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Melanie is living an ordinary, boring life when one night she is transported in her dreams to the Kingdom of Astebeth. Night after night, the fairy of her dreams will tell her the stories of the inhabitants of the Kingdom, its town, and the magical Nocturnal Forest nearby. A forest full of magical creatures where the impossible can happen. Soon, she comes to

suspect that her dreams may not only be dreams after all. Follow her on her incredible journeys that will take her to magical places and beyond Earth itself to discover the magical secret of the Nocturnal Forest in the first part of The Fairy of my Dreams trilogy.

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## **From Reader Review Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest (Stories of the Fairy of my Dreams, #1) for online ebook**

### **Victoria Zigler says**

This book had the potential to be a five star read, but I don't feel it quite managed to achieve its potential.

The main character felt like just a bystander, and even by the end of the book I didn't really feel I knew her. In fact, there were so many characters introduced to us throughout all the different dreams, that I didn't really feel I got to know all that much about any of them, except who was related to who. Also, the parts of the book related to space travel were inconsistent, and the book could do with another round of general editing.

Still, the book was a pretty good read, and the idea behind it is very creative.

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### **Tofts Reviews says**

This story is about a girl named Mel who is always daydreaming. When she dreams in school, the teachers visit her parents. Both parents and teacher tell her to stop daydreaming. Her Mom wants her to go outside more and get some friends.

I really like how the characters go on an adventure to find the moon. This is so cool that it is missing because that never happens. The characters go to the forest to find it.

I like Gabriel too. There are fairies in this story too. I like fairies.

The ending was awesome. I liked how they got the moon back. But I didn't like when a character falls back to Earth and gets lost.

I can't wait to read more books from this author.

I would recommend this book to kids ages 10-17.

--Hannah (age 10)

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### **??Hannah?? says**

First of all I would like to thank the author for sending me a copy of this book.

This book wasn't like any of the other fairy books I've read. Which is a good thing. Basically this book was stories within a story. It all starts out with a girl named Melanie who is unhappy in her life. She doesn't have any friends and her parents just don't understand her. She then starts dreaming and each dream is basically a different story until the end when they all start to tie into one. I would definitely recommend this book to others who really enjoy fairy books.

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### **A.E. Albert says**

Melanie feels like there is no one in the world who truly understands her. She has her head in the clouds and her nose stuck in a book. Everyone is always telling her to grow up. One day, she dreams of a fairy who tells her the long history of a family from a place called Astebeth. All Melanie wants is to understand her place in the world. Perhaps she's about to find out.

Modern day fairy tales seem to be a trend in today's publishing. What separates the *Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest* from these other tales is it's traditional pace and makeup. As in the style of the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Anderson, there is little detail. The plot stretches over a long time period, so the reader doesn't spend a lot of time with one character, aside from the protagonist and the fairy. The focus is directed on the action and development of the plot.

The twist in this fairytale is how each story is related to the other, coming full circle in the end. It takes some classic fairy tale elements and combines them with modern and sometimes futuristic components. The author created a magical adventure with a dash of space odessey.

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### **E.L. Ervin says**

*Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest* is in every way an amazing tale of magic, fairies, adventure and love. I adored this book from the cover to the words and the intricate illustrations throughout the book. I loved all of the characters except maybe one(which it was because of the "pompous" attitude), but everything else made me feel like I was in this book, making these adventures with the characters. The main character Melanie, is strong, adventurous and brave. However, the Queen of the Nocturnal Forest happens to be my favorite because of her undying love and willingness to sacrifice herself to make her loved one's happy. This novel took me back to when I used to read the classic fairy-tales as a little girl and I feel that this novel could have been read and loved right along with them.

Vanessa Kings did an amazing job with this novel and I can't wait to read more about this magical family and their loved ones! Amazing job Vanessa Kings!

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### **Janet says**

Melanie is bullied and ridiculed at school. She keeps to herself and her books. Her teachers and her parents don't understand her passion for stories and demand that she get her nose out of her books and drawings and grow up. Her books are her only escape until one night she dreams of a fairy who takes her on the adventure of a lifetime. Her nights are spent in dreams on a magical island in the town of Astebeth. There, the fairy shows her the stories of the lives of Thomas, Arthur, and Sarah over the course of many nights.

