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Doomed by the evil warlock Forwin to wander the ancient seas as a mermaid for all eternity, Perdita longs for the release death would bring. Every ten years she has a chance to break the curse when she emerges from the sea fully human for one month. The catch? She must find a man willing to die for her. After 300 years, her failures have left her heartbroken and alone.

Savion Ryne wants nothing to do with beautiful women. It was one such woman whose betrayal sent him far away to battle Natas' rebellion. He longs to return to his father's kingdom in Nevaeh but must first complete an unknown mission.

After Savion falls off his ship during a storm, he wakes on the shores of an island with visions of a dark haired mermaid tending his wounds. When a woman similar in appearance begs for his protection, he is suspicious.

Perdita has never met anyone as honorable as Savion. Even though he shuns her every advance, she falls for him. But as the end of her time on land approaches, she faces the hardest decision of all, save Savion and remain cursed for all eternity or break the curse and watch the man she loves die.

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Melanie says

I really enjoyed Tears of the Sea. While the allegory aspects weren't really my cup of tea, I still loved the characters and found the mermaid element fascinating.

The ending was great and while I kind of expected things to go the way they did, I didn't have it completely right. I definitely plan on reading more of Tyndall's books and would love another mermaid one!

I recommend Tears of the Sea if you enjoy fantasy -- especially with pirates and/or mermaids.

I received a complimentary ebook copy for my honest review. As always, all thoughts and opinions expressed are my own.

Jasmine says

I really should have known better. I really should have. But nope. I sat down with my laptop to read only a few chapters of **Tears Of The Sea**. Just a few chapters of a *MaryLu Tyndall* book? Yeah right! I started late in the evening and after a bit told myself I would just read to chapter 10 but about chapter 8 or so I told myself I would read to chapter 15 since that is the halfway point, somewhere around chapter 18-19 I gave up and just admitted that I would be reading it all in one sitting. Until 3 am.

As usual, *MaryLu Tyndall* captures her readers and doesn't let them sight land until the very last page. I found myself caught up in Perdita's despair and desperation, in Savion's distrust and desire to atone. The emotions that run through this story are strong and will strike a chord with readers, we've all been there at the different times in our lives.

Tears Of The Sea isn't quite your usual *MaryLu Tyndall* story, but is instead a swashbuckling fantasy tale of love, sacrifice, redemption, and forgiveness.

One of the things I liked best about **Tears Of The Sea** is how there is enough magic to make it a true fantasy tale, it enhances the storyline rather than overwhelming it.

The world, with its locations and peoples, is also well thought out and detailed. For me, this is really important in a fantasy book and can even make or break a story.

If you enjoy fantasy or just love *MaryLu Tyndall* books you shouldn't miss this latest release. **Tears Of The Sea** is a definite must read.

(I received an E-book copy from the author for my honest review. All opinions are entirely my own.)

Noela says

Tears of the Sea cascades over the reader with the strength of swollen and tumultuous waves, leaving you

drenched in awe, with your own tears mingling with those of the vast ancient waters. So lost amongst the briny depths while reading this compelling sea-faring fantasy tale, I had finished reading before I had barely begun!

Condemned to live a wretched and lonely eternal existence as a mermaid by the hand of the wicked warlock Forwin, Perdita longs for and seeks an elusive death to end her endless torment. Extraordinarily beautiful with flowing, ebony hair and sea-green eyes, Perdita has used her allure over the past three hundred years to seek the one thing that can break the curse - a man willing to die for her. Not an easy feat, when the curse only allows her to emerge from the sea once every ten years to be entirely human for a single month.

Savion Ryne was unlike any other men that Perdita had sought to use in breaking her enslavement. He was powerful, commanding, and heroic... and completely honorable. He'd been painfully betrayed by a beautiful woman once before and is immune to her charm and deception. Who indeed, is this enigmatic man that goes about attempting to crush the evil Natas's rebellion in the kingdom of Erden with such fearlessness and uncanny intuition? Perdita finds herself falling in love with Savion but can she allow her one possible true love to die for her? Or will she surrender to everlasting misery?

I cannot recommend this spell-binding, thrilling and heart-rending story highly enough. The ripples from this tale left me truly stirred and inspired. And I found that, as in all of MaryLu's novels, that the exquisite storytelling and the vivid, expressive descriptions throughout were simply sublime! This tempest on land, sea, and in the heart, is immersed in ingenious spiritual analogies taking this page-turning fantasy to one of perfection. Highly recommended!

