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Can Fate be wrong? When all signs point to a certain someone, do you just blindly follow whether you like them or not? What if that person turns out to be someone you hate? Could Destiny be so cruel?

Lisa Miller is a typical seventeen-year-old, busy with family, work, friends and...revenge. Her last summer in high school should be spent having fun. But ever since Logan Tate played a prank on her two years ago, she doesn't have much of a social life, instead, spending her free time trying to get even.

Unfortunately Logan's not making it easy for her; he's trying to convince her that he has changed. But she is not fooled by his charming personality, and stunning good looks. No one can change that drastically.

Things aren't much better at home. Ever since her father left a year and a half ago, she refuses to speak to him, causing tension with her mom and sister.

As if she didn't have enough problems, someone is sending prank emails and phone calls, mysteriously knowing about the dreams she's been having. Who would do such a thing, and how could they know?

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Satarupa says

I got this book from the author, free of cost, in exchange of an honest review from my side!

Firstly I would like to thank Christina Smith, author of Delusions for giving me this wonderful opportunity of reading and reviewing this wonderful book.

I enjoyed the story a lot but I felt it a little slow-paced compared to the first book 'Fated Dreams'. I loved Logan from the very first time I read the first book and if his twin brother Lucas is adorable and the guy you want to have a long life relationship with then Logan is hot, sexy and definitely he is a 'boyfriend' material but as the story progresses we see that true love and the presence of his soul mate changes him into a more responsible, lovely and really caring life partner. The transition is totally breath-taking and made my heart fly with happiness.

I loved Lisa as well, she is not like any other weak teenage girl who would just let anyone leave without revenge and she is even brilliant in plotting against the boy she loves but is determined to get equal after he plays a really moronic prank with her but later it turns to be a lie which she believed and wasted her time for two long years.

The suspense element is good but I felt that the author stretched it a teeny-tiny bit long and I would have been real happy if it had been a little more composed and fast-paced but other than that it is an awesome story which you're ought to enjoy a lot.

The story also take us through the life of Lucas and Sarah and I really enjoyed the way their relationship developed and I'm happy to see them finally settled and happy.

All in all a great read and I'll recommend it to ya all.

Amanda Munes says

!!*!*!*! ARC in exchange for HONEST review !*!*!*!*!

This is the second book in the series but could be a stand alone. This book is very similar to the first in the aspect of soul mates and dreams. I thought i loved Lucas but i found another love= LOGAN. I thought Lisa was hilarious, they say there is nothing like a woman scorned well, try a teenage woman lol. She can seriously hold a grudge and fights dirty! I began to get disappointed when she wouldn't let up when Logan was really nice, sure i got it when he was a jerk but come on she was like 12 lol. Logan BTW is a looker for his age too. So school girls will LOVE it, the brother Lucas was nerdy sexy Logan is just sexy!!! So we get our candy!!

I really enjoyed getting more of Sarah and Lucas i definitely needed it and with this ending i saw it coming. Which i didn't in the first book. I really had a hard time buying both brothers had the same or similar issues with girls and dreams. I guess this is a book and its all fun but i couldn't try to believe it.

I would recommend this book for light reading or to pass time for sure.

Happy Reading :)

Jennifer Ricketts (Donnie Darko Girl) says

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

This book was an emotionally powerful read, and I loved every minute of it. It was difficult for me any time I had to put it down, and all I could think about was how soon I could get back to reading it. Every time I was able to pick it up again, I was pulled back into Logan and Lisa's story as if I had never left.

Logan really grew on me in this book. In the first book, I wasn't a fan of his--he seemed arrogant and snarky. In this book, however, another side of him is revealed without his personality getting lost, and I had suspected a more vulnerable side was probably there all along, just covered up with arrogance. I liked that the relationship between Logan and Lisa slowly simmered and was allowed to blossom over time. It gave me time to root for the relationship, care about them and want them to be together. I liked the idea of soul mates and how Christina Smith infuses that idea with her own unique twist.

Lisa's friend Kelly is wise for her age and such a loyal friend. I really liked her, and the advice she gave Lisa was spot on. As for Adam and Ethan, I thought it was cool how tight knit the four of them are. Since I read the first book, I already loved Sara and Lucas. There weren't any characters I wasn't interested in knowing more about--they were fleshed out and seemed like real people, not just characters.

There was a message behind the story that resonated with me--life is too short to hold onto anger and grudges. Live life in the now, let go of regrets, and move on. Logan had learned this and wanted to help Lisa learn to let go, but throughout the book she insisted on holding a grudge against him and her father. She lied and kept secrets from Logan instead of talking to him about what was bothering her, leaving him completely confused with her hot and cold behavior. I was so frustrated with her! I just wanted to tell her to allow herself to get over the past and move on, but I know from experience it isn't that easy, which made the story even more realistic.

