, I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything away.

Book 1 Marigny Street

The story begging with Evangeline, she lives Marigny Street, in New Orleans, she is married but in the process of getting a divorce, she had a son who past away, now she is dealing with the lost of her son, and the process of her divorce, Eva had always had a dream about a boy, since she was younger, now that she is older she is just taking life day by day. She is going through so much that, she don't know what day it is, she knows she need to change her life, that's when fate intervene and end she bumps into Gabriel Roberts. Now Gabriel is a famous movie start and his their visiting, when Eva said that she would show him around, they did not expected for one day to turn into couple of days, and their feeling for each other to grow.

Book 2 Red Dirt Road This is Layla and Michael story.

Let me just say that Layla has suffered a lot, she has being surrender by death her entire life, first it was her mom, than her dad , than after she got married her husband die during war, and to top it all of she lost the baby she was carrying, she feels like death is after her, and she feels like she keeps picking the wrong person, that when she decide that she was staying away from love. That's when she decide to go on tour with her uncle Willy and his band, that's when she meets Michael, he plays the Piano and when she hear him play, she feel the connection after that her uncle hire him, and he gets on tour, that's when she knows that her life is gone change once again.

Book 3 Lotus Blossom Lane

In this book we continuo to follow Layla and Michael, in this story we get to read about, their wedding, from Layla getting ready to walk down the aisle, and their reception party, and Michael playing the piano, we also get to read when they go to Ireland for their honeymoon, where she meets his family and friends.

Their is so much going on in this book, that is not in the Blur, that's is why I am not gone write more of the review, but I have to say that this is an amazing series, we also get to meet new characters, I cant wait to read the next book in the series, I love the way that each characters act with each other, and how you could get to see the love that they have for each, Author Annie Rose Welch THANK YOU FOR INTRODUCING ME TO THIS AMAZING AWESOME SERIES AND THIS WONDERFUL CHARACTERS LOVE THEM ALL.

Books&Dreams says

I was given this book for an honest review.

I gave this book 5 stars.

This is the second book in the Saving Angels Series but can be read as a stand alone because all of the Characters are different.

Layla has been surrounded by death her whole life, first her Mom, then her Dad, after she got married her husband went off to war where he was killed. And then she lost the baby that she was carrying. She feels like death is after her and just keeps picking the wrong person. She has vowed to stay away from love. She goes on tour with her Uncle Willy and his band, just to keep some sanity in her life. And this is where she meets Michael. He is an Irish boxer, who plays the piano so beautifully. She feels an instant connection to him, and it scares her.

But she is drawn like a moth to a flame, and decides to get out of there quickly and they are headed home. After stopping at a convenient store to get some snacks, she and others are held by gun point as they rob the store. This is where Michael comes in again, and he saves her life.

Willy her uncle hires him and his crew and take them back to their town. And this is where Layla "Lotus" has a hard time fighting her feelings for him, but he is in it for the long haul. He feels the connection too and refuses to go away. And tells her Just let me love you!!!! He is not afraid of the things of her past, and believes that he is strong enough to be ok.

But will she let him in? Is the death thing real that is following her ? Or will she find her HEA?

I loved this book, it was strangely really good, it had me captivated and wondering what the heck was going to happen next. The Author is very detailed in her words and sentences and express herself very well. I am so glad I got a chance to read this. I look forward to reading more from this Author in the future.. This series is so wonderful. Michael is just breathtaking and sexy and I feel is just the person that Layla needs in her life. She has had such sadness and it is time that she got something out of life.

With that being said. Pick up this book you won't regret it . . . <3

Donna says

Layla Hill thinks she is a magnet for death. Her mother died when she was very young. Her father died not too long ago, recently her husband was killed at war and the heartbreak doesn't stop there. She fears for the life of anyone who gets close to her so she keeps herself closed off.

Michael Roberts is a fighter. His father taught him everything he knows but his father's life ended much too early. The moment Michael sees Layla he knows she's the one. He knows it will be the fight of his life to convince her he is strong enough to survive, but will either of them survive the evil that is obsessed with consuming Layla?

