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*A Contemporary Mystical Romance*

What if I told you the greatest love stories ever told—Cleopatra and Mark Antony, Salim and Anarkali, Romeo and Juliet and so many more—are far greater tragedies than anyone has ever realized?

What if I told you that you haven't been reading a new story... just a new chapter in one epic saga?

If I told you...all of those lovers...were actually the same two souls seeking their happily ever after over and over again, would you believe me?

Would you believe them?

Born again,

Love again,

Part again,

Was their curse.

In this modern era, will they find eternal love or will they be doomed to repeat the cycle forever?

## Malachi and I Details

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## Doris says

I am a true fan of J.J. McAvoy and enjoy many of her stories. I did like this one yet not as much as some of her others. This story had a different take on what she usually writes, it shows how diverse her writing style is. This is a love story of two people whose love and lives have surpassed time. Unfortunately their love is strong but each time they meet, tragedy happens. To be born again, suffer again, which brings us to present times. Malachi has learned that to stay away from her will prolong their lives. But, time is a fickle thing and no matter how hard he tries to stay away they are always bound to come together. This is the story of their last life.

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## Jemima says

**Title: Malachi And I**

**Author: J.J. McAvoy**

**Genre: Contemporary Romance**

Apples... Bloody Apples. Who knew just a boring fruit could start so many tragedies?

Who loves romance? Me!

It all started with one truth... a feeling we, as readers all understand.. why do we continue to buy books that are so similar? The same love, same romance, the never ending vicious cycle of finding a version of happily ever after? Its because when we pick up a novel we are doing it knowing that our feelings are going

*"to be wretched and also to have to good ugly cry"*

and also because

*" The pain he puts his characters through allows me to live optimistically. I read it and re-read it, sobbing over the pages. Afterwards, I take a deep breath and smile, because I get to live on even though the characters died"*

Esther was a character I really enjoyed reading about... She's sarcastic, a klutz, a chatterbox. She can be a tad immature but when need be, she is serious and when that time come...she's like a life coach on steroids and BOOM! You really have an A-HA moment yourself! Esther has this '*Joie de Vivre*' about her that I love! She is intrusive in a , the-sun-is-always-shinning-even-when-it's-pouring-outside type of way. Hahaha!

Malachi is broody, stubborn and kind of a jerk (at first...sort of) but considering his past ...who won't be. If Esther was the bright daylight, Malachi is the dark night.

This book was suppose to be a 'light' read people...and it was but by the time you are at the end of the last chapter..you realise a truth. A truth you took for granted. Freedom. Freedom to choose. Freedom to love. *Malachi and I* was such an amazing, original and beautiful novel.

*"The secret to long life, Malachi, is loving to live, knowing suffering for the sake of love isn't suffering, and finding joy in that."*

PS: I envy Esther's job...truly! I also envy her relationship with her grandfather...their banter and seriousness is envy worthy.

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### **Adrianne says**

#### **All the stars!!**

My favourite book of the year so far. I couldn't put it down, and I'm already thinking about buying a few copies for Christmas gifts.

A beautiful yet tragic love story, that takes us on a journey into the past. The two main characters are destined to be together, and they are over and over again. A thousand times, to be exact, they find each other and die shortly after, doomed to repeat this cycle in their next lives.

As tragic as it may sound, the book is rather amusing at times thanks to Esther, who is just one of those people who you can't help but to like.

The bottom line is, you are getting a thousand epic love stories for a price of one.

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### **Melissa\_lifeinthebooks says**

This copy was received via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

Not my favorite book by J.J McAvoy but I still really enjoyed it. I loved the reincarnation aspect of the book. I thought the plot was okay, love Esther and Malachi, I especially enjoyed the flashbacks of their past lives. Something in this story just didn't click for me, it didn't wow me and at times I was bored. Overall just an okay read.

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## Queen says

I don't think I've ever rated J.J McAvoy such a low rating but sadly this book was a disappointment, I was looking forward to a gut-wrenching sad story but instead, I was left with a disorientated haphazard love story that felt very meh?

I'm a hypersensitive person, I get emotional after watching those less than 30seconds adds on Facebook or WhatsApp with all those cute puppies & babies, so Yes I won't deny that I didn't tear up a little whilst reading this book but it still didn't feel enough? Like I wanted something more, maybe it isn't the author's fault but mine for expecting something entirely different.

In Conclusion, this book was just a miss for me, It left me feeling sad for even picking it up.

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## Angie says

*\*\*Copy received through Netgalley in exchange for voluntary review.\*\**

I'm a huge fan of the life McAvoy brings to her characters. She has a knack for dialogue, it's so natural and it makes her stories a pleasure to read. I don't want to say too much about the relationship between Malachi and Esther. It's otherworldly, I'll leave it at that.

The middle started to drag a little and I skimmed a bit through the scenes of the past but overall I really enjoyed it. I was impressed with the ending because I had no clue how their problem was going to be resolved and I thought McAvoy handled it beautifully, especially in today's cynical world. It made me smile. I highly recommend.

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## Angele Ponco says

J.J. McAvoy never disappoints <3 I always loved reincarnation romance books, and this one is one of the best I've read!

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## Christy says

**4 stars!**

*Malachi and I* is a love story that transcends time. It's original, historical, and beautiful. JJ McAvoy gave us a thousand love stories all in one, and I loved the way it was told! It's not every day you read a romance that's different from the ones you normally read. I love that this was out of the box and it kept my attention from the start.

“The secret to a long life, Malachi, is loving to live, knowing suffering for the sake of that love isn’t suffering, and finding joy in that.”

