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Michelle Cross is an average, seventeen year old girl growing up in a small town in New Jersey. Up until her senior year, her life has consisted of a rather unglamorous existence. Her closet friend Cami has been by her side since kindergarten, she has a loving if somewhat absentee father, and a mother who is unique to say the least. Michelle's mother was diagnosed with schizophrenia when she was twelve years old, and ever since then she has had delusions of angels and demons battling over her only child. Michelle accepts her mother's delusions as schizophrenic ramblings, until a handsome new boy finds her at school. Little by little Michelle's world is turned upside down. The new boy claims to be the Archangel Gabriel cast from heaven, her best friend falls for the Antichrist, and come to find out Michelle's mother has seen it coming all along. So instead of being consumed with prom and graduation, Michelle finds herself battling the evils of Hell in her small town. The four horsemen of the apocalypses have descended on her high school and with the help of Gabriel, her very own angel; she must stop the events leading to the apocalypse. What surprises Michelle even more than her role in saving humanity is the love that develops between Gabriel and herself. Can their love bridge the world between heaven and earth? Can Michelle stop the powers of Hell in time? Michelle and Gabriel find themselves the pawns in a very dangerous game between an ancient power with a mysterious message and Satan himself.

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From Reader Review Destine for online ebook

Jennifer Wright says

I was excited to read Destine for this tour because I love biblical, end days type of books. I can assure you, I was not disappointed with Destine. The characters in this book seem to unfold before your eyes. Michelle starts out as a timid teenager who blends easily. But suddenly, there is a couple of new guys in school and her whole life is about to change. I absolutely loved seeing Michelle grow throughout this book, she grew into a strong young woman that any of us ladies would be happy to be.

I can also say that I thought the way she did the whole end days, apocalypse thing. It was super good. Man, I'm trying to figure out how to tell you about the book without giving anything away.

Ok, so... Michelle has mostly been raised by her father because her mother is basically thought to be crazy. No one knows why because it happened when Michelle was too young. Her best friend, she has known for her whole life, suddenly ditches her. And by suddenly, I mean like one day normal the next a big B word, and it's all because of this new boy who is running for student council president. Yeah... if you know anything about the end times stuff that makes sense. Lol If you don't, the book explains it.

Anyhow, the only thing that even swayed my thinking at all would be, why would this happen in a small town, I mean... wouldn't it most likely happen worldwide, but Katherine pulled it off because the story is so damn good that I didn't even care about what would happen in reality.

So, go pick it up and read it. I say it's worth it!

Oh, and there is a part with a sword that you will love!!

Charis says

Wow! 10 five star ratings, no others! I guess this must be good.

Jaime says

Meet Michelle Cross, just your average 17 year old high school senior. Michelle and her best friend, Cami, are looking forward to their senior year of high school. Cami swears that this year is going to be different. And boy, is she right! Cami falls for Alex, who just happens to be the Antichrist. And Michelle is drawn to the new boy, Gabriel, who swears he is the Archangel who has been cast from Heaven. Michelle's mom has always had delusions of angels and demons fighting over Michelle. But she chalked that up to her mother's diagnosis of schizophrenia-until now. Now Michelle has more to worry about than prom or popularity. The four horseman of the Apocalypse have descended on her high school and Michelle, who just happens to be the vessel of the Archangel Michael, must defeat them with the help of Gabriel-the angel she loves.

Wow! This book is amazing! There is a good back story and the characters are ones you want to know more about. I stayed up late to finish it and I was not disappointed. Michelle has to come to terms with the fact that she is solely responsible for saving humanity from the Apocalypse and also the fact that her boyfriend is actually an angel. She is kind of shy at the start but by the end, she is fighting to save the world. This is one of the best debut novels that I have read this year and I definitely cannot wait for the next book in the series! 5 stars!

Stacey Rourke says

High school can be hell, for Michelle Cross that is quite literal. The four horsemen of the Apocalypse are headed her way and the dreamy Gabriel, with his uber hot back tattoo, tells her only SHE can stop them. What's an Apocalypse without a drool worthy dude? This is such an amazing concept from debut author Katherine Polillo I can't wait to see what she's got in store for us in book 2! Mostly I want more Gabriel..shirtless...Please?

Autumn says

Michelle Cross is your normal girl from a small town in New Jersey. Her mother has lost her marbles and her father deals by overworking himself. Her best and really only friend Cami is ready to make a change in her social life beginning with their senior year.

