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Sixteen year old Arie Belle never imagined she would be anything but ordinary, and most certainly not a princess. She lived a simple life with her mom, next door to her best friend, River, in a rural area just outside of Los Angeles. She had everything she could ever want until it was suddenly ripped away from her. Her mother's mysterious death plunged Arie into darkness and into the care of River's parents. As hard as they tried to help her, Arie couldn't find the light.

After years of emotional numbness, a mysterious stranger, Ashe, entered her life, giving her a renewed hope. What she didn't expect was for the veils of reality to be lifted and fairy tales to come alive. On her quest for the truth of her mother's death, she finds so much more: her father, her first love, and her destiny.

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

I received this book for free through Goodreads First Reads.

First off let me start by saying this is the first book I have read by Dani Hart and I loved it!

This book is different from any of the paranormal books I have read. I enjoyed the world the writer created and the plot was great. I could not put the book down! Twice this book had me tearing up!

I loved Arie, River, and Ashe, but let it be said right now that I am totally Team ASHE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

There was a few times I wanted to shake Arie because I felt she didn't handle things with river right and I want River to have his own love story "Hint Hint!!"

by the end of this book was freaking out I don't want to spoil anything but I will say what happens to Ashe and river had me yelling

Can't wait til the next book!!!!!!

Shasta Mosley Swoon Worthy Books/Cherry0Blossom says

There are some books that you read that will captivate you from the very beginning. You will fall in love with the characters from the very start. Share their joys, sorrows and triumphs. Dani Hart has done just that with her book: Reality (The Life of Arie). From the very beginning I was so emerged into the book that I did not want to set it down. Thank you Dani for allowing me to beta read this book I love it so much. You have my 5stars!!!!

In Reality (The Life of Arie), you will follow Arie's journey to discover who and what she is. Arie has always been one with nature, but suddenly all of these strange things occur in her life that she has no way to control or even know why they are happening. After the death of her mother and never knowing her father, there are only so many people she can turn to for the help she needs in her journey to not only find out about these strange occurrences, but also to keep her safe.

I can tell you that you will fall in love with the characters in this book, and you will laugh and of course I cried because this book has one of the best love triangles that I have ever read! You will not be disappointed at no point in this book, Dani has done such an amazing job with this book and I am just so glad that I have had the opportunity to read it.

Cat says

Reality by Dani Hart is a fabulously intricate fantasy! A definite 5 stars.

Arie is so alive, so connected to nature and growing up fast. She is having to live in a world without her mother who was her world. When she turns 18, her life becomes even more confusing and mysterious. River who has been her rock and support as she deals with her mother's death as well as as her long time childhood friend is asking for more. And the mysterious Ashe draws Arie into feelings she has never experienced.

The story is so unique, I can't even come up with another story close to it. It is a mystery, a romance, a coming of age and an epic fantasy all mixed together. The best of each! It is dark and filled with angst. At times it is heart wrenching. The characters are so real and so intense. I want to learn more about each of them, jump into the story and help them. They grow and make really difficult choices.

I highly recommend this intense read. But, make sure you clear your calendar, you won't want to put it down.

Amanda Wooden says

*I WAS GIVEN THIS ARC FOR AN HONEST REVIEW!

Reality will captivate you from the first page! Your imagination will be on fire! I still can not believe how much this story has stuck with me!!! Let me start by saying this is not my normal genre I read. But I have read several paranormal/dystopian books and for me Dani's story is in a class all its own! You have the paranormal feel but the love story and descriptive details just set this book apart! If you love paranormal and romance then you will be **IN LOVE WITH THIS BOOK!!!**

Arie's life has recently been filled with darkness and she is struggling to connect to her old self! Arie was a vibrant child who grew up with a loving mother! Her mother taught her everything while living in their beautiful house in the meadows. She discovers as a child that she has a strange connection to nature.

"My mom always said that if you listened hard enough that you could hear nature talk to you. In my case, I could feel it."

Animals are always coming up to her and she feels as if they are always looking to her for something. But then her mother mysteriously passes away on her 16th birthday and since then everything has turned dark! Her best friend and the man she loves, River, and his family have tried to help her find her way but she keeps pushing them away. But on her 18th birthday strange things start to occur! The biggest mystery she is trying to figure out is the man who seems to show up and disappear during the most random moments. But she feels this immediate connection with him (Ashe) and she doesn't know how to handle the feelings she is having for both River and Ashe!

