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DREAMS CAN BE DEADLY

Kidnapped by the man of her dreams, she must embrace the darkness within to save her life ... and her heart.

She's an ordinary girl with a nightmare problem

For as long as she can remember, Kalila Montgomery has been tormented by creatures from her nightmares. Doomed to a solitary life with her cats, she's determined to go down fighting. Until the man of her dreams—literally—kidnaps her and claims to know a cure. If only she could believe him.

He's no ordinary hero

Lydon v'al Endrian will stop at nothing to be free of the V'alkara, a dangerous brotherhood who feed on dreams. But the key to his freedom, sassy dreamcaster Kalila, might be his toughest challenge yet. No matter how much she protests, he intends to keep her safe from the V'alkara, even if it requires the ultimate sacrifice.

But a girl can dream ... can't she?

Now on the run with a man she can't quite trust or resist, Kalila must decide—fight for her dreams of a normal life ... or embrace a power she doesn't want, to save Lydon.

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Priyanka says

I was just surfing through Netgalley titles and randomly came across this book and I am so glad that I requested it and got accepted for it because I loved reading this book!

Its description was kinda making me feel like its maybe not going to be my kind of book, but romance and paranormal are my kind of genre, so I dived in. After reading the first page I got a little weird vibe from Lydon and I think that's what the author was aiming at. But then it picked on and I loved him!

Kalila, is our heroine, she has these nightmares which come to life. She knows that its not normal and all she wants is a normal life. But she is a dreamcaster and Lydon, our hero, has been sent to capture her.

Lydon is a V'alkara. They feed on dreams and he plans to gain freedom by gaining this dreamcaster's trust. But he can't let anyone harm Kalila, who awakes these feelings inside him, he never thought existed.

Kalila is a very strong, stubborn, feisty and sassy character. She will fight fiercely for freedom. and she must trust Lydon for that and he ends up becoming her ally. Whereas their banter was fun to read, it was a little difficult for me to not get frustrated when they were being stubborn. But they grow on you. Give them a little time and you end up adoring them.

I really like the world C.J. Burright created. I loved the writing style. But I am giving it 4 stars because I had to reread few chapters to understand what is actually happening. It was a little complicated in middle but then the story progresses and then I felt like I was on track. Having said that, I really liked this story and I can't wait to dive into the second book because that epilogue has me on the edge of my seat!

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Nicole says

If you're even a little bit of a fan of the "Immortals after Dark" series, or the "Black Dagger Brotherhood" series, I really do believe you'll love this one. It's as if the two had a baby and produced this wonderfully written and witty book. The characters are well developed, and overall the storyline is great. I did feel as though the plot was a bit dragged out, and at times got confused on some of the characters abilities. There were times when I felt like that author just expected you to know certain things, rather than explaining it. As of right now, I won't be continuing with this series, as I have a ton of others I'd rather put before it. However, I can definitely see myself coming back to it at some point!

Ingrid Thomas says

Well...color me black!! This book sank its claws on me and wouldn't let me go!

It's a new premise of a book. One I haven't read before. It involves dreams!!!! And the way CJ Burright managed to weave reality and fiction, along with the dream state was wonderful.

The book is fast paced and with good characters.

It's a kaleidoscopic book!!! Sometimes you are up and in the next blink you are down. You are in dreamland and suddenly back in reality

Trust felt like being naked at the beach. No protection, completely vulnerable to sand, sun, and the occasional seagull droppings. Total suck potential....Kalilia Montmomery

All Kalila Montgomery wanted was to have a normal life, to be able to sleep without her nightmares, but not just normal nightmares, but once that can come to life that can hurt the people around her.

Being an orphan and passed from house to house, knowing an attack can come at any moment, she learned to defend herself, against those who would harm her, and of never being afraid, never letting her come to life nightmares get her.

Little did she know that her knight in shining armor would come clad in black, could turn into any of her nightmaress, and with the promise of death on his eyes.

The Black, as his peers call him, is the baddest of the bad. One rung lower than The White. His job is to bring back a dreamcaster so they can extract her nightmares.

There was just one small problem.... She summoned him, and suddenly his bleak life came awake, and he found himself looking to the future with something akin to hope. But how to help Kalila and still keep on living??

“Something wicked this way comes?” “From every direction, but let’s not get ahead of ourselves.”

The banter between the main characters is funny, charged, and complicated.

Definitely a series that I'd like to keep reading!

Why the 4 stars? Well, there are parts where I had to reread the chapter because suddenly I was lost, I kind of lost track of where the action was taking place, or though I'd skipped some part because thing didn't add up, I think the author's imagination was charging ahead while her writing was trotting behind. And couldn't quite project what her mind was showing her. But on her defence I think is a very complicated reality in her

book.

All in all, I liked the book.