Wow! This is an amazing book by a brand new author. This is the second in her Saving Angels series, the first being Marigny Street. I can see her growth as an author from book one to book two and I see many more wonderful stories in her future. This author is also a wonderful person. While reading this book I had questions so I contacted her via Facebook and she was more than willing to discuss both books with me.

First off this book is the age old story of good versus evil. These two forces are fighting for Layla's very being. She so badly wants to succumb to the good, the pure, the angel Michael but the pure evil, the devil here on earth keeps her fears of being a death magnet alive. Layla must learn to fight for herself and choose the life she wants.

The banter between Layla and Michael is hysterical. The first real conversation between the two starts with Layla telling Michael, "If you want to get out of this alive, you might want to go and sit with the oodles of noodles." And Michael replying, "Have you lost your bloody mind?" A few lines later "I'm aiming for heaven, but I'm going to wind up in hell dealing with you." This may not seem like much out of context, but trust me when you get to this point in the story, you'll be rolling with laughter.

The passion between these two is tangible; Michael tells Layla, "When I look at you.... I see the one chance I have to change my life. I have a feeling that you are going to show me that there is more to my life than I ever thought possible." At another point he tells her "You may not burn me, but I am feeling the same thing you are." The sexual chemistry is overpowering but frustrating as well. Michael begs her to "...please give whatever is happening here a chance to take a breath." And I say to you please give this new author a chance and read Red Dirt Road. It is a wonderful love story and a powerful good versus evil fight to the death.

I give Red Dirt Road 4.5 stars!

Alicia at Mean Girls Luv Books says

3.5 Stars

This is the 2nd book in the Saving Angels series; however, it does not leave off where Marigny Street leaves off. In the 1st book, there really isn't closure. I thought that in this book, Red Dirt Road, we would continue the story of Evangeline and Gabriel, but we don't. We are introduced to a new set of main characters, Michael and Layla, and a whole group of supporting characters. It is a brand new story. While Eva and Gabriel are mentioned in passing, we don't really learn anything new about them. At first, I was disappointed. I wanted to know how they turned out; but, as the story went along, I came to REALLY like Michael and Layla's story a lot more.

Layla, Lotus as she is also called, believes the universe is out to get her, but is confusing those she loves for her and killing them instead. She has lost her mother, father, husband, and unborn child, and has built up a wall around her heart as a result. She tries not to let anyone new in. She goes on tour around the country with her uncle, Willie, and his band. At their last stop, they decide to do ProMature night, where they choose someone out of the crowd to sing with someone from the group. It is during Layla's turn that she meets Michael. They have an instant pull towards one another. After their song, Michael and his friends, Seamus and Andrew, hang out with the group for a bit.

After they go their separate ways, fate seems to step in at 7-11. As Layla is buying some late night snacks, there is a robbery in progress and Michael saves her life. They rest they say is history...Willie offers Michael and gang a place to stay and jobs at his bar and hotel. However, there is rising tension in the group between Michael and one of the band members, Yuma. He is suddenly showering Layla with attention and it seems he is not going without a fight. He tries to put a wedge between the two, as if Layla isn't doing the job herself already. Yuma is creepy and everyone gets really bad vibes from him. He seems to follow her around

and cause destruction wherever he goes. Where Michael is good and light, Yuma is evil and dark.

This book mainly focuses on struggles, Layla and Michael's struggles individually, and their struggles to come together and stay together as a couple. Layla has to learn to let the walls down. She struggles with loss and misplaced guilt. She really believes she is the cause of death. She has to find her purpose in life and make the choice to start living life. Michael believes his purpose to life is fighting. He is a boxer, and a good one at that. He has to choose to keep his life on the same path or forge a new one.

I really enjoyed the supporting characters as well. My favorite was Madam Catalina. She is a blind woman with a gift of sensing and reading people. She knows if they are good; where their strengths and weaknesses lay. She just has an uncanny ability to "know" things. After reading people, she tells them what their mothering flower is, kind of like what flower represents them. That is where Layla gets her nickname, Lotus. The author did an excellent job creating the characters in this book.