"If River was home, Ashe was my heart. Two parts of me that I needed and could never live without."

She feels like both of these boys have a special place in her life! But she is not prepared for the hard truths!!! Arie soon finds out that she has many other things to worry about and some hard decisions to make. Everything she has ever known is about to change and she will have to face her REALITY!

Okay, so to say **I LOVE THIS BOOK** would be a huge understatement! I have never felt so apart of the scenery in a story! Dani writes this so gracefully that she makes you be able to picture where the character is and how they truly feel! **IT IS AMAZING!** Every character has their own personality and I loved every one! The story is eye opening and I absolutely can't wait for more! Dani you did an amazing job and I can't wait to read the finished book!

Congratulations on your debut novel Dani Hart!!! You are amazing and a breath of fresh air!!!

4.5 IMAGINATIVE & LOVING STARS!

Darlene says

OMG! DANI HART HAS DONE IT FOR THE YOUNG ADULT READER IN THE MOST AMAZING AND CREATIVE AWAY POSSIBLE !!!

*** I received an ARC from the author , Dani Hart in exchange for an honest opinion. This is Mismousey's very honest opinion of " REALITY (THE ARIE CHRONICLES #1).***

First let me say this about this amazing & very talented author Ms. Hart. I have read her adult books " Forgotten Treasures and Firefighters Flame both are amazing books. Now I have started reading "THE ARIE CHRONICLES" and i must say I am not one bit disappointed at all. Matter of fact I am shocked by her imagination and creativity. Never would I have believed that I could I have been taken to a whole new level of excitement an thrill. I never saw this coming from her pen on paper. Ms. Hart is a genius when it comes to making worlds appear out of thin air .But let me tell you about ARIE and what happens to her without spoiling the book for you.

Arie is a young teenager who just has her mother. Her father left her when she was just a wee babe. They live near the meadows and love to go there . It is their favorite spot. Arie is comfortable with nature - the creatures come up to her and let her pet them like they are normal pets. (can you imagine petting a deer or squirrel or even having a bird in your hand?) Her mom and her go to what they call butterfly circle. It is called this as all the butterflies land there . They even land on them. (kewl huh?)

Any rate, arie has a friend by the name of River - he is her best friend they do everything together. It is even thought that maybe oneday they might hook up- but Arie doesn't think of River like that.

Arie's mom owns a book store and Arie does the story hour. She has a girlfriend that has a dress shop that work's next door . Her name is Starling.

Now this one day while River and Arie are in the meadows when her mom is killed. This takes her on a downward depression. During this time she finds out she is part of another world reality all together. One where she had lived before. Her father Tevi lives there - She meets a young man by the name of Ashe - she is drawn to him. River and his family try to help over her grief of her family. When she turns 18 she gains controls of the book store and River's parents a card that contain her mother ring in it. It is a unquie gem stone. Once she puts it on her finger she starts to glow. They also have left her a letter from her mother. In the letter her mother tries to explain how special Arie is - an how she met her father. She was a special gift from her father and one she will always cherish- she had wanted to say goodbye to her. But she will always be apart of her. At that moment Arie runs out of the store to her butterfly meadow to be close to her mother there she stays until dark. When River finds her. He tells her that she needs to leave - when they are walking away she feels someone watching them and yells run. They get into her house- he tells her that he - he has been protecting her. And that's all he can say at the moment. Arie needs to speak to his mother. She is away- when she comes back home she is very ill. Not knowing what is wrong. They speak - she she try's to explain about her mother and the fact that she is dieing to give her Arie her energy.

As the story progress's you will find out that someone is trying to kill her. And that Tevi her father has taken her to the other vail. This is in order to protect her. Now I am not going to tell you what happens in the vail . Or to Arie-River- Starling- or the others. There are a lot of twist and turns in this amazing - FANTASTIC- TERRIFIC-OMG HOT FANTASY READ OF THE CENTURY!