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Kristina Applegate says

Kalila Montgomery is anything but normal, she's a dreamcaster. As a dreamcaster, Kalila's nightmares take shape and come to life. She's forced to live away from others, because her nightmares tend to bring harm to those that have the misfortune of sleeping anywhere near her. She's content with having one friend, who just happens to be a prophetess who accepts Kalila and her dreams. Sometimes Kalila's dreams also give her knowledge of what's going to happen in the future and one of those dreams tells her to look out for a man that will be the death of her, literally. Unfortunately for her, that man has targeted her to be his escape from the V'alkara brotherhood.

Lydon v'al Endrain and his brotherhood are at the mercy of dreamcasters. Unable to survive with nightmares, they depend on the nightmares that people like Kalila supply, they feed on their dreams. Lydon is not a normal V'alkara, he doesn't sit back being content with taking orders from Master White. He knows that there are other ways to "cure" the V'alkara's weakness and he's ready to branch out on his own. He just needs to convince Kalila that she's better off with him, and the best way to do that is to kidnap her. Kalila is anything but ready to trust the man that she has visions of drinking her blood, she's feisty, sassy, and will use whatever means necessary to fight for her freedom, even if that means unleashing her worst nightmares. Kalila and Lydon must learn to trust each other and learn to listen to their hearts if they are to beat the brotherhood and be free to live their lives, with or without Kalila's dreams to aid them.

To say there is a lot going on in this book is putting it mildly. C.J. Burright, the author, has a lot of information and material that she must pass on to the reader to help them understand Kalila's and Lydon's world, and it's not an easy task. Because there was so much going on, and I didn't feel like I had a lot of information to go off of, I felt lost for several chapters. I found myself getting frustrated and putting the book down, I kept forcing myself to pick it up and read a few more pages. It wasn't until I reached about Chapter 9, that I started to understand and appreciate the book. I usually don't give a book that long to get me hooked, but I knew I didn't want to give up on it. I'm glad I didn't. The characters finally grew on me once I appreciated who they were and what abilities they had. Once I figured out how the brotherhood really depended on the dreamcasters and the real trouble that Kalila was in I couldn't put the book down. I think this is a book I would read again, now that I know what's going on and I think it would help me appreciate the beginning of the book a lot more. I wish there were a better way to write the book where the reader could understand what was going on without losing the action. This is a great book once you know what's going on and how all the characters fall into place. My advice, stick with it and give it time, Lydon and Kalila grow on you.

I Received a free ecopy of this book in exchange for an honest review

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Kate's Corner says

2.5 No rest for the wicked Stars.

Kalila Montgomery has since she's been a child had nightmares. She has never been able to lead a normal life. Her only friend is Mel who also has her own special talents.

Kalila has been having a reoccurring nightmare where she is murdered by a tall, blond, handsome and lethal man.

Lydon the black, the Angel of Ruin, the scourge is tasked with bringing Kalila back to White is master of the V'alkara they need her to feed off her dreams to survive.

Lydon is reluctant to do it but has no choice. Because of Kalila he begins to have a conscience. He has a theory to save himself he must save Kalila. It's like the V'alkara are a collective. Resistance is futile.

Every time I thought that the book was progressing Kalila would go back to being a stubborn mule and Lydon wouldn't answer any questions. Really quite tiring and that's putting it mildly to be honest. I lost interest at the 70% mark.

The book is well written and I'm positive that it will be a hit for most people. Alas it just wasn't for me. I have the second one and I will read it.

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S says

Hi guys! This is my first time writing a review so bear with me...

I really enjoyed this book because it started off with rapid pace action and jumped right into the story. The book didn't drag on, so that was a relief! I really liked Kalila because she was such a strong heroine who kept her composure when she knew she was in deep crap! I loved Lydon because he was such a flirt and his banter with Kalila kept me on my toes! I overall really enjoyed the book and I can't wait to see what happens in the next book, especially with the whole Dax situation.

Dianne says

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Wonderfully Wicked, just the title screams READ ME, because I'm not thinking of a group of bad guys, I'm thinking, oh, yeah, it's going to be getting hot here! I had no idea that hotness would spill over to the heroine's temper, attitude and the reactions of our slightly dark hero, too! C.J. Burright has written a tale that walks on the dark side, that deals with creatures that go bump in the night, and they come in a variety of races, powers and agendas.

We all experience nightmares, but for Kalila it is a lifelong curse that has left her alone and isolated. She is a dreamcaster. Could it be that her monsters are real? Is her curse a form of power for another? He was in her nightmares and now he is in her world. Lydon has been sent to capture Kalila. The brotherhood of the V'alkara feed on dreams and bringing this dreamcaster in will gain him his long sought freedom. Little did his soulless heart know, this argumentative, and feisty woman will awake feelings he never thought existed within him, anymore.

