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Left at an orphanage as a child, Thea Reed vowed to find her mother someday. Now grown, her search takes her to Pleasant Valley, Wisconsin, in 1908. When clues lead her to a mental asylum, Thea uses her experience as a post-mortem photographer to gain access and assist groundskeeper Simeon Coyle in photographing the patients and uncovering the secrets within. However, she never expected her personal quest would reawaken the legend of Misty Wayfair, a murdered woman who allegedly haunts the area and whose appearance portends death.

A century later, Heidi Lane receives a troubling letter from her mother--who is battling dementia--compelling her to travel to Pleasant Valley for answers to her own questions of identity. When she catches sight of a ghostly woman who haunts the asylum ruins in the woods, the long-standing story of Misty Wayfair returns--and with it, Heidi's fear for her own life.

As two women across time seek answers about their identities and heritage, can they overcome the threat of the mysterious curse that has them inextricably intertwined?

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Jen. says

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That. Was. Awesome.

Jaime Jo Wright just scared the living daylights out of me!

The Curse of Misty Wayfair was absolutely fantastic! It was super creepy! The mystery was extremely well-crafted! The heart-pounding suspense! The awesome cast of characters! All perfectly blended into one chilling, time-slip adventure!

This book gave me goosebumps!

Will I read another book by Jaime Jo Wright? Absolutely!

Will I read it with all the lights on in the broad daylight?

Absolutely.

Five Hair-Raising Stars!! Do not miss this book! **The Curse of Misty Wayfair** will be available on January 22, 2019.

I received a complimentary advanced copy of this book from Bethany House Publishers through NetGalley. A positive review was not required. All opinions expressed are completely my own.

Paula Shreckhise says

The Curse of Misty Wayfair by Jaime Jo Wright is phenomenal and profound.
If I could give it more stars I would. This is one of my top reads of 2019.

Pleasant Valley, in the Northwoods of Wisconsin, connects Thea Reed and Heidi Lane across the decades as does the legend of Misty Wayfair. Thea and Heidi have been searching for acceptance and identity and their journeys intersect in the unlikely place of an insane asylum.

The dual-time story is rich with the mysterious. The narrative is elegant, evoking a setting that pulls you into the story. The characters Ms. Wright pens are flawed, human, and relatable. She aptly portrays each time period and connects them seamlessly. The heroes are supportive of the heroines and they are the strong silent types but have their own personalities.

The spiritual truth within these pages is something we all need to ponder: "We weren't created to find our identity in life. We were created to discover our Creator. In doing so, our identity is defined."

I love that Ms. Wright starts where the Bible starts: with a Creator and His creation. For Jesus was revealed in Genesis!

Ms. Wright handles the topics of mental illness and autism with finesse and sensitivity. How she presents the contrasts of 1908 and the present shows how far we have come in the care of these disorders.

How could this baffling saga impact a lady from 1908 and one from another century? I had a delightful time as the stories unfolded. This is the kind of Christian Fiction I adore: suspenseful and historical. Although the book comes to a satisfying conclusion, I am glad not all the threads were tied up at the end. It gives you something to ponder. This story will linger.

This is the third novel I have read by Jaime Jo Wright and she just keeps getting better! I recommend this novel to those who are looking for an exceptional, thought provoking, engrossing and intense Christian book.

I received a complimentary copy of this book from the publisher on behalf of the author. I was not required to give a favorable review. All opinions are my own.

V. Palmer says

Guys, no review that I write can bring justice to how masterful and engaging *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* by Jaime Jo Wright really is! Seriously, read this one!

Perhaps the thing I love the most about Jaime Jo Wright's romantic suspense stories is that they really break the mold of romantic suspense in Christian Fiction. They are truly unique! The romance is subtle, but it is believable, ending in a way that you know that Happily Ever After will happen after that last page. The suspense is filled with intrigue, murder, and yes, some creepiness. But that creepiness never, EVER overcomes the light! The mystery is so skillfully crafted, that all I can do is read, read, read until that conclusion where it all clicks into place. *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* more than lives up to the author's excellent abilities! Just...WOW!!!