I'm still curious about the characters of Marigny Street; I thought the author did a great job with this one. I can't wait to, hopefully, read more about them in book 3.

Kari N says

Full of twists and turns, lots of laughter, lots of tears, this was to put it simply, an amazing read. This is the story of Layla and Michael. A simple, sweet love story that took wings. Again, like she did in Marigny Street, Ms. Welch puts you right there. You can feel the heat of the day, you can feel the dirt under your feet (well, us good ol' girls from the South learned that feeling early on. lol) you, can feel the cold. During the bar scenes, you can smell the smoke & hear the background noise like you're right there. I really liked how this was its own story, instead of a continuation of the first in the series, but she ties those characters in loosely in this book. I don't want to give anything away, but this story is about as sweet as they come. You've got it all in this story; danger, intrigue, love, laughter, fights, tears. I got the crazy look from my family on more than one occasion for laughing out loud. I also got the "Oh my stars what's wrong" look a couple times for the tears that were flowing. You really felt what Layla was feeling. You knew what Michael was thinking. It was another great read and I can't wait for book 3, Lotus Blossom Lane.

Romance Schmomance (Malia) says

OK .. OK .. OK!

Where to begin?! Let me start with how nervous I was to read this book, after reading the first book in the series, Marigny Street. With the way that book ended, I was left confused, wanting more, and quite heart-broken. And when I found the next book wasn't going to be a continuation of the main characters in the first book, I was slightly devastated. Even though I heard there would be connections (more on that later) in this book, I felt somewhat better. BUT, with all of that being said, I wasn't too eager to jump into Red Dirt Road... I wanted to take a little mental break because my heart was having trouble settling what I learned about book two.

Now that you heard my little bit about that, I did love this book, so very much! It is said that it could be read

as a standalone, but I disagree, I think everyone should read Marigny Street before they dive into this one. Trust me, you'll want to, you'll just miss the connections completely and possibly be confused. The story was very different from the first one and the characters are very easy to love.

Layla ... when does my heart not break for a character?! It definitely did for her and all of the losses she has suffered. She has so much healing to do and Michael helps her get there. Just like me, she can be a moody one and it change rather quickly. She's just "sunshine & rainbows". She thinks that death will always come those she love, so she constantly fights to stay clear of Michael. She cares about him too much, to lose him.

What is there to say about Michael? Literally, there's so much, I don't even know where to start! He's a fierce, yet a gentle man. And a boxer, what's not to love about this guy?! Don't worry, there's more to love about this guy. He genuinely cares about Layla and yes, the whole "love at first sight" concept, happened for the both of them. But the feeling is really strong and quite believable. He has a constant need to protect Layla, no matter how hard she tries to push him away. And she will just have to accept that!

I loved all the other characters as well, they're like their own little family and it's funny, when they're altogether. My favorite would have to be Madam Catalina, who was Layla's fill-in grandmother and "spiritual advisor" (sure, why not? She just knows things!). And I would love to get a reading done by her and learn what my "mothering flower" is! That whole aspect was extremely intriguing and I loved what it did for the story.

I just want to take a brief moment to discuss something. There's a part in the book, where he talks about boxing and why he does it. I was so in awe of the way it was described, almost like it's a form of art. And most would never see it like that. Annie, you did an amazing job writing that. I have no idea what actual boxers think of their sport, but I love the way you described it. All I ever think about, is the brutality of it is, and pain. For Michael, it's something completely different. And I wish, I could share that whole little dialogue, but I want to everyone to experience it for themselves.

The ending ... I definitely won't give it away, but I was seriously walking on egg shells with anxiety, hoping it wouldn't be the same as the first book. That would have seriously killed me ... I was like, "I can't go through another heartbreak so soon". THANKFULLY, that wasn't the case! THANK YOU, THANK YOU! I don't think what I just said gives anything away, you'll see!

I love this book and I really encourage everyone to read this series, I definitely can't wait for the next book to come and see how the previous characters will show up!