There is no way Kalila will become a victim, but when the very man sent to take her becomes her greatest and only ally, she finds she will do anything to keep him safe from those who would harm him for his actions. Fierce advocates for each other, one bad decision made in good faith may mean the end of both of them.

Looking for action, great dialogue, fierce characters and a smoldering attraction that is forbidden? Want it all wrapped up in a shiny new package in a world filled with darkness? I have to say, C.J. Burright has followed a new path in urban paranormal romantic fantasy and is an excellent guide. Meet characters you instantly root for, sneer at the evil powers that seek supremacy and chuckle at two people who refuse to give in and admit their attraction to each other, because who couldn't love a person that takes you to the edge of your endurance? Great imagination, great writing, lots of tension of every kind, proving that even your worst nightmares can have a silver lining!

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Hailee (haibooklovers) says

DNF.

Usually if I can't finish a book, I don't leave a review at all. How can I review half of something?

This one merited an exception. I made it halfway through and have not one idea what is going on. The

world-building is nonexistent. The characters are flat and repetitive. There doesn't seem to be a plot. Nope.

Imani says

Thank you Netgalley for the review copy

I chose this book from the cover because the cover looks sexy and dangerous.

Wonderfully Wicked is about a dreamcaster named Kalila Montgomery who has very vivid nightmares at night. She has had them as long as she can remember and has tried everything to get them to stop.

Until the literal man in her nightmares shows up and takes her away. His name is Lydon v'al Endrian and he needs to her to save him.

So, what I think of Wonderfully Wicked. It had a great concept of a dreamcaster and then these brotherhood of V'alkara who need her so they can take her dreams because they do not dream.

The thing is, there was really no history or backstory to these V'alkara and how Kailia is even a dreamcaster. Seriously, there was nothing. It was kind of like the author expected you to already know the world but it's the first book in a series I am assuming.

The whole time while I was reading this, there was no credibility because nothing was really explained. What Lydon needed Kalila to do to save him, how the V'alkara came to be, etc.

That is why I give it three stars because it had an interesting concept but needed a lot more explaining and history.

Sara says

How to explain this one...? Kalila is a dreamcaster. She has nightmares, only the things she dreams about become real. Lydon is a V'alkara. Kind of a demon thing that feeds on her nightmares? He's sent to retrieve her and bring her back to the V'alkara (ugh with the apostrophes already) enclave where his brethren will drain her of her nightmares, oh, and also her life. But, shocker, he falls in love with her. Can he rescue her from her fate, her nightmares, and even himself?

Eh.

This wasn't my favorite, for a few reasons. I don't mind fantasy, horror, or supernatural romance. But the amount of explaining and backstory that these genres requires can seriously grate on my patience. Also, the whole inventing words for all of these "new" things in a world... annoying. All the random apostrophes everywhere? Also annoying. Other things that bothered me: a plot that meanders (seriously, Lydon just "rescues" her and then seems to have no idea what to do with her), a surprise mythical virgin and a convenient wedding, and characters that die and then are miraculously brought back to life with little explanation. The characters were also not my favorite. Lydon is an alpha male and usually I'm all about the broodiness, but his self-loathing and waffling over his feelings just felt self-indulgent and contrived to me.

Kalilia, while she's clearly suffered, is also one of those heroines who just refuses to listen to anything resembling common sense.

All that being said... I liked the tertiary characters in this book. They were creatively drawn and funny and ultimately, more engaging than the main characters. I liked that Kalila is a fighter. The sex, when it finally happens, is well done.

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Gwessie Tee says

Received in return for an honest review,

This was very much an amazing read, haven't read anything like it before and am fascinated by it. I was captivated, any who love romance with paranormal including adventure will very much enjoy this book, I'm new to CJ Burright's books but wow am I glad to have done so and will no doubt collect as many as I can.

Tiffany Tinkham-Graves says

A dreamcaster is a person that dreams things and can make the dreams real.

In this story you meet a dreamcaster and her handsome savior who has a wicked side. This story is pretty good but there was a few times that I nearly got confused at what was happening.

Krista says

In the new adult genre, too often do we see the typical contemporary romance story played out. I've said to many bookish friends that there needs to be more new adult dystopian or fantasy books out there. So, when I learned of WONDERFULLY WICKED, I had to applaud C.J. Burright for reaching inside my head and my heart and giving me what I wanted.

Kalila - Lils as those who know her best call her - is a dreamcaster, which means she can make her nightmares come to life. One day, she's kidnapped and taken to a fortress in the Pacific Northwest where she's promised she'll be safe. She soon learns she's anything BUT safe, and the one who imparts that wisdom is none other than her kidnapper, Lydon. The worst of the worst. But, Kalila can't deny her attraction to him, and she soon learns way more about him and her own abilities than she had ever bargained for.