The dreams feel so real to Melanie that she begins to question whether they are actually dreams. Filled with adventure and forbidden love, the stories capture your imagination and your heart. Readers will not be able to put this book down. Kids will especially love the stories and the beautiful artwork.

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### **Rivalie (Le Petit Photograph) says**

3.5 out of 5 stars

Thank you so much Vanessa for allowing me to read/review your book!!

Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest follows a girl named Melanie who lives her life through fairytales. Her normal is incredibly boring but when she closes eyes, she is transported to the Kingdom of Astebeth where a fairy shows her around the Nocturnal Forest. Each dream that Melanie has is a brand new fairy tale that paints the image of Astebeth in your brain. I read this a lot in between classes so the short story like format was great because I could easily slip in and out of the book without have to worry about not being able to get back into the story. I don't want to say too much about the dreams because the whole fun of it is experiencing the dreams for the first time. I will say that this would be a really cool story time book and completely transports me back to my childhood when I would read fairy tales from a huge Disney book. In addition to delivering an enchanting story, Vanessa King also addresses some pretty relevant topics, particularly the one about humanity destroying the Earth. With Astebeth currently in a natural crisis that leaves the kingdom dark at night, the only way to bring light and magic back is for humanity to learn to love and be happy without the light. Overall, the book is a really lovely read and carries a beautiful message interwoven with fairytales!

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### **Rana G. says**

This book is more like a history reference for the next books in the series, because from it you will know how everything happens ,and who is who ,and so on..

It is about a girl who dreams of a fairy that tells stories. The setting is an island that have a magical forest , and the time of it is in the future but also the past and the present ,maybe( It was confusing)

It also contains endless cycles of this- married-that-had-those stories. And I am not a fan of that, because it became so expected what will happen next and who is the "true love" of who. Maybe that is one of the goals of the story, that true love is there, but it didn't workout for me.

The thing that bothered me the most is that we don't get to know the main character well, I wished that there were more of her and her family and school. Honestly, I didn't feel a thing for her , because she made appearance through the whole book , yet it was as if she wasn't there at all. Mostly because that there were just so much characters .

Other things I didn't like: ( but you might like)

Everyone is related.

Space and aliens.

Bed time stories.

Love at first sight.

However I liked the ending because everything became clearer , and it tells that what is coming is perhaps

better.

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### **M.J. Webb says**

This collection of short dreams or fairy tales marked a real departure for me from the genres I usually read, and so I tried to allow for the target audience, whom I believe to be adolescent teens, especially girls, though many ladies would most certainly enjoy it also.

The first thing you notice is that the book is beautifully presented and well edited, with charming drawings which capture the story perfectly and neat surrounds. The writing flows naturally and is neither forced or wordy. The main character, Melanie, is intriguing and I would perhaps have liked more from her regarding her trials and tribulations in dealing with the incredible gift she has had bestowed upon her. A gift which has marked her out as different from others, with all the problems that can bring.

As for the stories, they are both interesting, uplifting, and thought-provoking. I particularly enjoyed the one regarding Earth and how we are destroying it/how Julia discovers what needs to be done to save it, to save us. I think the fact they are set in the future adds an extra dimension and I have to admit that I read this book in double quick time for me, because it was enjoyable and because I could not wait to see what would happen next. The reader takes away the messages that love can conquer all and hope springs eternal... Isn't that what we're supposed to glean from a good fairy tale after all?

Five stars because I feel it is a well thought out collection which will enthrall and entertain anyone with a free spirit and open mind.

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### **Susan Day says**

Our hero is Mel and she is at the delicate time in life where her friends are interested in boys and make up and she's not. Sadly, she's a victim of bullying and school life is pretty unpleasant to say the least. Add to this, Mel's parents don't seem to know what to do with her and we've got a common but extremely difficult stage in life.