Anxiety disorders, mental illness, and special needs are one of the main focuses of the story. These subjects are very near and personal to me, so I greatly appreciated the author's sensitivity and overflowing love in regards to these subjects. While my heart ached to read about some of the horrific pain and difficulties that I know all too well, God's tender love proved to be the spotlight, pushing aside the heartache.

The Curse of Misty Wayfair is one of those books where I think I read it at the exact time I needed to read it, and I have a feeling a lot of other readers will feel the same way. Thea and Heidi's search for their identities and heritage is shrouded in mayhem. However, their discovery that other people, consequences of the past, or the things that life defines as normal doesn't define their identities, but that their identities are defined by the discovery of our Creator. This message will speak to your soul!

Five Stars ~ *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* by Jaime Jo Wright is a thrilling story that will have you gasping for breath until the last page! *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* is the author's third book, but it is a standalone, not a series.

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Brittany says

I found *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* to be spooky and deliciously disturbing! That may seem like a strange thing to say, yet it describes the way I felt compelled to uncover the mysteries of both storylines with each page turn, while also having to limit my reading to the daylight hours to keep from getting completely creeped out!

Knowing that this story was Christian fiction, I was aware that there must be some explanation behind the ghostly sightings, but the author kept me guessing as to what exactly was happening in both the present and past timelines.

Both storylines were fascinating to me, with the one in the past particularly so as it dealt with post-mortem photography, superstitions that seemed to be held throughout the entire town, and the local insane asylum. In both storylines, the heroines struggled with truth versus myth, acceptance, and feeling unloved. And Thea, from the storyline set in the past, struggled with her beliefs regarding superstition versus God. This was a very interesting novel!

I received a complimentary copy of this book. All opinions are my own.

You can read this review on my blog:
<https://brittreadsfiction.wordpress.c...>

Rachael says

I'm just going to start this review by saying I cannot do this book justice. Secondly, in discussing this book, I want to assure you this may be a spooky story, but it is not a ghost story.

This is a brilliant read...Thea, Emma, and Heidi are my favorite characters. The characters really drive the story...which is a deep one. The author writes a spectacular novel to bring forth several wonderful Biblical truths. It's one of those novels that I don't think one read fully gives you everything.

A split time read with pictures of the dead, an old asylum, and a family feud that makes for a creepy but mesmerizing read that I still find in my thoughts from time to time. The author slowly throughout the book reveals pieces of the mystery and the faith theme...it's like peeling back something deceptive to reveal the truth underneath that so few want known. Impossible to describe but definitely a must read— just please go buy it. There is just SO much in this book...so many truths.

Don't be put off by the spooky...all things aren't what they seem with the legend of *Misty Wayfair*...but her Creator is everywhere...and just waiting to be found by anyone who seeks Him.

I received this book from the publisher. All opinions are my own.

Victoria Lynn says

D.a.n.g. I have no words. . . Rtc

Full Review:

This book. . . Wow.

I just want to insert here that if you are so inclined to listen to music while you read, I would highly recommend pairing this book with a moody cup of black tea or bitter coffee and the album, *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close Soundtrack* by Alexandre Desplat'. #mood.

I will try to make my thoughts somewhat cohesive, but this book for me was more about how it made me feel than anything else.

There is a grit to it, the way the feelings are almost a tangible thing that you can touch. It was almost as if I could feel the emotions coiling around my fingers if I just reached out my hand to touch them. The gothic, dark, broody, shivers-down-your-spine vibes were not a dark presence that was undesirable, but they were just a soft, ethereal feeling that gave the book an essence of the inspired.

This is my first experience reading a book by Jamie Jo Wright, and after this one tiny taste, she forever has my admiration. Her words are purposeful, carefully chosen gems from a creek bed full of stones. It was as if she chose each one, examined it thoroughly and polished it to perfection before she set it into her sentences. Every sentence left me with a feeling of understanding and a connection with the characters that I haven't experienced for quite some time while reading.

The stunning settings, moods, and surroundings of each storyline captured my attention and of course, this history buff loved the historical timeline. The high stakes of the story also made this book unforgettable in so many ways. There was never a moment that I felt like "meh, I don't want to finish this". It was stunning beauty from beginning to end.