The story starts with Malachi, an author who has been the leading man in many of the great and tragic love stories of all time. His goal in this life is to stay away from his one great love. He doesn’t want that tragic ending. But fate has other plans...

I don’t want to delve too deep into this one, because I liked the surprised turn it took. This story kept me on the edge of my seat. It made me laugh, made me tear up at times, and made me swoon! I think JJ did an excellent job researching all the ‘past lives’ and I found that part so interesting. Definitely a unique read!

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**Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says**

#### **4.5 STAR Spoiler Free Review**

*“We’ll make it. You’ll see. This is the last one. Our last life.”*

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## **Seffra says**

3 Stars

First off, thanks to the publisher and Netgalley for giving me an ARC for this book!

Well, this book had such a rocky start. I couldn't find any way to connect to the characters. Esther was a girl who seemed so flaky and plain boring and indecisive, just your regular young adult. Not at all impressive nor could I relate to her despite being the same age.

Malachi, well at least your name was cool? He was such a blank page and that's so ironic since he had 999 lives to pull from. He got better as time progressed and I seriously felt bad for his soul.

The story, once it kicked off, was awesome! I loved their interactions in the first half because they were just so funny! The juxtaposition of their relationship was great. Her craziness complimented his sombre and serious tone and it was just what I needed.

The flashbacks were the shiners! I loved learning about their past lives and UGH, my heart broke.

The writing was rocky at times and I know some errors were due to the fact that this is an early copy to this book but they caused enough of a hiccup to hinder my reading experience since I didn't know what she was trying to say. The message got lost in the wrong words. The pacing was great though, I loved their progression of their love story and the second half was a lot more seamless than the first half.

Will I read more from this author? I dunno, I might. I hope her published books are more better with errors and more relatable characters.

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## **Veracious Reads says**

I'm a hardcore fan of J.J. McAvoy and I can't even explain you how I long for and anticipate her upcoming books with near-cardiac-arrest excitement.

I have been reading excerpts of Malachi and I on her website and every week, my excitement grew. I even

asked her on Twitter about what her angle of this story was, and now that I've read it - Malachi and I didn't disappoint me.

J.J. McAvoy is one of the those authors who does not shy away from writing something new. Malachi and I is going to be one of those books you'll have to read with an open mind, just as you must've read her Mafia Romance series throwing your morals out of the window (at least I did).

It's not a hidden fact that Malachi and I is about reincarnation. Again, a concept many have read about. I could totally understand the concept because in India (where I am from), this concept is the core of every living being existence in Hindus and Buddhists. I can tell that J.J. McAvoy went through a lot of research and the stories she's added as flashbacks have actually taken place, because again, I've read a few of them. I am a sucker for tragic love stories and torture myself from time to time.

But, thank J.J. McAvoy, this book didn't end like one. With Malachi and I, J.J. McAvoy has definitely tapped into an uncharacteristically unknown genre which you'll have to explore to understand. This is the first time she's executed concepts of spirituality or spiritual being that may sit well with some and can get totally ignored by others. It's a major risk to write something so unique and different without deviating from the plot.

I personally felt that the story ended too soon. I didn't want to stretch, but I did have questions when I finished reading it. Let me know if you have them too. I'll be happy to discuss.

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## **A Klue says**

What if I told you...I usually enjoy this author's writing style, but this time around it felt so completely off, I'm still dazed and confused why that happened.

What if I told you...The storyline seemed to jump around all over the place to the point I found it to be, well, pointless and unengaging.

Well, that's how I honestly felt about this one, my fellow romance book loving friends. I guess the first red flag to me should have been in the original synopsis Pocahontas and John Smith were listed as a great legendary romance that compares to Cleopatra/Mark Anthony and Romeo/Juliet. Well, someone must have tapped the author on the shoulder and whispered in her ear, "Uh, this is rather embarrassing, but we'll need to edit that since that actually didn't happened. The Disney cartoon version you loved and grew up completely misrepresented history. Pocahontas eventually ended up married to John Rolfe, and she was only eleven years old when she met John Smith. They were never a romantic couple. Oh, and besides all that, she did marry an Indian named Kocoum before meeting Rolfe, but they basically divorced so she could marry Rolfe, after being taken and held for ransom."

Yeah, life and love can be messy. Poor Pocahontas was living proof of that. Don't even get me started on the Salim and Anarkali reference. There appears to be quite a bit of controversy regarding what did and didn't happen there, as well. Either way, I had never heard of them until now, so not so legendary in my personal book of reference.

What I do know is this book unfortunately was miss for me. Here's to hoping others really enjoy it. It was a clever idea for a twist on a romantic read, but the delivery of it just wasn't there.

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### **Stephanie says**

This was such a unique plot that when I read the blurb months ago I couldn't wait to read it. It kept me engaged from start to finish and with being a historical fan, I loved that aspect of the story. I enjoy Ms. McAvoy's writing and her characters, who's flaws make them real and likable. I would have loved an epilogue to see Malachi and his lady's life in the future but I was still happy with the ending. 4 Stars!

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### **Ashley Williams says**

3.5 stars

This novel was definitely unique and different. It reminded me a lot of *My Name is Memory* by Ann Brashares. The beginning was great, lots of tension, but the further I read the more the romance just wasn't there for me.

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***“Our next life shall be our last.”***

The premise of this story was fabulous, the message it brought absolutely brilliant. It was relevant whilst steeped in history and so very intriguing; we loved every moment spent travelling an epic history of love. Bravo JJ McAvoy for daring to be bold and brave.

**‘Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away. Doesn’t sound very exciting, does it? But it is!’ – Louis de Bernieres**

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