Michelle notices the new guy at school and obviously Gabriel is SWOON worthy.. Cami begins to end their friendship Michelle is devastated to say the least.. Cami is no longer the girl she once was.. Shes caught the eye of Alex the most popular guy in school.. Gabriel is there fr Michelle and their attraction is undeniable..

Okay this is where it gets FUN! Turns out Gabriel is like the voice of GOD.. He has been reassigned to help guide Michelle the Archangel Michael's vessel.. As she defeats the Antichrist.. Whos the antichrist? Well none other than Cami's new boyfriend Alex.. The end of days is near as seals are being broken and the 4 horsemen are being set loose.. You scratching your head about any of this yet? Because let me tell you i was maybe ive seen one too many episodes of Supernatural but when its made clear that Michelle is Michael's vessel i was totally confused by her relationship with Gabriel.. When i hear vessel i expect Michael to take over her body... Yeah he didnt and thank god cause that wouldve been a different kinda book entirely! So after i understood that little piece i was good! The story was brilliant and right up my alley.. Oh you want to hear more of the story? Well i dont want to give too much away but i will tell you.. you wont be disappointed and you wont be able to get this out of your mind! be prepared for the book hangover :)

Michelle Lewis says

Book Talk Reviews:

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I have to say that I really enjoyed this book. The main character Michelle started out being this plane immature girl into this strong worrier and woman by the end, determined to do everything she can to save and protect the people she loves. Michelle goes through so much heartache and I found myself crying right along with her. And the new guy in school Gabriel? What a hottie and always there when you need him. I'm a sucker for romance and this book had plenty of it from start to finish. In this book the main villain Alex is a real piece of work, that you grow to hate even more as you read along. This book has it

all.Romance,Revenge,Action and suspense.this story had me excited at ever turn of the page.I give it a 5 star!

Bex 'n' Books says

I really loved the concept for the plot of Destine, especially the setting, the range and build-up of action and the sweetness of the romance. The protagonist, Michelle, is a likeable character who in many ways is the epitome of normalcy. This really helps the reader relate to her character and cheer from the side lines as she progresses and develops so beautifully.

There are many curve balls thrown Michelle's way, some are a complete shock, some are simply heartbreaking, and all are most definitely well-constructed and developed in the narrative. What is a notable achievement with the novel Destine is that it's not laced with spelling and grammatical errors. This is so very refreshing; it allowed me to really become enraptured in the characters and their journeys.

I really enjoyed this novel from start to finish. There were a few times that I questioned Michelle's reaction to the situations that she found herself in, yet I was able to talk myself into a justification and reasons for her responses. I highly recommend this book to YA paranormal, fantasy & romance enthusiasts.

4.5 Stars!

Bernadette Baldwin says

Great read can't wait till the next one!

Sabrina says

Let me start off by saying that I enjoyed this book so much. I had my doubts with so many angel, demon, and apocalyptic books out there but I was so wrong. And I am so glad I was given the chance to read this book for review.

We start off by meeting Michelle who is an ordinary seventeen year old high school girl with her best friend Cami. They are not popular but have each other and that is fine with them both until Cami wants their senior to be different and with the arrival of Gabriel things start to change for Michelle and she doesn't like it. With her best friend off becoming popular and falling for the Antichrist, dealing with her mom who is schizophrenic who has delusions about angels and demons, a father who works all the time, and Gabriel who makes her feel weird Michelle doesn't know where to turn. Until Gabriel gets her alone and tells her he is the Archangel Gabriel and that she the only person who can save humanity by battling the four horsemen of the apocalypse. Michelle of course doesn't believe him until she goes home and her mother's rambling starts to make sense to her. So she goes back to Gabriel and tells him she believes him but doesn't know how she is suppose to win the battle. Gabriel tells her that he will help her and that the Archangel Michael will help when the time comes. But what shocks both Michelle and Gabriel is the love that blossoms between them.

I fell in love with characters from the start. Watching Michelle transform from a timid unbelieving girl into a

warrior who has embraced her destiny is truly amazing. Oh and Gabriel, well there are no words for him that will suit him. They just don't make men like him ever. He is swoon worthy. This book will keep you guessing at every turn. Just when you think you know who the next horsemen are you are completely shocked when you find out who it is. I have completely fallen in love with this book and the characters in it. I am anxiously waiting for book two so I can see what happens next.

Katherine's debut novel is amazing. If you want a book that has taken everything you thought you knew about angels, demons, and apocalypse and leaves you wanting more then rush out and buy this book. I promise you won't be sorry. 5/5 Bats

Cassie says

What would you do if one morning you woke up and you realized that your life would never be the same as it was the day before? Your only friend has turned against you. You have been told you're the only person who can save humanity, that it is your destiny. The Antichrist is in your school running for student president, and you have a fallen angel as your guardian, to help you, guide you in your role to defend humanity. Well, that is what seventeen year old Michelle Cross is facing in Destine.