Another thing about this book that is going to be hard for me to explain, but is there all the same and probably a very strong reason for the definite attachment to the story and characters. . . Was the emotions, motivation, and storyline of the characters. Heidi herself and the family issues that she deals with was very real to me in so many ways that I sometimes had goosebumps and very real feelings and emotions attached to them. From the sympathy and compassion I felt towards Heidi, the anger towards others who treated her a certain way, and a melancholic sadness over the way her life was formed and the difficult relationships that made up her family had me feeling near tears so many times.

And let's not forget the very real and strong storyline of mental illness that threaded through this book like a gold thread, sometimes bright, other times subtle, but always there to color the story and make it for what it is. A spectacular, emotional and heartbreakingly compassionate view of the struggle of our society. She handled the perceptions, realities, and reality of mental illness in such a beautiful way that all I could do was applaud with a feeling of awe and appreciation for a job well done.

In short, this is a stunning piece that any would do well to read. It is something that will stick with you and a book that I feel blessed to own and will treasure on my shelf.

"That while the past- the consequences of the past – might have a dire effect on me, it still doesn't change who I am. We weren't created to find our identity in life. We were created to discover our Creator. In doing so, our identity is defined." ~ Simeon Coyle, *The Curse of Misty Wayfair*.

And for those who were curious, this "ghost story" had no real "ghost". Just so you know.

Rachael says

Jaime Jo Wright's book just keep getting better and better all the time (and they started out as pretty impressive). Right from the first page the story grabbed me, both Thea's and Heidi's. Part of it is the creepy, dark tone that is so prevalent in Wright's stories, something thrillingly different from most anything else I typically read. And the other part is that Wright is just one good writer. I cannot say which heroine I liked more--both are compelling, sympathetic, misunderstood, searching . . . but both are strong in their own way, even amongst their myriad of weaknesses.

It boggles my mind how the author can write such a complex book, where threads from the past and present intertwine, where every scene, every page is important because the details all matter. It isn't as cut and dried as a typical mystery/suspense, where the subconscious goal of the reader is to figure out the villain or the mystery. Here I can read with such enjoyment that my thoughts aren't subtly distracting me by trying to figure everything out. I'm just along for the ride. And it's a dark, spooky, heart-breaking, yet hopeful and satisfying ride.

Depression and mental disorders are something that doesn't come up much in Christian fiction, at least certainly not to the degree that Wright has in this story (and she does a wonderful job of it, based on my minimal knowledge). What is apparent on the surface is not always indicative of the turmoil beneath, and there are a lot of characters who aren't all that they seem, like Heidi and her cheery, hopeful outward appearance that disguises her constant fear and threat of panic attacks. But some, like Rhett and his mom, are wonderfully what-you-see-is-what-you-get, in all the best ways, sharing the love of Christ with the lost.

It is spectacular. For anyone who enjoys a spooky ghost story, I highly recommend it.

Anne says

The Curse of Misty Wayfair is a shoo-in for my Top Ten in 2019 already! Wright wove just the right amount of creep factor in this 'ghostly' tale of lies, loves, and the living to keep me glued to the pages. My heart rate stayed elevated pretty much the whole time. Reluctantly, I admit to a bit of anxiety as I read along because the intrigue is of mountainous proportions but I simply couldn't put the book down.

It has taken me over a week to process my thoughts about the story and the most revelatory conclusion I came to (not sure if anyone else has or will) is that the course of a family's future can be dramatically changed from one seemingly innocuous lie. But then no lie is really innocuous, is it?

I marked some great passages for quotes and this is one that really struck me as true.

"That while the past—the consequences of the past—might have a dire effect on me, it still doesn't change who I am. We weren't created to find our identity in life. We were created to discover our Creator. In doing so, our identity is defined." ~Simeon Coyle, *The Curse of Misty Wayfair*

Jaime Jo Wright continues to wow the literary world with her astonishingly enigmatic time-slip stories. She is a virtuoso at composing suspense resonating with hope and healing that can only come from the One who is the original Master Writer.

