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Camille Taylor's life fell apart after the tragic accident that haunts her every waking moment. She became a recluse, only looking forward to each day with the hope of having those dreams... A handsome man with dark hair and wicked eyes visits her at night, keeping her company as she struggles to get past the sudden death of her beloved parents. There is something undeniable about him. She is drawn to the mysterious man like a moth to a flame. This couldn't be insanity, but it can't be real, either...

Casey Philips has his own damaged past that put him in a delicate situation. He is an angel working for redemption, and has been watching over Camille since that horrible day where her mother and father were stolen away. It's all God's plan, they are fine and well now, but the task of helping this lovely human get past her grief to move on in her life is quickly taking a wrong turn. She's stunning and plays the key role in his every thought. Angels aren't suppose to fall in love with their clients. If he continues he could lose everything and fall from God's good graces. But if he stops he will lose the most important person in his life.

With every thing on the line, Casey and Camille set out on a life-altering adventure to discover if love really can overcome anything.

## **Beautiful Downfall Details**

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### Caiti says

Camille hits some hard times after her parents die. She set for cash but she's missing a piece of herself she's afraid she won't recover. She falls into a state of depression; rarely leaving the house to interact with anyone else. There is only one thing that makes her days worth it, a beautiful dream staring a gorgeous stranger... Casey was assigned to help Camille out after the tragic event. He meets her at night through her dreams and talks with her about, pretty much everything. But there are a few complications- one, he is an angel, and two, angels aren't suppose to fall for their clients. He has a chance to redeem himself and live again as a human on earth if he can do his job without any hitches for seven years. Now Camille is testing his ability to follow those rules with her brilliant smile.

He wants her. He wants to help her. He wants to live again. Both he can't have it all. So which will he choose, a life again or a love with Camille?

This book was hard to put down; I think I finished it in a few hours. Scarlett works hard to bring out the struggles of her character's past and how they grow from it. There is so much detail into them that you cannot help but to fall head first in love on the very first page.

The plotline was phenomenal and the twists, though mostly subtle, were captivating and exciting! It's almost hard to talk about this without giving any spoilers. So far it looks like a stand alone but I'm kind of curious to see if the other side characters get their own story.

Anywho, Scarlett Jade is now one of my favorite authors. I have loved every one of her books and eagerly look forward to reading more by her in the future!

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### Jacqueline's Reads says

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### Cristal Jatip says

I got this book for free on Amazon. The description of it really intrigued me so that's why I purchased it. It had some potential but it just wasn't for me. It was weird and awkward and I just couldn't relate. There was no emotional connection between the characters for me.

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### Amanda says

I never read the blurb on this book, just jumped into the book headfirst. It was unknown to me that it contained anything to the religious effect. I'm not real big on "preachy" books or really care to read a whole lot about, nothing wrong with that, just not my style. That being said, I loved this book! It wasn't too religious, wasn't about sermons or trying to convert or anything to that effect. It was about forgiveness, and

being forgiven and moving on from past mistakes.

The story starts off with Camille, who was home visiting her parents from college for Christmas when they get into an accident. Her parents do not make it, but she does, somehow miraculously walking away with only minor scrapes and bruises. The book then goes into what life after losing her parents is like. She falls into a deep depression, losing all her friends, if you could call them that; she doesn't go out unless necessary, and even pigs wouldn't want to live in her pigsty of an apartment.

The only thing keeping her going is her dreams. They are so real and lifelike, she's not sure if she's going crazy or what.

In these dreams, there's Casey. He's the main focal point, the reason for her being. Casey lived a very rough life. Drugs, sex, abuse, you name it, he's experienced it. Because of these events and this lifestyle, he died very young. He is now an angel, working as a grief counselor in a sense and seeking redemption. He is assigned Camille from the point of her parents death, to try and cope and to move forward with her life. I can't imagine the pain and anger, the grief that she is experiencing. My heart truly ached for her.

"Eyes a man could get totally lost in...and he didn't have a map to get out."