Gaele says

The Second in the Saving Angels series by Annie Rose Welch, this story is different from the first: new characters, new storyline, and it isn't until you are immersed in the story, far into the lives of Layla and Michael that the connections are revealed.

Layla (also called Lotus) is hiding from the world, just existing after the death of her first love and husband: in fact everyone she loves has died far before she was ready to let them go. Deciding that her love is dangerous, she refuses to engage with anyone: a lonely life even though her friends and remaining family are constantly hoping to engage her in life.

When a mysterious man saves her from a random shooting, the sparks between them are palpable, even as they both fight the attraction and their destiny. Michael is Irish, a singer and piano player and soon the two are battling their attraction as they seek a way to be together.

Again Welch has created a story that drops the reader into the world she has created, providing characters that have distinct and understandable flaws that they often parade out for show. While the connection to the first story and to the Angelic saviors is longer in coming, the story builds the world and offers multiple options for solution to readers trying to sort the multiple mysteries: none of which are truly solved until the last page turns. Details are beautifully drawn, the prose is lovely, and conversations are solidly crafted with a natural feel that helps to bring characters and story to life.

There are more stories in this series to come that will bring answers yet unsolved for readers, with her unique characters, intertwined threads of intervention and redemption and the beautifully descriptive writing style help this series stand out as a lovely meander through the south: quietly claiming a place in your heart.

I was a beta reader for this series, the author made no significant plotting or story arc changes from the copy I read. I was not compensated for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Amanda (Good Choice Reading) says

I have to say it took me a bit to get into this one. I have a really hard time buying the “love at first sight” concept, so I was a bit turned off by the first few chapters of the book. I’ve also been in a six month long reading rut. But, since I went through this with Marigny Street as well, I made myself keep going because I knew Welch’s writing would make it worth reading once I got to the heart of the story.

And it did!

I didn't exactly fall in love with the romance, because like Marigny Street, it was just a bit too heavy for my tastes. And that’s what it boils down to really—my taste. I prefer the romance to take a backburner and be slow building, but this series just isn’t that kind of story. And that’s okay. About a quarter of the way into the book I decided to take it for what it really was, and I was able to really enjoy it that way.

Welch’s writing really has a way of drawing you in and making you feel like you’re right in the middle of this big group of beautifully dysfunctional people. I loved this cast, and I think the secondary characters add a lot to the story. Any time the romance would get to be too much for me, the rest of the characters would come in and lighten it up. Welch does a great job of crafting her characters.

I liked that Red Dirt Road wasn’t your “boy meets girl, boy saves girl” kind of story. They both have their demons (in more ways than one...) and they work through them together, leaning on each other, rather than it being one sided.

Red Dirt Road was a great follow up to Marigny Street. It’s similar to Marigny in the sense that it carries the same light and airy feeling, while still dealing with dark and personal issues. This is a series I would recommend everyone give a shot, especially the romance lovers out there.

Vickie says

Copy Received for Honest Review

This is the second book in the Saving Angels Series. Having recently read Marigny Street I was eager to jump into book 2 and what a journey it was!

Layla Hill feels like she is a death magnet feeling like its always one step behind her, almost everyone she has ever loved has been taken by it. When her husband, the love of her life dies she vows to never fall in love again, trying to outrun fate by traveling with her Uncle Willy and his band.

Micheal Roberts, a beautiful Irish boxer, is suddenly thrust into her universe fighting a relentless battle to have a place in her world and convince her that death doesn't follow her...

The intricate style of writing by this author is flawless, I was totally consumed by the story and was excited to see where she would go with it, as a new set of characters are introduced. Immediately likeable, both primary and secondary characters were well developed, relatable and funny as hell the banter between them was at times laugh out loud not forgetting their own take on certain swear words. I literally could not turn the pages fast enough. I loved the twist and turns. I felt again this was a unique, well written, emotive especially the parade scene I had goose bumps and may have shed a little tear, page turner of a read and would definitely recommend and I will definitely be reading book 3 in the series.