I received a copy from the publisher. No review was required. No compensation was received.

Jocelyn Green says

Two tales twist together into a story that draws the reader in and won't let go. The Curse of Misty Wayfair is deliciously thrilling, with a resolution steeped in light and hope. Jaime Jo Wright wraps her writing in a genuine love for people--in all their gifts and challenges--and for the truth that sets them free.

Natalie Walters says

Emotionally gripping, Jaime Jo Wright delivers a captivating split-time mystery that'll leave you unable to breathe and unwilling to put this book down until the very last page.

Ethereal in its ghostly beauty is the mysterious legend of Misty Wayfair, the ghost that beckons for someone to hear her cries, learn her story, and see her suffering. Ms. Wright invites readers into the haunted lives of two women, Thea and Heidi, whose own troubled pasts trap them in a century old curse.

Chilling in its setting among the bluish gray forest that hides the secrets of an asylum, Ms. Wright holds nothing back. Bringing her characters to their knees to reveal deep wounds that can only be healed by the precious balm of truth she so aptly weaves into a story that offers not only hope and redemption to her characters but the chance to be seen for who they really are.

This story will resonate with readers and move them. A must read. Ms. Wright's best story yet.

Lucy says

With each stroke of the pen Ms. Wright creates a work of art that draws you into a world of mystery that spans from 1908 to present day. I love the way the dual time line is woven together so intricate that you never miss a beat while reading. I find the subject of mental illness and how it was treated so heartbreaking, but love how well researched it is. This book captures your attention from page one and eerily draws you into the story. The subject matter of mental illness, dementia, and being orphaned are dealt with in a sensitive manner and is very thought provoking. Not a run of the mill read, this is unpredictable with secrets and twists and turns that are captivating. This author has become a force to be reckoned with and deserves many accolades for her stellar writing style. I loved Thea and Heidi and how their stories are intertwined like two trees gnarled together after a century. Absolutely will be on my top ten books of 2019.

I received a complimentary copy from the author/publisher. The honest review and opinions are my own and were not required.

Suzie Waltner says

With her third full-length release, Jaime Jo Wright cements herself in the place of must-read eerie suspense

authors. Even more impressive, she does it not one, but two time periods!

In *The Curse of Misty Wayfair*, Wright explores the treatment of mental health issues in 1908 as Thea Reed works to uncover her history. Did someone living in the asylum in Pleasant Valley, Wisconsin give birth to her? More than 100 years later, Heidi Lane returns to Pleasant Valley at the behest of her mother. Yet, the woman is suffering from dementia and can't give Heidi the answers she desperately longs for.

Both Thea and Heidi are searching for their identities. While Thea doesn't know her true family, Heidi doesn't feel like she is accepted in hers.

Wright ties these two stories together seamlessly and the truth behind the Misty Wayfair legend kept me guessing until it was revealed. The characters are engaging, the story line is unique and well-paced, and the supporting characters give extra depth to the story. With books like this, Wright has a long career in front of her.

P.S. If you are easily spooked, be sure and read this one with the lights on.

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Alysha (For The Love of Christian Fiction) says

Let me start off by saying, this book had me REELING! Jaime can write a story!! ??

I am one of those people who can spot the bad guy from a mile away. Movies or books, you name it, I instantly feel a little "off" when they make an appearance. It always baffles my mind when an author can pull the wool over my eyes and surprise me at the end!

Jamie Jo Wright is one of the only authors who has that ability.

The last hundred pages or so had my mind racing at rapid speeds trying to figure everything out. I definitely had some assumptions (that ended up being correct), but I was completely off the mark considering the WHOLE picture! And I LOVED it.

I was IN BOTH of the timelines. I felt like I was living both of their stories! It was such a vivid story, every detail popped off the page.

The author's writing style is beautiful, thick and dark. This lends a small "creep factor" into her books.

There are some people who didn't think this was a "night-time read", but I personally preferred to read it at night to get the full Jaime Jo Wright affect.

I loved this storyline! It was a twisted, mind spinning tale that lasted well over a century. A "curse" that became a town's identity and in the process helped two women find their's.