There were numerous points in the book, where my mouth dropped open and all I could say was, "wow". the pieces just fell together when it came to the characters and their involvements in each others lives. Casey, Camille, and even Casey's sister. It makes you wonder about the saying - "Everything happens for a reason"

"Even if it hurts a little, isn't that what love is? Hurting someone but apologizing profusely in the most beautiful of ways?"

The way Scarlett Jade describes the feelings and emotions amongst the characters is amazing. You can actually visualize them, feel their pain, their love. Most people have a certain viewpoint on Angels, and God. But this isn't the case with this book. Ms. Jade paints them as almost ordinary people, with actual "jobs" to help us as humans. Only we don't know it, cause we aren't looking for them. I loved the ending of this book, because it was a happy ending. In the end, they waited on one another, made it through the struggles and were right back in each others arms, even though it took a little time. This book was truly amazing.

Now, for a few down points. There were a few places in the book where I had trouble following along. In a sense, to me, it was choppy. It jumped back and forth between viewpoints, and I found myself going back to make sure I didn't miss anything somewhere. If that were a little more streamlined, and maybe another go around of editing in a few places, this book would definitely be 5 stars! I of course would definitely recommend this book, it is a great overall read!

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### **Amy says**

This book was really good, it killed me emotionally. Camille Taylor is a young woman who lost her parents 6 mos prior to a car accident. She was the only one who got to walk away. She had been in the beginning stages of grief for the last 6mos. Not wanting to move on with life.

Casey Phillips is a grief angel. He comes to people who are grieving and helps them to move on with life. He was assigned to Camille. He came to her at night in her dreams.

After working together for 6mos, they fell in love. Casey was breaking all of Gods rules just to be with Cami. After getting intimate with her in a dream, God calls on Casey to see whats going on.

Casey goes to God and was given two choices, both are extremely hard and taxing on him. God left him on the waiting bridge to work out his demons.

God approaches Camille and explained it all to her, making her see the heartbreak that was Caseys human life. She finds out he was sold into prostitution at 8yrs old. He became a gang banger and started selling drugs. His sister Sarah was also sold into prostitution as a child. She was killed by a "John", choked during sex. Casey killed him. So as Camille sees all this she becomes heartbroken for Casey and all he went through. Realizing what she needed to do, Camille went to Casey on the waiting bridge and said Goodbye so he could finish his time with God and be human again.

Casey wakes and has 3 more tests to go through before he gets his humanity.

His first key is to sit and watch Camille's life to date. Watching her as a kid she kept talking to a Casey, but impossible if he never meet her until six months ago. Turns out time moved slower in Heaven then on Earth. What he thought was 7yrs was really 30yrs. Hes been with Cami her entire life. They were meant for each other.

The second key was to forgive his mom. The third was to meet with Cami's parent's.

So does he forgive his mom? Does he become human again? Does Cami ever go through all the stages of grief?

All these questions are answered when you read the book. This book will make you laugh and cry. It even gave me goosebumps. It's a phenomenal story that will keep you interested from the first paragraph to the last!

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## **Sky says**

Krystle and I will be doing a combined review for this story shortly! Be sure to stop by our facebook page and blog to see what we gush about!

Here are some personal thoughts

This is a sweet tale of a girl who has lost everything and the only comfort she has to get through the day is knowing that when she sleeps for the night, her dream man will make his return as he does every night. Her days consist of therapy sessions and mopping around keeping to herself as she lives frugally off her parents life insurance.

She just does not have the will to get better. And though she can feel her dream man during the day, she believes it just comes with the craziness that consumes her after the loss of her parents. Little does she know, this man in her dreams is a special sort of Angel, there to help her overcome the stages of grief.

To become a Guardian Angel, he must prove himself by his tasks. It doesn't help that he does the one thing that goes against everything the code stands for. He falls in love with this broken hearted beauty.