LD says

Not too long ago I told you about the first book Annie Rose Welch's *Saving Angels* series, *Marigny Street*. It remains one book that even today, weeks later, lives still in my thoughts and heart. I truly believe it's simply one of those stories that stick with you. Not just because of what happened in the story, or to the characters; more, it is the emotion that it produced within me, and the varied paths my thoughts have taken because of it.

However, *Marigny Street* is merely the first book in a series of what I'm coming to expect as books that will continue to emotionally knock me to my knees. *Red Dirt Road* tells a different story then its predecessor but the love that shines between its main characters, Michael and Layla is every bit as brilliant as that which we read about between Gabriel and Eva. Though the struggles they face are different (while aspects may carry some similarities), and the emotional barriers Michael and Layla have to cross have different sources, *Red Dirt Road* touched in me in much the same way that the first book in the series did.

Layla has lost nearly everything she has ever loved and is, in quite a number of ways, hanging on by her fingernails - to life, to sanity and to some semblance of happiness. Her life has become something she never really intended for it to be but she has structured it that way to keep herself, and everyone around her, safe. But safety is sometimes a precept, like beauty, that can only be seen by the beholder. To others the safety Layla created for herself merely looked like a recipe for unending loneliness.

In his dreams Michael has been fighting to find, save and hold one thing all his life. Each night in his sleep he battles to seize the thing that will finally make him whole. But during his waking hours Michael has been fighting one battle after another as well - in the boxing ring, making a name and unquestionable reputation for himself. Yet he's not just a determined warrior, he's also a poet and a lover, a musician, and a man with an impeccable set of morals, quick wit and wicked humor. When he sees Layla, he knows she's the one thing he has been waiting, searching and fighting for for so long. And he knows that he'll spend the rest of his life fighting for her too.

Now to convince her that not only is she worthy of the fight, but that she's strong enough to battle beside him as well - secure in the knowledge that if she should falter, he will always be there for her, just as he trusts that she would always support him when or if he needed help.

It's hard to explain exactly what makes me love these characters, or the menagerie of supporting characters that surrounds them. There's no one thing that makes me love the story, nor any single specific aspect that has me (already) anticipating the next book in the series. Simply put, Welch has written a story in *Red Dirt Road* that makes you love it and leaves you aching for more. I so look forward to continuing the journey that the *Saving Angels* series is taking me on, and discovering how the threads of all the stories will intertwine. And just as I have enjoyed both the stories I have now read from the series, I truly believe you will enjoy them too.

Heather says

After I finished Marigny Street I opened up Red Dirt Road in anticipation of what was going to happen to Gabriel and Eva.

Then I read the intro.

Seriously?

This one isn't about Gabriel and Eva?

I really should read the blurbs closer.

I don't because I like to go into a book with a completely open mind, no preconceived thoughts of how it should turn out, just straight as the author intended it to be. Yes, I buy books like that sometimes too, especially when it is a favorite author and a series I love. I don't want to know what happens. I like the surprise.

I didn't like the surprise in this case.

I just looked at my iPad not sure if I could put any more emotional investment into another couple. I mean really, my heart was shattered.

But, Annie did ask nicely for us to welcome Michael and Layla with open arms and hearts so I did.

I was still holding my breath the entire book even though she promised in the intro we would get the ending we deserved this time.

I was just waiting for that proverbial shoe to drop. I thought it might a couple of times.

All teasing aside, I loved Michael and Layla's story almost as much as I loved Gabriel and Eva's and that is an awful lot. There was more involvement from family and friends in this book and I loved each and every character except for one man.

I am still not certain if he was a demon from Hell parading around in a man's body or if he was "just" evil incarnate naturally as a human being, probably the same thing right?

Another absolutely beautiful love story from Annie Rose Welch. I would call this one hauntingly beautiful too just because of the tragedy that Layla has dealt with, the curse of death that she feels she is under. Michael has his own stuff to work through. I love how these couples see each other and they just know. There is something more pushing them towards each other to this journey at this point in their lives. It was amazing.

AND there were some things in this one that tied it to Eva and Gabriel's story, so that gave me hope for those two in a future book.