In a dream, Mel learns of a magical place on an island in the Atlantic Ocean. Transported in her dream, Mel finds herself in walking the streets of the Kingdom of Astebeth. There is guided by a fairy and introduced to Sarah, Thomas and Arthur. Claiming to be from another time, Sarah's story is one of forbidden love, betrayal and injustice.

This book is told in a series of dreams. These dreams take Mel on fantastic adventures. She gets into the habit of writing them down and creating drawings about what the adventures she has. But are they dreams? Does Astebeth really exist?

This is a book that most girls will identify with. Traversing from childhood to adolescences, Mel is living in one world and dreaming of another, her adventures and personal growth will certainly appeal to the book's young readers.

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### **Boundless Book Reviews says**

I genuinely enjoyed this book. I could see myself reading my daughter this story before bed and also enjoying it just for myself. The story starts with Melanie, who would rather be in a world of fairies and magic, then in the actual world. Which I could relate, I mean who wouldn't want to? I went through what felt like this Journey to find out why Melanie was having these dreams. Which became even more real for her. I enjoyed the illustrations, it brought a lot more to the story. The world that this author envisioned and created, were magical. The fairy-tale genre is fairly new to me. But it's something that I may look into more....Lissa

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### **Katie ® says**

I can't wait to read this book! Ok, I might be a bit biased. However, I have known Vanessa for a long time. When she began this journey, putting all of her stories together to make a book, I was so excited and proud of her! When she spoke of her ideas and her love of writing this book, I knew that it would not disappoint. When you love what you are writing, most likely others will love it too. I have read pieces of her book and soon I hope to read all of it.

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### **Christa says**

This book was such a simple, easy read that I felt like it was over too soon. It's a modern fairy tale about a girl who is obsessed with fairy tales...go figure. She has a rocky relationship with her parents and her classmates, so she retreats the world of make believe to escape the pain of bullying and her parents' indifference to her. In her retreat, she has a series of what she believes to be dreams where the storyteller is a fairy. The dreams describe loves lost and won, fairies, traveling to other planets and all center around the Nocturnal Forest.

The book is built on a solid foundation that has been done before, but it takes such a refreshing twist that I couldn't help but enjoy it. My only critique is that I wish there had been more of the "real world" between each dream. I would have liked to learn more about Melanie and why she is bullied at school. We got a brief taste of her life at the beginning and then it just became a sequence of dreams.

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### **Beth says**

Melanie is trying her best to traverse adolescences but she is struggling with growing and social pains. She is a victim of bullying at school and having difficulties with her parental relationships... Her only reprieve is

the strange dreams she is having..dreams that are whisking her away to Astebeth, a fairy tale land.

Picturesque dreamscape storytelling with Mel discovering love and betrayal, help develop this vivid tale. For me, I did wished she somehow got pulled into this world of Astebeth completely and it wasn't a telling as dreams but in the end it complete pulled me and and worked for me.

*Chronicles of Nocturnal Forest* is an example of beautiful storytelling. I feel anyone who experienced becoming a young woman will find this story appealing as well as young readers.

I received a copy of *Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest* from Vanessa Kings in exchange for a honest review.

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### **Jessica says**

*Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest* (Stories of the Fairy of my Dreams, #1) by Vanessa Kings gets 4 stars for a children's book.

Readers follow young Melanie in her dreams to a faraway land called Astebeth. Guided by a fairy, Melanie witnesses several adventures through time and space, all narrated by members of different generations of the same royal family. Each dream, and each adventure, seems to teach certain valuable lessons, about accepting those who are different, finding happiness within ourselves, and so on. These valuable lessons are presented in fairytale-like adventure settings and make for a fun read. This is an excellent book for a young reader.

Thanks to the author for providing a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review as part of a Goodreads Read and Review program.

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### **Ana Sandoval says**

I think overall it was a great story, at first I thought it was confusing because of all of the stories happening

one after another after another and so on, when I stopped reading and wanted to continue I wouldn't know what story I had been reading, so I had to go back a few pages. Also, some things didn't quite coincide, like the years that passed while traveling to the sun or to Mercury and back, especially to the sun, how come time passes but they never aged, and it's also rather unclear in what year Melanie is living. Or the fact that they could eat and drink in Mercury as if it was the Earth. Other than that I enjoyed the story, and it got me thinking about it all day, as every good book should do. I like the open end, and the whole mixing of races and adventures of literally all kinds. Still, I would've liked to know about the necklace that Melanie's mother had.