Mismousey recommends this book to all young adults / adults and to all fantasy and paranormal lovers out there! I give this a different and firm 60 out 5 stars. Yeah I know you might think this mouse crazy. But I don't rate normal. The way in which the writing - creativity- characters- scenes-cover- blurb- it all comes together. It is so awesome- in this Mismousey's mind it deserves a 60. Ms. Hart girl you rock!! Can't wait for the next book!!!

Necrotic says

Not even sure where to even begin with this book. Finally a book that stands on it's own and a story apart from the mundane and repetitive literature. At first I jumped on attaining it because of the huge mark off price amazon was offering. Secondly the cover drew me in it's simple yet eye catching. It took me two days to complete this captivating book. I absolutely fell in love with the characters and not only got attached but was able to picture it all as I read. The structure of the book is easy to follow and simple writing yet leaves no stone upturned. As others have said it will evoke much emotion so keep a box of kleenex at hand. But that is a good thing a great story does bring forth emotion yet it be sadness, happiness, anger, regret. Reality has it all... now if i could just have the sequel already hehe .

Marinda says

I loved this book. I fell in love with Arie and River. I laughed, I cried and couldn't put it down. Thank you Dani for allowing me to beta read this book. It is a lovely story about Arie trying to cope with the loss of her mother with the help of River. She starts to have visions and realizes something is wrong with her. No more can be said as I don't want to put any spoilers out. The story is well written, the characters are very developed and the story flows. This is a great book for anyone into young adult stories I strongly suggest you grab this when it comes out in Sept.

Trina says

This was a great quick read for me, the story flowed very well and plot was very intriguing. A lot of the story deals with Arie's grief from the death of her mother, her unrelenting visions, and Arie learning she is not who she thought she was or quite sure what she is. I can't say too much because there is a big reveal at the end of the book. The story is full of twists and turns and keeps you guessing and wondering about Arie and her family until the very end. And even then there's a lot left to learn. Let us not forget about her best and life long friend, River, who is completely committed to Arie. Then there is Ashe, another possible love interest, I'm looking forward to learning more about him, hopefully in the next book; I can't say I'm a fan of him yet. You could say I'm Team River at this point. There is some sexual content in Reality. There is a good versus bad vibe to Reality which reminded me of Lauren Kate's Fallen series. I have to add that I love the artwork on the cover of Reality. It's beautiful and mysterious. I'm really looking forward to the next installment in this series.

Natasha says

I was lucky enough to be beta reader for this book! I'm gonna TRY to do my best to review it without being too spoilery! Hope I do it justice :)

Arie has had a hard few years to say the least, the loss of her mom has her secluding her self from everything she loves. Feeling alone she doesn't know how to bounce back to her former self.

She goes out with a friend one fateful night (Which just happens to be her birthday) and sees a mysterious man watching her. He seems to start showing up in the most unconventional places and times. She can't help but be intrigued by him and how she feels around him!

Arie starts having strange and weird things happen in her presence and cannot figure it out. I love how she seems to take in stride tho as if its the most normal thing in the world.

This book has the most insane love triangle I have ever read. I find myself bouncing back and forth and cannot decide what love I want her to pursue! One minute I'm Team River and the next I'm Team Ashe!

River the handsome athletic boy that literally lives next door, and worships the ground Arie walks on. He is all she has ever known and will do anything to protect her.

Ashe is the sexy mysterious boy who makes her feel all tingly and gives her butterflies. She feels different when he is around and not so on her own. He seems to fill a void that she is desperate to fill.

Arie soon finds that not all is as it seems and that she is going to be faced with some very hard truths and difficult decisions on the coming months. Will she be able to do what's right for her as well as her loved ones?

I cannot rave enough about this story. I adore everything about it. The secondary characters are so endearing and you find yourself getting just attached to them as you do the main ones! Love the storyline and how it unfolds. You will find you cant put it down and get very invested in what happens. It's a very very emotional read. (had me crying at work MULTIPLE times) What Arie had/has to go through is so gut wrenching. I don't know how she has survived and remained as strong as she does!!!!

There's not a dull moment. Can't wait till everyone can read it! You will not be disappointed!! A solid 5+ stars from me!!!

Congrats Dani Thank you for allowing me to see into this world a little before everyone else and be a tiny part of it ♥ I am honored!