After a series of events and Casey being approached by the Higher being, they conclude they must do what is best for each other, using their love as a sacrifice to ensure they live the best they can without any more heartbreak. Read to find out what concludes of their love. Exciting stuff!

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### **Shannon says**

So. I love Scarlett Jade. I have watched her from afar on FB, as we are both authors. This was my first opportunity to read any of her work, when she had a freebie day on Amazon. With that being said, I am sad to have to review it as only two stars.

I think that, had she had a very diligent editor/beta reader, this could have been miles ahead. What she has here is very promising, but it's only skin and bones (to me). Had I been the beta, I would have pushed for more descriptions, more varied language-- not just "she did this, she did that, she said this, he said that"-- but actually SHOWING the reader what is happening, what they are feeling, without having to flat out, baldly state it. That's the art form of writing. Getting the point across with a look, a touch, a sound, a smell.

There were some errors that would not have been picked up by spellcheck alone, like the misuse of slang phrases-- ones that people say all the time, but rarely ever see in print. Things that should have been caught by an editor.

I think, had I the opportunity, I would have pushed her farther than she went with this book as it is right now.

I think with the right people, and with her ambition, she can do so much better than this, and I believe one day she will.

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### **Heather says**

I really really liked Beautiful Downfall. It was different, very well written, and like another author I love to read (I'm looking at you Tina Pollick), made me feel a tad uncomfortable because of my own beliefs mixing with what the author wrote. (It's a good thing for me.) :) That's the only similarity. They have completely different writing styles and I love both.

Poor Camille. Losing both of your parents at once. I don't know if I could survive that and I completely got her spiraling down. There was a lot of emotion pouring out of her and Scarlett did a beautiful job writing that character.

The premise of falling in love with an angel or spirit is something I have actually thought about it, so I love how she wrote that angle. I believe that there is so much more out there than what our human eyes can see, what if you could see what some people couldn't see and you had a guardian angel, one who protected you, I could see falling in love with them.

This is how my mind works.

Casey – another soul that I felt for. He had his own past to deal with and I can't imagine going through what he did. Trying not to give out spoilers here.

Even with those deeper situations going on, there was a lot of fun in the book, some characters that you couldn't help but smile at, and some light hearted banter back and forth that balanced the book out well.

It was a beautiful story, fast paced (250 pages), even with the sad parts, and just fun to read.

Thank you Scarlett for the copy that I won. It was a great read! I'm looking forward to September Tango.

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### **Krystle ~A Booknatic~ says**

Will review with sky soon! Be sure to stop by our blog to check it out [www.thebooknatics.blogspot.com](http://www.thebooknatics.blogspot.com)!

Personal thoughts about this book below !

I thought that this was a very sweet story about a young woman named Camille, who recently lost both her parents in a horrible car accident, then gains an Angel named Casey to watch over and make sure she overcomes her grief. He comes to her in her dreams where they both fall in love. Only it's not his job to become personally involved with his work; he wants her to be able to heal on her own and not to have to use him as a crutch.

I love Camille's attitude thru out the whole book, especially when she visits her psychiatrist, which actually, I would have acted the same way. She was trying to tell her about her progress she's making, but all the Dr. wanted to do was shove drugs down her throat. So, she left, and continued on with her day by going to the mall to buy herself some clothes. Since the accident happened 6 months ago, she's pretty much become a hermit. Her house is a wreck with a Christmas tree still up in the living room, piles of laundry all over the place, and the poor things diet is so bad she's lost about 30 lbs.

Upon entering the mall and going to a clothing store, she befriends a woman who works there named Sarah, and this girl is exactly what Cami needs to break her out of her funk. She picks out some stellar outfits for her to try on, and after she decides which ones she wants to purchase they go have lunch together. They decide to go out later so Sarah takes her to a poetry slam at a local coffeehouse. Sexy Angel Casey makes a cameo there to coax Cami into relaxing to new surroundings, and even gets her to go up on stage to relieve some stress . The scene, that Cami and Casey have together there..... was very sweet and hot. I liked how the author set it up so that when Casey did present himself to Cami while she was awake, she couldn't feel him, just a warming sensation. That was pretty neat, and I couldn't wait for her to actually feel HIM.