I loved this book! There was a little of everything--the funny, the sad, the romantic...it was a story that resonated with me and will stay with me for a long time. I highly recommend this book, and if you haven't read the first one yet, you definitely have to read it as well.

Jonel Boyko says

Wow, I have tears in my eyes and am giggling like a school girl who just spoke to her first crush all at the same time. This novel was great. It was about real people, with real lives, dealing with real issues, and then some. Smith takes the well known concept of soul mates and tweaks it to bring it forward in a new light that doesn't seem quite as farfetched as many concepts that I have seen. It fits perfectly with the lives of real people, and doesn't require much of a supernatural element whatsoever.

I must say, Smith's character development in this installment of the series far exceeds that of the original.

Every major character in this novel has a back-story. You know who they are and why they are that way. You also learn a great deal more about some of the characters from the original story as well. The characters also display emotions appropriate to their circumstances. They stick to their decisions when appropriate and compromise (eventually) when it's called for. The characters in this novel are also quite likeable. They all have their quirks but you never want to throw a pillow at any of them to shut them up. It's brilliant.

Smith's writing remains as real as ever in this installment. It is the realism in her writing that draws you so far into the work. She describes things as they are in the real world. There are no illusions or metaphors. Her pages are not full of symbolism. It is completely real, and yet you can still picture it as if you were there.

This book held me captive throughout. I thoroughly enjoy Smith's work. Even within this series you can already see the evolution of her writing style. She is definitely an author to follow

Ashley Stoyanoff says

Soulmates, a first love and betrayal. Christina Smith does a fantastic job with this YA romance.

Delusions by Christina Smith, is the sequel to her debut novel, Fated Dreams. And like the first, I loved this story from the first page. Lisa was a very real teenage girl, and one I could relate to. Her actions and plots for revenge were perfect, and reflect the thoughts of most brokenhearted teenage girls that want to get even. She was superb.

And then there was Logan, who I am in love with. He's cocky, a know-it-all, wonderfully sweet and caring and also a hottie. He always seemed to know the right thing to say and melted my heart every time.

Every chapter in this book touched an emotion in me. One moment I was laughing, then the feeling of prickly tears would come on and then I'd been giggling like a school girl. Smith managed pull on my emotions and made me feel everything right along with the characters. In my opinion, this is Smith's biggest accomplishment with Delusions. She made everything real for the reader and that is no small task.

Even though the pacing was slower in Delusions compared to Fated Dreams, and there was a lot less action, it work well for this story, and I still found myself hanging on to every word.

Delusions is a fabulous read and would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants a good love story.

Esset says

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

Delusions is the second novel from The Affinity series and could also be read as a standalone. In this novel, the theme of reincarnated Soul Mates is continued with Logan and Lisa. We are introduced to Logan in Fated Dreams and even provided a brief glimpse of Lisa. Personally, I was more intrigued by Logan than I was by Lucas, must be that bad boy turned good thing. I always did enjoy a hot, arrogant hero. But in Fated Dreams,

we were treated to a small peak into why Logan behaved the way he did. Delusions picked up from where we left off after the accident and learned that Logan had changed his ways.

This story seemed to drag a bit for me. It felt slower in the beginning and didn't really peak my interest till 3/4s of the way through. I was more irritated with how Lisa kept going on and on about her anger and need for revenge against Logan. Maybe I'm biased, since I am on Team Logan. :) I understand why she was hurt and maybe since she was "younger" than the others, it took her longer to just get it together. Or she was just the type to hold a grudge. But after completing the book, I feel like I understood Lisa better and was able to like her character more. It's amazing how we can let what we think we saw and feel overpower anything else, we let our pride and anger take over and *poof* we can rationalize everything. Lisa was hurt by seeing the boy of her dreams seemingly trick her and mislead her. So what would any other normal girl do? Of course, plot a revenge that was literally 2 years in the making. Gotta give it to her, she was persistent. It was a bit of a stretch that both twins would have the same reincarnated soul mates situation, but the Tate boys are special.

Delusions was definitely a sweet love story!

Joy says

Couldn't stand Lisa. Loved the first book but this one not as much.

Adriana says

Once again i loved this book. I read it straight after part 1 fated dreams even though fated dreams seemed to have more action this one was just as interesting as the first. Logan was a bit of a jerk in Book 1 so it was nice to see him from a different light, and it was great that he had his story too, and i loved that we still got to hear about the character from book 1 too.