Mike says

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

Funny thing is in this story butterfly bushes are referenced, which I just took to be bushes that butterflies are attracted to. But the next day I saw an article about "buddleja davidii" or a "Butterfly bush"! What are the odds?

This is one of those books that left me feeling pretty conflicted about... well about almost everything really! The writing is so very descriptive that I couldn't help but be pulled into the story and yet at the same time it was almost too much description. Our main character is so emotional and heart breaking (and rightfully so!) but it's almost too much at times. (And she really should look into wearing a helmet. I'm just sayin')

Normally I might throw in a quote from the book around now, but instead I'm going to quote my own notes that are generally much more jumbled than this.

"57% in... Arie's frustration is palpable, and mine is along with it. Very few answers and so many questions. And right now I can't help but feel torn between being annoyed with the book for stringing me on so long or glad that I'm getting sucked into it so much."

And that really sums up most of the story. You'll be frustrated, but so is she until the truth all comes out. Stick with it! And the ending! Phew! Obviously I'm not going to tell you anything. But it's like my heart got ripped out, crumpled and smashed, then someone stuffed it back in and gave me a lollipop. Take that however you'd like!

So get in on this new series (Yes! Series! Book two is in the works as of now) and enjoy a healthy dose of Reality :)

The Book Trollop says

One of my followers on Facebook told me they were reading this book and that it was GOOD and it was SAD..

Pssshhh SOLD I love me some books that can make me sad, I LOVE the feels, even when I am cursing the author for making me FEEL!!

So I ask the author politely if I can read and review this book for her before it was released.. I needed something different, I was being burnt out from the same 'ol book/love story/HEA and I thought this one was right up the alley of what I wanted to get me out of my slump..

I was RIGHT!!

I am going to start with the dislike because I want to end this review on a good note.. The only thing I did not connect with was the main character, I thought Arie was...I don't know the right word for it.. I know she was a lost soul since her mother died and she was trying to find herself in the world/nature, trying to figure out her past, where she came from. I understood all of that but I just couldn't connect with her like I wanted too. I liked her but I wasn't in love with her, its one of those I need to read the rest of the series to be able to really connect and know her..

DISCLAIMER: I also didn't like Bella when I first read Twilight, she actually got on my last nerve in New Moon and I wanted to shank her and steal Edward for myself but that's just me ;) (def not Rob Pat though, EW NO).. So, it is not like I won't like Arie, I just need more from her.. She needs to grow a little more and I think I will fall for her..

Ok enough of that, let's move on to the one thing I absolutely, positively, ADORED in this story..

The originality was SUPERB..

The concept and plot was just incredible..

I don't know if I should explain it or not, this is what I was struggling with when thinking about what to write. The big reveal is what Arie is and what she means to nature, in general so if I talk about what she is I don't want to ruin it for all of you who have NOT read it..

so I am going to keep this kind of vague..

Arie is very important, there are things that only she can restore back to order and it is up to her. She has to make decisions and these decisions affect (effect? I never freaking know the difference) her kind...

But with all of this, there is a deeper message on a deeper level than what we are reading. The author kinda dives deeper into the essence of life and how everyone has an essence that lives on, even if our physical bodies do not.

But we also can't mess with destiny and fate, only they can decide what happens. Even if we want to blame ourselves for things happening, we can't, we have to trust and believe that fate and destiny know what they are doing.

It's kind of being blind, while living your life.

You just have to have trust and faith.

INCREDIBLE

I also couldn't put this book down once I got really into it, it was a little slow at first but when it picked up, I was eagerly turning the pages to find out more.

I LOVED River, absolutely loved him!!

He was Arie's best friend and biggest confidant, he was always there for her and I really hope.... well we will leave it like that ;)

This book was very whimsical, always keeping you guessing, it was a little confusing at times but if you keep going you will eventually figure it out. It also sticks with you long after reading it..Leaves you wondering about life in general and whether or not our essence can really live on through nature..

This is also YA-Paranormal.. some steamy moments but its pretty PG13..

I give this book a 4/5 and if you want to check it out for yourself, it is set to be released on September 23rd, 2013

(my brother's birthday ;)

Staci Randall says

WARNING: Grab some tissues and be prepared to stay up all night reading because you won't be able to put this book down!