Both women in this story were fighting so hard to find themselves, their identity. Though they both started

off by trying to solve the legend, in the end they found that GOD is the only way to truly be complete...and in God their identity was found.

I loved every character in this book! Each one had a specific reason for being the way they were, and it worked. (Even the bad guys)

This book dealt with mental illnesses and autism. Yet instead of making them feel less-than, this book shined a bright spotlight, showing the world they are PEOPLE, the same as you and me. As someone who has a disabled brother and cousin, and deals closely with people who have autism and anxiety, reading books talking about these subjects makes me happy!

This book was definitely a dark and foreboding story, yet it was riddled with so much hope and love! It is such a great message to all those who are hurting, lost or have ever felt less-than.
It was a 4/5 stars for me.

"Never forget that you are beautifully and wonderfully made. That is your identity. Search no further."
-Jaime Jo Wright

*I received this book from the author/publisher**All opinions are my own*

Clara says

My plain words will not do this book justice. But that is okay, this book is what it is - a work from the heart, and nothing I say will change that. So pick it up :)

Something was out of place, and the people of Pleasant Valley seemed to know it. Keeping to themselves, smiling a little, separated by a street, a history, and worst of all, a legend.

Pleasant Valley is an ironic name to the city in which Thea Reed and Heidi Lane believe lies the answer to their inner turmoil.

One simple word can help break the bounds that weigh them down, can give them the worth they've never felt, can present the light to who they are and what their purpose is. Then all melancholy and past hurt can be put to rest, and the way forward can be found.

But Pleasant Valley holds more secrets and stirs more questions than gives answers. A city divided by shallow prejudice, a family tainted by a curse, and the mystery of what atrocities lie within the woods - could this truly be the place where Thea and Heidi will find the light into their story, or will the unveiling only cover them with more darkness? And will the ghost of Misty Wayfair turn them into one more victim of her retribution to those who only abandoned her?

Thea and Heidi carry baggages not chosen but flung on them by fate. Sorrow daily comes knocking on their door, and a restlessness for reasons is their constant companion. Where does rest lay? Where can peace be found?

In search of these virtues, one will be confronted with the ghosts that haunt us, the mist that blinds us, the truth that sets us free: there's always a choice and it's up to us, stay in the deceptive protection of the mist that

feeds our pride, our "rights", or step out into contentment, into the legitimacy of our story - that it is not passive, inconsequential but dynamic, relational and surrounded by the all comforting arms of our Creator.

Having finished this book, my heart is left pounding out of my chest. Not just because of the deliciously eerie edge of this story, but because of the hope that our brokenness is what makes us essential to our communities.

* I received a review copy from the publisher. All opinions are my own.

Margaret says

I first discovered Jaime Jo Wright with her debut, *The House on Foster Hill* and absolutely loved it. So I wait in eager anticipation for her new releases. *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* is her 3rd book and releases in a couple weeks.

Thea and Heidi are 2 completely different characters and yet so similar, over a hundred years separate them but they are both searching for purpose, who they are and boy do they get more than they bargained for.

I LOVED this book! It was mysterious, suspenseful and kept me on my toes. It was beautifully written with authentic characters that battled issues relevant in both time periods but where society's views differed drastically. I loved that I didn't read the blurb and dove in blind, it added to the creepiness.

Dual time periods, yea my favorite, where it's the past storyline I usually love more, the historical part where I can learn more of the past. And I loved that here, the stigma of mental illness and the treatment along with covering up scandal. Throw in a ghost or two, some weird characters and it's great. But it was the current day plot I really enjoyed. The author created some interesting characters, they were authentic, those who suffered from real human issues - whether it was the dysfunctional family dynamics, again mental illness, loneliness, trust issues and more. It was the searching with no idea what to look for... now I should stop before I start giving away too much of the story.

The ended was perfect and really that's about all I will say about it. This is one of those books I want someone else to read so we can talk about it.

Suffice to say that my first read of 2019 was awesome! *The Curse of Misty Wayfair* is Christian fiction at its finest. This is definitely a book I highly recommend.

My thanks to Bethany House for an ARC (via Netgalley).

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