Nay Denise says

Received this book for review from the author.

Holy heck! This was freaking amazing! I absolutely loved this story. It's classified as a fantasy romance novel and even though it's not heavy on the fantasy aspects it's definitely magical. The world was pretty good. The fantasy aspects were nice. The romance was cool. The characters were outstanding.

Perdita is the main character and she is just outstanding. She's been cursed by a warlock to live as a mermaid and immortality. She can break the curse every ten years by emerging on land for one month and finding a man who loved her enough to die for her. The warlock cursed her because he wanted to marry her, but she constantly refused. Perdita is absolutely strong and amazing. Despite the odds and having gone through 200+ years and over 20+ men, she still had a bit of hope and strength in her. I will say for the first few pages she irritated my soul because she was hell bent on trying to die, but after seeing a chance at love she became a little more lively. She loves walking into danger, helping others and using her beauty when she can. However, she is also intelligent, well rounded and talented. She has gone through so much turmoil and still managed to pull through. She is amazing!

Captain Savion Ryne was freaking amazing as well. He is sent on a mission after he married the wrong woman. His heartache has caused him to not fall for women -- mainly the absolutely beautiful ones. Savion is a hero in so many ways -- he finds ways to save people and lands whenever he can. He gives his all and expects nothing in return. His heart is pure and he just made me smile so much. I loved him.

The romance was intriguing for me because it definitely was one sided. Perdita fell for Savion immediately after realizing how different and real he was compared to the many other men she saw. Savion, however, tried to steer clear of all her advances at all costs. He didn't kiss her, touch her or acknowledge her sexual advances which amazing. The romance definitely brewed slowly and was magical in its own way.

All the drama that went down was pretty intense. It all added to the story in such a great way. The ending was absolutely amazing. Loved how everything played. Very beautiful story.

Deborha Mitchell says

It spoke to me.

A tale of hope, love and sacrifice....

We all have a little Perdita in us. It may manifest itself in different ways, but the struggle is there. How do you know true love when you see it? Is it only a fleeting dream...something that we reach for yet never obtain? Can true love be earned or bought?

Take a journey into the lives of two very special people....Perdita, a mermaid longing to be human again and Savion, a man longing to please his Father and be called back home again.

When their paths cross, neither can deny the pull towards each other, yet both struggle to understand the reasons why. It's not what either of them think....is it fate? destiny? Or is there something otherworldly going on?

Tears of the Sea is different from other books written by MaryLu Tyndall. And in this case, different is very good. I was drawn in from the beginning, picturing this story in my head as I read it. Yes, it is grittier than previous stories by MaryLu, but in an emotionally fantastical way. I am pleased with how this story was written...a lot of surprises that made me smile and nod in agreement. I am looking forward to more books like this by MaryLu.

I highly recommend this book to those who are searching for that seemingly unattainable love....or for those who simply love a good story.

I was asked to read Tears of the Sea by the author in exchange for my honest opinion. I was under no obligation to give a good review.

Megan says

Wow, this book was amazing and that cover is just beautiful! Tears of the Sea represents Jesus and His great love for us. Predita is like us. She sought love and fulfillment from the world. She just wanted to break the curse she was under, but did it in selfish ways. Every time she fell back into her old ways I groaned and thought what does Savion see in her. Then I realized that like the hero in this story, Jesus loves us no matter the junk and the baggage we bring with us. We hurt Him over and over and yet He loves us and will come for us. Over and over this book reminded me of Jesus' love for us and it touched my heart so much. Savion is a character representative of Jesus. Unlike Jesus, Savion is human and makes mistakes, but he was sent away

from his beautiful home by his good father in order to save the lost until he was called back. He is good, kind, faithful and has full confidence in his father. How it all plays out you will have to read Tears of the Sea to find out!

This was my first book by MaryLu Tyndall and I'm happy to say I have discovered another favorite author as well as a favorite book I'm sure I will be rereading.

Lita says

I remember getting this ARC in the mail, I was so ecstatic, the beautiful, gorgeous cover was finally in my hands. I didn't read it right away. One being that I had other scheduled reviews but I read pretty quickly so there wasn't a time that I did not have the opportunity or get the temptation to open that succulent, clean-cut looking beauty(I know, its not a piece of meat). I was scared, because I got that feeling that it was too good to be true. I know, weird.

But considering that I drowned in its contents, that was not the case. This was the first story I've ever read with a mermaid in it so I was utterly enthralled.