It starts off with Lisa a high school girl who goes to a party and when the guy she has been crushing on Logan finally notices her and then plays a prank on her (well so she thinks). Then she is on a mission to get her revenge as he broke her heart with the help of her friends her plan is set to break his heart and then when she starts working at his families restaurant the plan starts unfolding only the more she spends time with him the more she deeply starts to care for him. There has always been something pulling her towards him even though he hurt her she finds it hard to hate him. I don't want to give anymore away. Lets just say its they have to overcome a lot of hurdles. I have always loved the concept of soul mates so that is why i loved these books.. I can't wait to read what else you write Christina..

Shelby says

I received a free copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

Ugh, where do I start?

I would first like to say that I thought it was a little bit of a stretch that the same super rare thing that was happening to Lucas has also been happening to his twin brother. I think that because of this the book should have been a standalone and not part of a series. With that being said,.....

I thought this was a FANTASTIC book. Even better than the first one. We get to reconnect with Sarah and Lucas from the first book, because let's face it, who was ready to let them go? And at the same time we get a whole new insight into Logan. I guess I wasn't the only one who read the first in the series and wanted to know more about Logan. Is Logan not amazing? I mean at first he is full of "jackassery" (yes, that is a quote taken directly from the book!) but he totally redeems himself by the end. Besides, you can't really hate him for it. Lisa is full of "jackassery" herself in this book.

I enjoyed the entire ride that Christina Smith took me on. From beginning to end. I loved to love and hate the characters equally. PLUS, Christina Smith is one of the only authors that I've had the pleasure of reading that can fool me so completely right to the very end of the book. After reading the first book in the series, I sort of knew what to expect in this one. It made it that much more fun to read knowing that I would have to read straight through to the end before she let me in on the secret.

Really great read that I would most definitely recommend to any fans of Christina Smith, anyone who read the first one, and pretty much anyone who enjoys a good book!

Christina (Ensconced in Lit) says

I was given this book by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Delusions by Christina Smith is the companion novel to Fated Dreams. In Fated Dreams, we met lovebirds Lucas and Sarah, who make appearances in this novel. But this book is written in the perspective of Lisa, a girl who has been scorned by gorgeous Logan, the "bad boy" twin of Lucas. I was thrilled to see his reintroduction because I felt that we got hints of his three dimensionality from the first book. Lisa has been dreaming of Logan for ages-- he's her secret crush. One fateful night at a party changes all that when he actually kisses her. Something awful happens, and she decides to wage war on him. But Logan and the rest of the gang from Fated Dreams insist that he has changed-- has he? Will Lisa fall back in love with him or will she just get hurt?

I admit I enjoyed this book a lot more than Fated Dreams because I really liked the characters so much. Logan is probably one of my favorite characters that Christina Smith has created because of how full of depth he is-- he portrays himself as the bad boy, but he is so much more than that. Lisa is also an interesting and complex character and somehow Smith makes her likeable-- which is no easy feat seeing as she has some dark secrets of her own. The pace is lightning fast, and I raced to the end of the book to find out what happens. While the conclusion was not all that expected, I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

That said, I do have just some overall questions about this world that Christina Smith brings up. Because of that, I'm still confused about how things work. Not that the characters would know the answers, but I think a little more world building would have been helpful at least to me as a reader.

That said, this is a highly entertaining read, and one that people should check out!

DeAnna Kinney says

What an enjoyable read. This is the story of Logan, Lucas' twin brother from the first book, Fated Dreams. I was always curious as to what happened to him and was glad to hear this story was about him. This story was very similar to the first, but since I loved the first one I didn't mind at all. It was an easy read and flowed nicely, holding my interest from the beginning. I also liked the message the story told of how damaging anger and holding a grudge can be to your life, and how many years can be wasted as a result. Another great job from Christina Smith.

Charlie Fey says

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

This book grabbed my attention from the very start with the interesting relationship between Logan and Lisa, but I started to struggle with it when Lisa got so obsessed with revenge. Maybe if I'd read the first book I could understand the character Lisa a little better. I felt like she was over doing the whole hating Logan thing and her emotions were really split into two opposite directions of both loving this guy and hating this guy but having her life wrapped around him either way. Lisa was pretty funny though and her obsession was creepy but very funny none the less! lol. The writing in this story was very good and it was interesting, I just couldn't get why the main character refused to let go of what happened that one night.