Michelle Cross is a seventeen year old girl who is starting her senior year of high school, in the small town of Shady Lane, NJ. Michelle doesn't have the "normal" family. Her mother has been diagnosed with Schizophrenia since she was twelve years old and her father works as a construction worker. Michelle takes care of her family, cooking dinner, cleaning, and helping with her mentally ill mother. She isn't like other girls her age. She isn't popular and doesn't care to be, she has always felt different from others, like something else was meant to be for her. She is her own person and only has one friend who she has known since Kindergarten and has been inseparable with since and that is Cami.

When Michelle enters senior year, everything changes. Cami decides she wants to do something different and wants to be on the student council. She also has eyes for Alex Chase. There is just something about him that Michelle doesn't trust, something that is off. And soon she will find out what it is. This is when everything starts falling apart for Michelle. Losing her best friend is just the beginning. Cami is hateful to her and this isn't like her friend that she has known almost all her life. While trying to deal with the fact that her best friend no longer wants to be a part of her life, Michelle sees the new boy, and in such a small town of Shady Lane, this is a big deal.

Gabriel Lewis is a very handsome young man, black curly hair, eyes so clear that no color could describe them. When Gabriel is near Michelle there is a feeling she gets, a strong sensation. She can't explain why she feels like this around him, with everything falling apart all around her. Gabriel and Michelle grow closer and she soon finds out his true secret.

With all the new revelations Gabriel has told Michelle, she can't help but think she is going crazy just like her mother. Revelations that you will have to read the book to find out!

Soon she realizes that this is all real and all on her shoulders. That the Antichrist is in her school and her ex-best friend is now dating him, there are the four horsemen of the apocalypse, which she will have to defeat, but how? Maybe her mother isn't crazy, maybe just maybe all the talk of angels and demons her mother has always talked about are true and now she knows that.

While trying to save the world from ending, Michelle's own little world crumbles and she has to protect her family with everything she has. She will not take this lying down. She will fight, and fight she does.

Will Michelle defeat the Antichrist and the Four Horsemen? Will she save all humanity from ending? Or will humanity as she knows it end? You will have to read and find out.

Destine is filled with proverbs at the beginning of every chapter and they go along with what happens in those pages. I enjoyed learning new stuff, which I didn't know about; the whole book has a lot of great facts in the biblical scene. You will fall in love with Michelle, her determination to do what she needs to do. She will not stop, no matter what. She grows throughout the book, as well as the relationship between her and Gabriel. I found their relationship very sweet and enjoyed their characters. They leveled each other out. There is a lot of comedy throughout the book, it's not all doom and gloom, which I enjoyed. There are sweet and sad moments. I found myself cursing at Alex Chase, aka the bad guy. I wanted to jump into the pages sometime and punch them and help Michelle out, lol. The book was very well written and the pace was great. It does leave you with a cliffhanger and I can't wait to read the next book. I'm very much looking forward to it. This book gets 5 stars!

As always, if you decide to read the book, please leave a review for the book where you bought! Every review helps the author. I will put a link for the book under the cover picture.

Quotes from the Book:

"You listen to me, Michelle. You are not just some girl, you are special; you're about as special as people get. You've been chose to save humanity, but more importantly you're special because I love you and in the hundreds of years I been alive I've never felt this way before."-Gabriel

"Then you know I have Michael on my side, you may as well pack up this little charade of yours and go lick your wounds in hell."-Michelle

"The whore of Babylon is the prophet set to spread the false praise of the Antichrist. You should be proud of your friend; she did a very good job. So willing, so easily manipulated."-Alex

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Samantha says

I recently had an opportunity to read the debut novel by author Katherine Polillo, and let me tell you, it did not disappoint! As soon as I began the first chapter I couldn't stop. I was immediately sucked into the world of seventeen year old Michelle Cross.

The novel is set in the very small town of Shady Lane, New Jersey. Michelle did not have the perfect childhood, but she had her best friend Cami. Her mother was suffering from schizophrenia, so she was no longer an active part in Michelle's life and Michelle had already spent the last five years of her life hiding this diagnosis. As the novel begins, Michelle is getting ready to start her senior year of high school. She expected it to be like all the rest, but boy was she was wrong!