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### **Pennie says**

A native of Argentina, 'Vanessa Kings' is pretty new to the publishing world. 'Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest' is the first installment from 'Stories of the Fairies of my Dreams' and is a nice strong introduction to this YA series.

The main character 'Melanie' is a young girl with a seemingly ordinary life, that is, until she falls asleep. Night after night, she dreams of 'The Kingdom of Astebeth' a fairy-tale kingdom and the magical forest nearby. As darkness falls within this forest, mystical creatures come into view.

Soon, Melanie realizes that her dreams may in fact be reality as incredible magical events follow her through the pages of the Nocturnal Forest.

A fairy tale at its best comes to sit in the readers midst as wondrous imagination fly's into our hearts. The story captures a fragrance of uplifting dimensions with vivid creativity and adventure. The illustrations scattered throughout was a nice touch to add to the inventive realism and appealing modern day mythological folk-tale. Looking forward to reading the second book to the trilogy.

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### **Sofia says**

I received this book for a Read for Review.

Chronicles of the Nocturnal Forest is an entertaining book with very well done illustrations that really help bring the story to life, I liked how the chapters are divided into dreams and which dream was basically a short story, the plot is different and refreshing and in my opinion this is truly a book for all ages.

The main character was a little bit childish in some moments but while it can make you roll your eyes to the moon and back ( at least it did for me), it also makes her character more believable and it helps -IMO- the younger readers empathize with this character that likes the fantasy world better than the real one ( and then again who doesn't?).

In conclusion, it's a pretty easy book to read, perfect was a bedtime story or to be read during breaks or when you are bored and while it doesn't get you hooked or hold your breath it's still a good way to pass your time.

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## **Mary ♥ says**

4/5 stars

The idea of this book is really clever, original and magical. It lost one star because the characters felt distant and for this reason, I felt 'out of the story', something that annoyed me much because I didn't want it to happen. The other half of it though fixed it and I am glad I read it.

I am excited to continue the series and see how Melanie's story will continue developing and of course, unlock the secrets of the mysterious Nocturnal Forest. I am really excited to see other creatures being portrayed too, like the sprites and banshees and everything else that was mentioned but not much shown.

The world building was really cool but as I said, what made me love the book the most was probably the imagination of the writer. It is just beautiful:)

Recommended

~Mary

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## **Vanessa Kings says**

As a fellow author said, it is not fair to rate my own book. He is right at some point, we want our hard work to be distinguished and recognized, we want people to know we put everything into it and we want to see it at the best selling lists for weeks. That is because we are proud of our work and happy to claim ourselves as "published authors" no matter if it is self published or with a publisher. Now that we agree that this review is not even close to fair, I can place myself as an outside reader and say what I truly think about this book.

Lately, we see a big amount of books with the same type of cover (you know what I mean), these books are the easiest to write and sell, and maybe are used to "get started" into the business, but, lets be honest, they only take the author's identity away. I always loved to read fantasy, I am almost 30 years old and my favorite book is still Alice in Wonderland. I feel like children are being pushed into the "lets win this war" kind of fantasy, where the main purpose is to kill the enemy and emerge proud out of battle with a sword covered with blood. That is not the kind of book I read when I was a child, not even close. I read about magic and mysterious places that had absolutely no logic but still made you feel like you were a part of the story. These books made me dream about traveling to the most unthinkable places and drink tea with talking animals as if it was the most normal thing in the world. That is what I am trying to save with this book, the innocence of a classical fairy tale. Sure, Melanie has a laptop and at some point the characters use technology to travel, but, the main quest is always to help humanity recover their dreams and hopes. And that can only be accomplished through magic and love.

I like when I read the reviews say that the book remind them of the classical fairy tales they read when they were kids, because that was exactly my point.

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