I loved Kalila. She's exactly what I need in a heroine - someone who isn't afraid of making the hard choices but she's not so hard that they don't affect her. She doesn't have many people in her life that she's close to, but those that are, she holds very dear. She knows her abilities come with problems, and she jumps at the possibility that they could finally be taken away. I empathized with Kalila - actually meeting the monster in your closet must be terrible. So, I get why the initial things that are told to her when she reaches apparent safety seem so alluring.

But, the allure of Lydon is much stronger. Her relationship with him is adorable. She has this very volatile

love/hate relationship with him right off the bat. I mean, he kidnapped her! It's understandable she should hate him. But, there's this instinctual pull toward him too that she just can't deny no matter how much she wants to. Their words with each other are biting and caustic and completely adorable.

Lydon was the same. He was brought up to kill and destroy. He's literally the worst of his kind, and his task was to find Kalila and essentially destroy her. He just can't do it, and he spends a large portion of the book trying to convince himself to go back to the unfeeling bastard he has been his whole life. When he finally gives up and gives in was a great part of the book.

This book was also very frustrating in that both Kalila and Lydon believe the other could never truly love the other. They never really communicate properly until the very, VERY end. I thought I would scream waiting for that point to actually arrive.

The premise of the dreams coming to life and what that means is a super cool one. I was, however, a little confused as to how the dreamcasters worked with the V'alkara. It was explained throughout the book in bits and pieces, but it feels like there were too many layers to the concept, which muddied the waters a bit. I get that the V'alkara can control the nightmares that Kalila can manifest. I think if it would've stopped there, it would've been perfect, and this could've been a five-star book. But, there was more there about how the dreams must sustain the V'alkara, and the naming of them by the dreamcaster and the dreamwalking... it got to be a bit much.

But, the romance is what I ultimately read NA books for, and in this case, it was great. It wasn't nearly as steamy as some I've read - it was rather tame in that regard, actually. But it didn't diminish the intensity of Kalila's and Lydon's relationship in the least. I definitely would recommend this book to any fantasy or NA fan.

MyDirtyRomance says

C.J. Burright's Wonderfully Wicked was a Wonderfully Wicked Surprise. In Wonderfully Wicked you are introduced to Dreamcasters, and a brotherhood of men known as V'alkara. Kalila always wanted to be normal, but there is nothing normal about her nightmares coming to life and harming people. But one night her life changes drastically and destroys any chance she had at a normal life that she craved. There is really nothing not to love about this book. I loved Kalila's inner monologues and the banter between both her and Lydon. I found myself totally entranced by this world that C.J Burright created. It was literally filled with monsters, a twisted love story, and sacrifice. This series has the promise of being an instant classic, and is definitely a must read.

books are love says

This was pardon the expression wicked good. I did not put it down. Read straight through even at the dinner table. The premise of the story is fascinating and the idea that maybe one dreamcatcher has many V'alkaras that are hers is dizzying. I frankly hope and dream that only Lydon is hers in the end. She is making a mistake any way you slice it at the end of this book. Big big mistake yup uh huh no two ways about it.

So she is traced by Lydon the black V'alkara but to his surprise he is allured by her. Finds her to be amazing and fascinating. Even loves her although this is not what his kind are for and him especially. He is what every nightmare is made of. People fear and cower before him. But not Kalila she is stubborn and fights him every step. As she sends some unkind words to him she leaves doubts in his mind as to if she could ever love him and him hers. He still perseveres though. gives up his life for her twice no actually three times. He uses monsters from her dreams to protect her and even comes close to death so she can live. He convinces her to hate her at one point so that she can have a life. But as things unravel and she sees all his past statements were true things naggle at her. This is while he is being tortured. She realizes what he did and finds she cannot live without him. Took you long enough sistah...I mean come on. Problem being when she goes to rescue him, the v'alkara that she tells Lydon she likes the uncaring evil one is there and she comes up against him and the white. Alun the one that Lydon again risks everything to save for her is there as well and in the end he is manipulated by the White. Never thought white would be a evil colour while black turns out to be a beautiful array of rainbows and sunshine who knew. Anywhoo...to save Lydon or attempt to she summons Dax (the evil one) and he begins to feel her beauty within wash over him and he feels that she is his dreamcatcher. Meanwhile Lydon fights off death and claims the one he loves and she finally admits to him she cannot live without him and Dax finds her.

while this is going on Dunhle is the new white and changing the ways of the V'alkara and feels Dax is hers. Alun is in love with her. Gwen is I don't know at the moment and Mel is with the V'alkara.

A cliffhanging ending that has you wondering the conviction of her emotions and how much she will betray those she loves and how weak she will be. Fight dangit for Lydon he has gone through h e double hockey sticks for you!!!

a beautifully written love story that seems to end like Romeo and Juliet at least I hope this isn't the case in the end of this series but for now it looks to be. A great story with a wicked theme