There is a new student in town and Michelle has no idea how much Gabriel is going to change her life. Any sense of normalcy she once felt will soon be gone. As she gets to know Gabriel, Michelle's world is thrust head first into the battle between good and evil. There is no way for Michelle to predict what is going to happen next in her life. Her best friend whom was once by her side at all times isn't around anymore and everyone at school is acting really strange. The fate of humanity is in Michelle's hands. Will she be up for the challenge? How is she going to deal with the literal Hell that is suddenly all around her? What will happen to her and the ones she cares about if she doesn't succeed?

I totally loved this book from start to finish. It was one of those books that captivates you. I didn't want to go to sleep last night because I was curious what was going to happen next. (Okay, I was dying to know what was going to happen). The characters were wonderfully well written. I was able to picture them in my head and fall in love with them. I became emotionally attached to Michelle and I could actually feel what she was going through. Destine did everything a first in a series should do. It sucked me in and left me wanting more in the end. Great job on your first novel Katherine and congratulations on getting it out there!

If you love a great story that will keep you on your toes and leave you begging for more, look no further. This is the book for you!

Here is the Amazon link:

<http://www.amazon.com/Destine-The-Wat...>

If you love it as much as I do, head on over and check out the Facebook page:

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Romancing the Book says

Reviewed by: Karina

Book provided by: Author

Review originally posted at Romancing the Book

The book started with the author laying down instantly what to expect from the book- no beating around the bush and straight to the point. My reaction was, "Wow! I like this! Next page please and fast!" It gave me the impression that this will be a fun read and it definitely was.

The protagonist is Michelle, a normal 17 year-old girl, who turned out to be having a not so normal life. I became fond of her easily. At first, she's a bit timid and immature but because of unexpected events, she became a strong and responsible character. She will do everything to protect the ones she loves. Another thing that made me love her character is her humor. Despite the seriousness of some situations, Michelle said some lines that I couldn't help but laugh or smile at.

The other important character is Gabriel, the Archangel Gabriel. He's what you imagine an angel would be-

good looking, kind and loving, but with raging hormones. When I learned that there will be a romantic relationship between the protagonist and Archangel Gabriel, it was unimaginable for me. He's an archangel, how can he love a human? And then as I read the book, I understood how it happened. Although I think there's a fast development of relationship between the characters, the author made it work.

It was a fast-paced, fun, exciting and action-packed story. So if you're a fan of angels, demons, and paranormal romance, this book will absolutely live up to your expectations!

Christy Sloat says

I feel so happy to have been given this book to review for this up and coming new author. What a wonderful first book to debut. The characters are strong and the plot is so original. There is no book out there that compares to this one. It is a one of a kind gem!

This story takes you on an end of the world journey you don't want to miss.

Lauren says

Wonderful read! A high school student finds out she is destined to save the world. I loved how the references to the bible were linked into the story. Great book! I can not wait for part 2!

D. says

Right after I do this review, I am off to research the Author! I believe she is some kind of Voodoo Queen. Yes, that's what I said, Voodoo Queen. She obviously possessed me. Why you ask, well I do not read books, that go to in depth with God, bible, and the end of times. It scares me to death! Plus, I am worried it will counter react with my believes and I will judge the book on that. But this was so not the case, this time! So, I got emotionally attached to the characters, fell in love with Gabriel, let my mind get twisted by the Author.

Listen up everyone, if you love to read....love angels..... Witt.... action..... and love stories. You better go grab this book.

For me, I will be honest. It scares the pee diddle out of me to read a apocalyptic book. When people mix bible and books together, I get very nervous. As I stated above. But I am so serious. When I first started reading this book.

I said to myself, "Self" you are not going to read this book at night. LOL I start 9 am. But when I finished it, it was in the middle of the night. I think this Author put a curse on book. I could not stop reading it. The story flowed so well, I got lost in time.

You start off in the book learning about Michelle and her best friend Cami. Best friends since kindergarten. They are now starting their senior year of high school. They both know this year will be different. But they never dreamed their year would take this turn. Michelle, has learned about her destiny. Her best friend turns against her. Oh wait, let me throw in a fallen angel, is non other than Michelle's guardian angel. Not too mention Micheal the Archangel. Now everyone better sit down for this one. The freakin Antichrist, attends the same high school as Michelle. How does that play out, you have

to read the book!

Mix all these characters together, add chaos, add witt, add love, add action....You have got a day of non moving...non working....only READING. Do you want to know if Michelle and Cami work things out? Do you want to know if Michelle fulfills her destiny? Do you want to know who is bad and who is good. Read this book!!!!

P.S.....Cliffhanger really! Book 2 indeed :)