This story follows the two main characters Perdita and Savion who are both evidently cursed. Perdita is cursed to ponder the life in the seas, whereas Savion is banished from his homeland to search across the sea to fulfill his journey in saving someone in order to break a curse.

Perdita has come across many lost men of the sea in all of her cursed years and it seems that no matter how many years pass, they are always the same. Until now.

Perdita's character seems very mature, but also in other ways unbeknownst to many things. I have to admit, she did make me crack up here and there with her acting skills. There is also mention of her previous life as a human and came across as a bit mischievous. Savion has all the attributes any and every man should have. However, Savion has also come across someone that has made him feel the same things Perdita feels. In a way, both of there past experiences kind of run on these crazy parallels and has jaded them. Damien just bugged me to no end.

In the end, I was excited to finally get through to the end and experience the HEA Perdita and Savion deserved. The writing style was simple, yet enticing. Great plot and extraordinary characters.

The one hang up I had that seems pretty ridiculous, but nonetheless bothered me to no end was the name *Perdita*. I could not stand it, because I could already here how some people would pronounce it and slaughter(Karin) the name completely: purr-dee-tuh. Uh, no mam. So throughout the whole story, every time her name popped up, I would say *Dita* in my head, with my own Hispanic accent, because it sounded better to me, it sounds the same as my own nickname, I'm too lazy to role my r's every time I say her name in my head (even saying it aloud is making my tongue tired), and it also doesn't sound like I'm trying to call over a little female dog in Spanish.

Overall, I had a tremendous time getting into this wondrous story and hope others enjoy the read as well.

Deborah Andreasen says

Definitely interesting

The whole time I was reading, I was going to give this book a 3, but the end upped it to a 4 star.

This was a fascinating read. Such an interesting storyline! A mermaids who is destined to live alone for eternity unless she can find a man who loves her enough to die for her.

Perdita doesn't understand the true meaning of love and spends centuries seducing men and luring them to their death. She resorts to attempting suicide, but her curse refuses to let her die. As a result, she spends a lot of time in pain. She spends a lot of time during the book wondering why the hero doesn't desire her because she thinks sex equals love. Perdita spends quite a lot of time putting our hero and others in danger. It feels like she'll never learn. For those reasons, I was having a hard time giving the book high marks.

Like I mentioned, though, the ending saves the rest of the book and left me feeling happy with the way things turned out. I felt like Perdita grew and changed.

Overall, I enjoyed this book. There's no swearing or explicit content. Recommended for more mature audiences.

Rebecca says

A beautiful allegory of God's love for us. One of my favorites

Racheal says

Overall I'm giving this book 2 stars. While the the author had a good idea with the plot, I felt like the book suffered due to biblical over-ride and being a little too preachy. I have nothing against reading books that have God in them or have biblical implications if the story itself doesn't suffer. Melanie Dickerson is a great example of a Christian author who can write a fable/fantasy book with small implications about faith/God and it doesn't take away from the adventure or the characters one bit.

First off, I want to say that I really liked Perdita. She was suck a spunky character and despite her battered past, she was a really caring, loving person. It wasn't hard to see that. But because of the biblical over-ride and who Savion's character was meant to represent, Perdita's character suffered writing-wise to the end. Her character got an insta-change from who she was throughout the whole book which didn't sit well with me. It just felt so unrealistic. It also made me a little angry with Savion that he couldn't love her for who she was... that she kinda had to change who she was in order for her to be acceptable in his eyes. Which to me is kinda sexist. I did like Savion's character, but like I said, it bugged me that he couldn't accept Perdita for who she was and that was extremely rude towards her... if the rules were reversed, I could understand a woman being like that, but not a guy.... it's just unrealistic. Aside from their characters, I felt as though there were too many scenes in the book and that they all were too rushed. Like, it jumped from one scene to the next to the next.... the author really needed to eliminate a few scenes and slow it down a little bit.

Despite how I felt about the book, the author did have some really good idea's here and does have a knack for writing... she just maybe needed to work on this a little longer.