I couldn't put this one down either. This one has over 600 pages and I started it at 10 last night after I finished Marigny Street and finished it up this morning after the kids went off to school. The pages flew by for me.

I cannot wait to see what comes next from Annie Rose Welch.

I received an ARC of Red Dirt Road in exchange for an honest review.

Irene says

Red Dirt Road is the 2nd book in the Saving Angels Series

If you didn't read the first book no worries. Red Dirt Road has a new set of characters.

Layla suffering from the loss of her husband tries and find solace in anything but staying still. She travels with her uncle and a few other people playing in a band. On their last stop before heading home she ran into a man who set her body on fire. Not literally, her insides felt like they were on fire. His eyes seemed to look right into her soul like he knew her. She was so drawn to him that she couldn't take her eyes off of him.

Michael was an Irishman who was set out on a path and now his path took another direction.

Layla was lost to the point where she thought she couldn't be happy. She felt that her love wasn't good and if she let herself love a man only bad things would come. Little did she know she found an angel. The story was smooth flowing. I believe it was more about good versus evil. About letting yourself release all the hurt you have suffered and starting fresh. To fight for what you want no matter what kind of fight it is or who it is with. That saying love conqueror's all happened in this book. Making decisions that are hard but yet rewarding in the end. I loved all the characters except Yuma. But that is to be expected. His type of character I am sure most people wouldn't like. I love a man with an accent and in Red Dirt Road there were 3. I could hear their Irish accent in my head and I swooned. If you were put to a test of good versus evil do you think you will be left standing? Do you think the right side will win? Which side is the right side? Do Michael and Layla confess their love for one another? What kind of things does Layla think will happen if she lets a man into her life? All these questions will be answered in Red Dirt Road.

Deb says

Another 5 star must read that will take your emotions on a roller coaster ride! ... This is the 2nd book in the 'Saving Angels' series, but each book stands alone with a different story line and characters and only a small tie between the two. There's a touch of fantasy for readers that love paranormal but, not too much for readers that don't :)

Annie's magical writing style is a God given talent so mature for such a tender age :) ... It pulls you in, grabs you by the throat and won't let go as the images play in your mind like you're watching a movie! ... You will love all the characters (except for the evil one that you will hate) so brilliantly portrayed, that many times I had to shake my head to remember where I was and how much time had elapsed while reading :o LOL ... I even found myself dreading the 'bad guy' appearing and would continually Pray for his painful demise, so that the 'good guys' could get back to enjoying their lives!

You do not want to miss out on this book as well as the first read, "Marigny Street" :) ... I can't wait for #3, "Lotus Blossom Lane" and more from Annie Rose Welch! ... I know that she will be a future NY Times Best Selling author! ... I received this free in exchange for an honest review.

Stephanie says

At first I thought I would be disappointed that Red Dirt Road, the second book in the Saving Angels series, had an entirely new cast of characters, but I most certainly wasn't. I loved Layla and Michael as much as Gabriel and Ev in the first book.

Layla has suffered a lot of death in her short life, and somehow thinks she attracts it and anyone involved with her life will suffer the same consequence.

Michael is a beautiful character, an Irish fighter who knows the minute he sets his eyes on Layla that he wants and needs her. And while Layla feels the same attraction, her connection to death is a problem.

This is a story of good versus evil. Yuma is also fighting for Layla and trying to convince her that her life with Michael will end up in his death. You know before the conclusion of this book there will be a fight between good and evil and Layla must decide in her mind what it is she ultimately wants in her life. I was on pins and needles waiting to knowing this was just around the corner.

The story between Michael and Layla is a passionate, emotional roller coaster, and sometimes very frustrating as well. Ms. Welch's descriptive writing style is simply beautiful.

"In the bright early morning light, when the Mississippi sun reminds me of gold in the sky, and it's reflecting off your body, you remind me of an angel in flight." He kissed me tenderly. "Where do you begin? Where do I end? I don't have a clue anymore. All that I am, all that I will ever be, everything I do and don't begins and ends with you."

This was another amazing story and I cannot wait to read Lotus Blossom Lane!! I would encourage everyone to pick up this series. You will not be disappointed!