Cassie says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review

This book is the second book in the affinity series after fated dreams. So after reading the first book and liked the different pace from the other books that I have read lately I went straight into reading the second. And I must say I loved it more than the first well that's my opinion anyway. It was another brilliantly written book where it had me hanging on and guessing who it was. This book like the first had me giggling, and laughing all throughout the book. This book was about a high school senior Lisa Miller; who struggles to come to terms about the dreams she is having and her mixed emotions about Logan Tate. It all started out with Lisa getting her heartbroken by Logan 2 years ago one night at a party and from there planned her revenge on Logan, to make him feel just the way she felt. She has an internal struggle with her feelings as Logan tries to prove to her that he wasn't the same guy as he was a year ago but she doesn't believe him. But as she spends more time with him and gets to know him better she can see that he isn't the same guy and she starts to fall for him. She starts getting creepy emails and phone calls from someone and gets quiet scared and in hind sight thinks its Logan up to his old tricks. In the end truths are revealed from both parties and relationships are put to the test. Overall it is really enjoyable read and enjoyed the addition of characters but also having some of the same characters from the first books. I was happy that we get to see the story of Logan and his soul mate. I think both of these books can be read as stand alone but she has done a brilliant job in relating some themes from the first book quiet well into this book. well done :D

Crystal says

Ok. This one annoyed me a bit more than the first. I won't go into details to spoil anything, but an event happens, miscommunication is spread all around, there's manipulation going on between pretty much all of them, and instead of just letting things go, Lisa decides to make Logan's life miserable by tattling everything he does to Logan's mom for two whole years. And then instead of coming clean when they started dating, she keeps it quiet.

For ease of reading, to I'll summarize my annoyances:

-Logan forgiving Lisa so quickly, while good, annoyed me -> Because she ended up doing nothing other than saying sorry for what she had done, and I feel like in reality, there needs to be some restitution of some sort to right the wrong you did to someone, regardless of the state of their forgiveness towards you, but she overreacted to a misunderstood event, after two years realizes she was wrong, he finds out, she says sorry and that's it. Nothing done in any way to attempt to make what she did right at all (some might say he needed to do that to fix what he had done, but SPOILER btw, as we find out, he hadn't actually done anything wrong at all this whole time)

-Lisa forgave her friends without any consequences either for their much bigger and way worse slights. Now I'm not saying she shouldn't have forgiven them, however, what they did in comparison to what Logan did was way worse, as there was a life long relationship with them (technically when the event happened, Logan and Lisa weren't even friends, and that is not including the fact that the slight Lisa felt didn't actually even occur). What annoyed me about it is the ease in which she trusted them again. Once again, there were no actual attempts made by the friends to fix what they did, nothing that they did after the big reveal of everything made her trust in them realistic. Trust is freely given until there is a reason to withdraw it, and then it must be earned, however, there was no earning of the trust back, she just gave it and they jumped right back into the relationship they had before. Realistically (meaning how I would have reacted), yes I probably would have forgiven them, but I would not have called them my best friends, and would have asked for space and there wouldn't be the closeness from before. And then one of them betrays her even worse shortly after her forgiveness and she is once again all it's not his fault. Hence I am of the opinion, that once trust is broken, it needs to be earned or people don't learn their lessons. They had crossed a line, and then weren't given any consequences for it. Not ok.

As such, I felt that this book was a bit of a let down, as apparently Logan's "slight" was worthy of destroying him for two full years, but her friends' very real, very nasty betrayal that just kept coming was worthy of complete forgiveness and no hard feelings. In my view what the friends' did was way worse than what Logan did, especially since it wasn't actually what had happened in reality and (spoiler here) her friends knew it. Felt a bit double-standard to me, and while I get that it is hard being super close with people to not just go back into a relationship with them, at the same time, I felt that her trust should have been broken and while she forgave them, if it had been me, I would have asked for time and space to see if the relationship could be repaired, no way would I have just jumped back in. I felt that Logan's reaction to her betrayal was more realistic as he took time to figure out where his head was, and while I wasn't happy necessarily because of Lisa's not fully making her mistakes up to him, I was happy with his overall reaction and how he handled things.

So in the end, not as enjoyable as the first was, and therefore one star less then the first book got, as the only characters I really liked were Lucas, Sarah and Logan. Logan deserves someone who is willing to make an

effort to fix what she did to hurt him.

Carmen says

This is the second book of The Affinity series, but it could really stand alone. The author recaps, a lot, of what happened in the first book. I really didn't like the first book too much, but I like this book much better. I don't really like the fact that it was based on them being soul mates. I think it is because of the way it happened, through dreams. I have read other books about soul mates and have liked them, so I am assuming this is the reason. It could also be that they were not the only people involved, there was a third person, who was reincarnated with them, over and over again. (I just scrunched up my nose when I wrote that last sentence so that must be it.)

I loved the two main characters. Logan was fantastic! He was so very sweet but not in a girly way, where you know the author had to be a female. He didn't give long love speeches, that you know men do not do in real life. Lisa was great too. At first I thought, man this girl can hold a grudge, but she was a young teen when it happened to her and she was in love with him so I get it. As with the first book, the author completely threw me off, I could not figure out who Lisa's stalker was. I liked the way it came out and I was so happy with the ending, sad as it was.

I would recommend this book before I recommend the first one. I think the characters were easy to like and there was a good storyline.