Christina Ballinger says

I don't normally like allegories but this one actually captivated me and kept my interest. This is the kind of book that you'll want to pop some popcorn, sit back with a cold drink and dig in! Like watching a good movie, this book transports you to a world where fiction fantasy meets the message of love, hope and redemption in its purest form. Being Hispanic, I immediately caught the meaning of Perdita -- as the suffix of "ita" is a Spanish form of endearment. The protagonist Perdita is a lonely Mermaid wandering the Ancient Seas desperately searching for the One who will deliver her from a wicked curse. She rescues Savion, who is a man on mission. He eventually realizes how his divine assignment is intricately woven into Perdita's life. This story will entertain and delight you with its fast-paced tale of clashing swords, maritime battles, rescues- gone wrong and cheating death. It's more than just a good versus evil story. It's a narrative that delves into the soul searching journey that leads to the undeniable truth that we all must have faith to survive. With Orwellian prose and Bunyan style imagery, this book is destined to become a stand-alone classic! I highly recommend this book to be used as a book club discussion or Bible Study. One disclaimer: I was given a free copy to review the book; however, I give it a 5 star rating for the story line and Tyndall's ability to creatively, yet simply compose a story that has the ability to reach an audience that doesn't normally ascribe to "Christian" literature.

Jessica Manuel says

Tears of the Sea is a wonderfully crafted tale swirling with magic, love, intrigue, and suspense. Perdita, a mermaid, is determined to break her curse at any cost. She has searched the world for centuries to find the one man able to break the spell. Longing for freedom, Perdita finally meets the one man who won't succumb to her charms.

Savion is a man determined to fulfill his father's mission and return to his home. He has turned away from many distractions and temptations, but the beguiling Perdita throws him into confusion. Will he sacrifice his mission to rescue her?

Marylly Tyndall has created an amazing cast of characters that speak to the hopes, fears, and dreams of us all. This is a fantasy story that everyone will enjoy, including magic, love, sacrifice, adventure, and redemption. In a land where pirates and mermaids exist, this is a spellbinding story that everyone will enjoy!

Marylly Tyndall

Laura A. Grace says

I have to admit, I couldn't put this book down! From the first page, I was sucked into Perdita's story and didn't want to stop reading until I knew how things would turn out. I would have finished it in one evening if it wasn't going on past midnight.

This was my first read where the main character was a mermaid and I was fascinated! How the reader is introduced to her is not what I expected nor I was prepared to read the loneliness that consumed her. Perdita was such a unique mermaid and found her to be very bold in her actions. She was spunky that's for sure!

One of my favorite parts of "Tears of the Sea" is the small joys that Perdita has over certain things on land that I take for granted. One example that really struck me was the joy she had in her hair being dry for a change and not wet. I would have never even thought about how nice that must be when you have been living under water! I enjoyed reading her reactions to eating food on land too.

The only thing I was slightly disappointed about was the ending. I didn't realize that there was an allegorical theme woven throughout, which I had no problem with, but was disappointed how heavy it was in the ending. I was really invested into Perdita and Savion's growing relationship and felt the ending took a little bit away from them as just a romance. I would have been very content without the epilogue because the ending was perfect. Before the epilogue, I felt like it showed the true transformation that Perdita had gone through since the beginning.

Overall, this was a great read and one I would most likely read again. Perdita was a character that really brought me into the story with her antics and journey of what real love is. Would recommend to those who like mermaid tales or fantasy romance with a beautiful ending of redemption.

Leah says

MaryLu Tyndall, PLEASE never stop writing. I have enjoyed every book you have written and I never want to stop being so entertained! Whether I'm reading about adventures on the high seas or about colonists braving the jungles of Brazil, I'm always swept away in the romance and adventure of MaryLu Tyndall's novels.

In Tears of the Sea, MaryLu Tyndall explores new territories as she dives into the world of fantasy. Over 300 years ago, Perdita fell under a curse that turned her into a mermaid. Every 10 years she gets the chance to break the curse by becoming human for a month and trying to find true love. But after 300 years of giving herself freely to men and never finding ways to make them stay, Perdita has just about given up hope.

Savion is on a mission to return to his father's kingdom in Nevaeh. But unfortunately for him, he is unsure what task he must complete in order to return. In the meantime, he tries to ignore Perdita's constant attempts to gain his affections.

Tears of the Sea is a beautiful biblical allegory. Not only does MaryLu Tyndall bring this fantasy world to life, she paints a beautiful picture of Jesus's love for us. While this was not my favorite read from MaryLu Tyndall, I still enjoyed it immensely and I know that whatever MaryLu writes, I will read it!

I bought this book and was not required to write a review. All opinions stated are my own.

Leah B.

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Bess says

Another wonderful read from Ms. Tyndall. What a beautiful parallel of us (the bride of the Messiah) and the Messiah! So wonderfully depicted of the relationship we have with our world and how we see ourselves and others and how the Messiah sees us all!