Going further into the story you get Casey's back story, how he died, and.... a deal he has going on with "The Big Man". He also learns things haven't always been what they seemed to be. I guess what I'm trying to say without spoiling too much, is that I thought it was clever how she set certain people up with their "roles" that they had since the beginning and how it all played out. :)

*This story has a deep underlying meaning to it, that I hope everyone gets. To forgive others that have wronged you, because Ms. Jade is right. If you don't, how else will you put everything behind you and move on with your life? I enjoyed it very much ! :)*

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### **Colleen Everly says**

Definitely a 4 star book. I really enjoyed reading this. I think everyone wishes they had a guardian angel. I found it amazing how they found one another and fell in love. I liked how he was her friend when she needed him as a child and that they fell in love as adults even though neither remembered him being there when she was young. I found it humorous that God listened to his sister when she was playing matchmaker. I loved the wedding vows they spoke to one another, they made me weepy just like good vows should.

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### **Donna ~ says**

I can honestly tell you that I chose to read this book for the cover. Well wasn't I surprised to find that this book was a story about an Angel...see I don't usually read books with Angels so I wasn't sure how this was going to turn out for me. I must tell you I was pleasantly surprised.

Camille has not dealt with the grief of losing her parents very well and unbeknownst to her she has been having sexual fantasies involving her grief angel Casey Philipps. Casey's mission is to help Camille heal so that she can move on with her life but he is torn between his feelings for her and healing her. He knows that he is overstepping all boundaries when it comes to Cami but he cannot help himself. The pull between the characters was compelling. The depth of their love for one another and their sacrifices they made for one another were selfless. I truly felt for the characters as they chose to make decisions that hurt themselves but set the other free.

Casey while being an angel must right some wrongs in his own past before being able to move on to the next phase of his being. Forgiveness.....Having experienced abuse, drugs and violence while living Casey is unsure if he can grant the one thing he must. I liked the authors ability to blend the characters between their mortal and spiritual beings. I mean who knows there may just be some angels roaming among us.

As I stated earlier this is not my usual genre of book but I did not find the story to be too religious, which was a plus for me as many people have their own beliefs. The story for me was all about second chances.

"Even if it hurts a little, isn't that what love is? Hurting someone but apologizing profusely in the most beautiful of ways?" ~

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### **~\*Ella Lee\*~ says**

Okay, so this book started out with our heroine Camille being trapped in her own head with severe

depression from watching her parents die 6 months ago in a car crash. In her head is her "Counseling Angel" Casey.

They meet up in her dreams for a while with him having the job of getting her back on track with life. Blah blah blah...they fall in love and have sex in her dreams.

Of course, this is against the rules and Casey is called to meet with Jesus. He's all like " Casey you dummy, you broke the rules"....and from there it turns into a story about Casey, his dead sister, his dead mom and Jesus. All helping Casey come to terms. I mean, it's literally 40-50% of book torment on Casey (and the reader) to read this absurd stuff. I don't see how this is even in romance. It's just weird for him to be all talking to God and needing to forgive his dead mother who sold him as a sex slave at like age 8 (who's a Grandma Angel to all the children - gag)

This was just so unforgivably corny and strange and weird and strange and...weird....I just had to stop reading. I don't even care how it ended. It's just freaking weird.

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### **Marilee Salfelder says**

The story was not believable even for a paranormal romance. The worrying was styled & too formal, "we are going to the store", or "you are sure you want to". It didn't flow or feel realistic. Most people don't speak exact perfect grammatical English exclusively. Also, it couldn't make up its mind whether it was a religious book preaching forgiveness, an erotic novel or a book on the horrors of child abuse. The jump from prescribed to erotic scenes was weird & off putting. Every obstacle that came up had an immediate and easy fix. You didn't feel the pain & struggle of the characters. They really weren't developed very well. I would not read a sequel.