I am so fortunate to have received this book as an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

I do not like spoilers, so I am going to be very vague with my review. I want you to experience this book the way I did; going in with NO CLUE about what this book is really about!

Arie Belle is just a quirky, beautiful girl with a happy life; then, when Arie is sixteen, her mother dies very suddenly. Thankfully, she has her best friend, River and his parents to keep her company. Even though she is

surrounded by people who love her, nothing ever seemed the same. Her world, which was once full of light and happiness, became dark and distant. On her 18th birthday, she learns that the past she knew wasn't exactly what she thought it was.

River, Arie's best friend, guides her through the new path her life is taking. He is there for her when she needs him the most. He pledges his love to her and she knows that he means it. However, she doesn't expect to meet Ashe, the mysterious guy who tears her heart into pieces. She learns that it is, in fact, possible to be in love with two people.

In my mind, this book has everything a book should have. The entire time I was reading, my husband had to check on me. I yelled a lot. I wanted answers. "Why, ARIE?" "What is going on?" Then, magically, I had my answers. Dani Hart must be a mind reader. She perfectly described Arie's life and encounters with the most beautiful imagery I've ever read.

I'd like to thank Dani Hart for creating this amazing piece of art. Not only it is beautifully written, but it transported me into a world that I never could've imagined! This book is unlike anything I've ever read. Years from now, we will look back and say "Remember when Dani Hart first created the Life of Arie series?" It's that good. I'll give you a simple comparison to show you what I mean: When I first read Twilight, I thought "This book is going to be something. Stephanie Meyer just put a new spin on Vampires. I hope this one makes it big." THAT is how I felt after reading this book. I think; No, I know that not only is this going to be a wonderful book series, it is going to be an incredible movie.

Tantalizing says

First of all let me say this before I start this review...

Take a nice long nap before you start reading Reality because you are going to be up all night long reading. Secondly, have a box of tissues handy because plenty of tears will be shed while reading this book! You have been warned! Don't blame me when you are not prepared ?

It's going to be hard to write this review without spoilers so pardon my vagueness, because if I give the slightest hints about what happens you will not have the jaw-dropping, OMG! moments that this book is guaranteed to cause.

Arie Belle is a beautiful happy girl whose life is full of happiness and light... that is until her mother suddenly dies, leaving her world dark. Her best friend River is there for her constantly, guiding her, and standing by her when she needs him the most. River professes his love for her, and she has no doubt that he means it. In walks Ashe, the mysterious guy who rips her heart to shreds. Arie not only has to deal with loving two but she also has to solve the mystery that is her life.

This book had me questioning everything, and just when I thought I had it figured out...BAM a twist. However Dani did find a way to drop answers to my questions here and there throughout the book. I found myself wanting to slap Arie aside the head for some of her decisions, "What are you thinking Arie, really?" I may have screamed a few times, and maybe scared my boyfriend a few times. My kindle almost flew a time or two, but then I wouldn't be able to read anymore so I just screamed instead.

Dani Hart transported me to a world I never expected to be taken to. Her writing flowed flawlessly, and I was hooked from the first page to the last page. This is a book that will stick with me for some time, if not forever. This is not the usual genre book that I read but I will forever make an exception for one of Dani Hart's books. I can't wait to continue Arie's journey, and see where Dani takes me next.

Angie says

I didn't know what to expect when I got this book. The characters, the story, it's all so amazing! The world Dani created is so fantastic. I sat down and read the book in a day, I couldn't put it down. Love, heartbreak, passion, action. All in one amazing fairy tale! One of my favourite books! It's so different from any fairytale story I have ever read. Simply fascinating!!

Stacy says

I was given an ARC of this for an honest review. I don't think I can write a review that will do it justice. It was beyond amazing. I have read books with fairies, angels, spirits or whatever you want to call them but I can't honestly think of one that has been so emotional or captivating as this one. It had me crying without even realizing I was until it was so bad I couldn't see. My heart broke and ached as I read Arie's story. I can't wait to be transported back to Arie's reality in the next book. Congratulations on an amazing book and I am a fan for life.