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### **Echo says**

I received a copy of this story from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Beautiful Downfall was not what I was expecting - at all. With a uniquely interesting take on Angels, life and love. It was a beautifully written story with depth and a great epilogue.

The story begins in a dream, where we meet Camille and Casey. Told from both of their POV's, it was nice to know what both of them were thinking and feeling as the story progressed. Camille is the wonderfully sad and compelling heroine who has been thru something so horrible, most people would succumb to the nervous breakdown. But with the help of Casey, her deliciously wonderful guardian angel, and some other wonderfully awesome characters, she starts to pull herself up by her bootstraps and get on with her life.

Along the way we learn more about both of them and their parents. Plus we get to meet Cami's new bestie Sarah, who is completely awesome by the way. Everyone should have a friend like Sarah. It would be really cool if she got her own story.

The steamy scenes are definitely sexy while staying very romantic. The chemistry was oh so very sweet with zero to no edge just a nicely sweet relationship. I couldn't help but root for them to get their HEA.

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes the Paranormal Romance genre or if you are just looking for your next romance read. It's beautifully done and there is no cliff-hanger.

### **Ikelia 'Bookoholic Anom' Francis says**

I didn't know how I was going to feel about this book because in the blurb it mentioned GOD and that can be a touchy subject, but it wasn't at all how I thought it would be. I'm happy about that.

Camille recently lost her parents in a tragic accident, which she was apart of and saw her parents die. Months later she has isolated herself from all her friends and stays to herself in a dark depression. The only time she feels alive is when she dreams of a beautiful dark haired man that slowly helps her through her grief. For Camille, the dreams are so real and at the same time she thinks maybe it is all in her head and she could be slowly going insane.

Casey lived a hard life and his life ended brutally. Now an Angel, he is seeking redemption for his ways as a human. One of his task is to help Camille come out of her depression and help her get past the grief of losing her parents so suddenly and live her life the way her parents would want her to. However, Casey is having a hard time keeping Camille from occupying his every thought. One rule is that he, as an Angel cannot fall in love with a human. Doing so will cause trouble with the big man upstairs.

***“...Even if it hurts a little, isn’t that what love is? Hurting someone but apologizing profusely in the most beautiful of ways?”***

Reading this book, I my heart clenched for Camille. I can't imagine losing my parents at all, and she lost her parents in a horrible accident. I can understand why she would isolate herself from the world after losing the only two people that really loved her and whom she really loved. Losing someone you love dearly is never easy. I know from losing loved ones myself. I loved that Casey started coming to her in only her dreams and subconsciously and consciously Camille was starting to come out of her depression with small tiny baby steps. Then she explained being able to feel his presence by his smell, or feel heat or coolness when he would reach out and touch her instead of actually feeling his touch. She would even be able to hear him and he would encourage her to take a much-needed step to separate herself from the grief. The two had a strong connection and didn't understand why, but eventually all the pieces came into place and secrets and past were revealed.

I just found myself gasping and saying “holy shit” when pieces of information about both Camille, Casey, Casey's sister and Camille's parents where brought forth. Gave me the warm feeling that EVERY REALLY DOES HAPPEN FOR A REASON.

***“Eyes a man could get totally lost in...and he didn’t have a map to get out.”***

The way the Scarlett Jade paints the imagery of how Angels live and what there specific duties are was delightful. What I found interesting is how the Angels in her story are intertwined into ones everyday life without the person having a clue because we aren't really looking. Plus depending on what kind of Angel

you were (in the story) certain people could or couldn't them, or if that said Angel even still looks like their former self. I really enjoyed that aspect of the story. Even the scenes with GOD were nice to read.

This book makes you have faith in why things happen in life and why they don't but in the end you are never given more than you can handle; that soul mates can exist and that there could be someone out there that was made especially for you. I'm a hopeless romantic so I already somewhat believe in such things.

I even cried a little at the end.

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