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\*\*\*This book is a Serial. Serials are stories published in episodes, with future episodes released every three weeks. This book contains four episodes out of an estimated twenty total episodes.\*\*\*

The 'Naturals

Season One: "Awakening"

A small town full of secrets. A coming darkness. Teenagers with supernatural abilities. Think you know the story?

Think again.

As Summer ends, the students at Silverwood High are getting ready to go back to school and resume their normal, everyday lives. Too bad "normal" is no longer an option.

When these teens get their very first tastes of what destiny has in store, will they embrace that destiny... or flee from it? Will they be selfless... or ruthless? Will they master their abilities... or will their abilities master them?

This is their awakening, the first step of an epic journey. But it's only the beginning of something bigger than they could ever imagine.

Four teenagers. One town.

Four authors. One story.

The sleepy little town of Silverwood is about to wake up.

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IN THESE EPISODES...

**AVERY:** Episode 1:

Soulful, artistic Avery is intrigued when Silverwood High's strapping, athletic newcomer takes an interest in her. So why is she convinced that there's more going on with this guy than a simple crush?  
by Melody Carlson

**MARSHALL:** Episode 2:

Brilliant but nerdy Marshall is used to being the odd man out, the last one picked, and the bully's favorite target. But his luck may be changing when he discovers that he can do something that should be completely impossible.  
by Robin Parrish

HAILEY: Episode 3:

Soccer prodigy Hailey wants desperately to hide every aspect of her home life -- and the anger and regrets that fill her heart. But she's about to discover that concealing her feelings isn't a possibility anymore.

by K.C. Neal

ISRAEL: Episode 4:

Homeschooler Israel is part of a dysfunctional family. They look normal on the outside, but it's a carefully constructed lie that's leaving plenty of scars. It doesn't help that he's having disturbing dreams and experiencing bizarre sensations.

by Aaron Patterson

## **The 'Naturals: Awakening [Episodes 1-4 -- Season 1] Details**

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# **From Reader Review The 'Naturals: Awakening [Episodes 1-4 -- Season 1] for online ebook**

**Ivie says**

**I review books based on five things: Story World, Plot, Character, Language, and Romance. While my reviews are long, they are thorough and spoiler free, helping you decide if a book is worth your time.**

So, this was free and I thought the cover was kind of cool. I grabbed it because I'm doing the reading challenge this year and want to read a lot of books. (I'm doing my challenge in increments of ten, so don't be confused by the current low number.)

## **Story World**

It seems to be based in pretty normal town. I think the authors were implying that it was a smaller town going through some developments. Some people didn't like the change and I can totally relate to that. So, it seemed to be pretty contemporary in this aspect. Yes, the town was probably made up, but it was modern.

## **Plot**

So each "episode" follows a different person. I'm pretty sure the four are the only ones the series follows. It was a different set up for the book. Each episode took me maybe ten minutes to read. I'm a fast reader, though. The episode's follow the characters as they notice something is off with themselves. The characters don't meet at this point, which is kind of a bummer, but I know this book is setting up the tone for the rest of the series. There are obviously four different plots, but you get the idea that they will all intersect at some point in time because some characters live in the town and others are moving to the town. It's pretty cool in that aspect.

## **Character**

Avery- Avery is the first character. She lives in the town and is unhappy with the new developments that cut down an entire cherry orchard to build large homes. The story goes on to show what's off with her and her beginnings.

Marshall- Marshall is the second character. He also lives in the town and has for what I assume is his whole life. He is hanging out with some friends and I don't want to say too much more, but his "ability" is pretty cool.

Hailey- The sporty one. She discovers something off during practice. You also get a peek into her family life.

Israel- He's home schooled, though I don't like the connotation they are putting on home schooling. It kind of bothers me. His family life is... not great. And his ability also seemed the most confusing, but again, things are just being set up here.

## **Language**

There was a reference or innuendo about a guy from a girl. There was the use of the a-word. Other than that,

it seemed pretty clean. Obviously not the cleanest, but cleaner than some things.

## Romance

Guys and girls referring to each other as hotties. There were dates being set up and people attracted to each other, mostly for their looks. I'm not saying that's a horrible thing because looks are the first thing we tend to see. And they're all in high school, so there's that.

## Overall

Okay, the set up is obviously different and this book, if you can call it that, was short. I rated it three because I did like it, but I don't love it, either. The other books in the series are around 99 cents, and I do think I would be compelled to buy the next one just to see if it gets more exciting.

It wasn't a bad read and I think it has a lot of potential.

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## pearl. says

\*I received this copy from the publisher in exchange for my honest review\*

## First Thoughts

*The Naturals*: Episodes 1-4 of Season 1 reminded me a little of the TV show *Heroes*. Different characters with different supernatural powers-- it was very interesting! 4 different authors co-wrote the different chapters for each of the characters, and you'd think the writing styles would be drastically different and obvious, but no, the authors' writing meshed together very well! I also love that it was such a quick read! Only 49 pages!

## What I Enjoyed

**The different supernatural gifts each character had.** I'll have to read the whole season, but from episodes 1-4, it seems that Avery can sense danger, Marshall has a knack for fixing things, Hailey is attuned to Mother Nature, and Israel has supernatural visions.

**Israel's chapter.** I felt really bad for him. His parents, especially his mother, seem like a special kind of crazy. (view spoiler) Crazy, right?

## Recommended For

Fans of the supernatural and paranormal that are looking for a quick, but entertaining read!

## **Marjolein says**

2.5 stars

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Season 1 of The 'Naturals.

Some kids find out they have super powers. I think.

It's really hard to say anything really about these first four episodes. It's so short. It's four different main characters, written by four different authors. Which means that every story that I read, all these individual episodes are nothing more than set-ups for what I expect is going to happen in the rest of the 'season'.

Thing is though, because it's so short (and it's already a collection of FOUR episodes) I couldn't really make my mind up about it. Do I like it? How can I tell, it's too short for me to base my opinion on any reason really. The fact that all the storylines are written by different authors makes that I can't really say anything about the writing either.

It was not a bad start, but too soon to say whether or not I would like it. I would not sell or buy these four episodes without the rest because this alone will not make you feel like you've read something.

Awakening is the first season of The 'Naturals. The second season, Evolution, has just started.

Thanks to the publisher and Netgalley for providing me with a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review!

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## **Natalie says**

It was free on ibooks, so I thought I would give it a try. It's just an introduction to 4 different characters, whom I assume will be developing powers from the silver legend in the town or whatever. I think it's an interesting concept, because each section is written by a different author. It would be interesting to read when their characters overlap, but I'm not sure I'm interested enough to by the other books in the series.

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## **Betty says**

Four stories written by four different authors as a series launch. Each story introduces a new character who is just realizing that he has a supernatural power. A glimpse into the series that will whet your appetite for more!

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## **Nelia Madeira says**

When I requested this book from NetGalley I thought was getting a lot more, but when I started reading I realized there were only 4 episodes and they were SOOO short. I was done reading this book in like 30 minutes? Yeah, probably. I got so mad, that when I was done reading it I didn't even feel like continue reading this series, maybe in the future as I did enjoy the stories but, come on only 4 Episodes?

Alright, I'm going to stop complaining and get to the review:

The Naturals is about a small town full of secrets, teenagers with supernatural abilities (did you watch Heroes? No, well you should, because it sounds just like, which that's what it got me interested in the first place). It's the end of the summer and the students at Silverwood High are getting ready to go back to school and resume their "normal" lives. Well, some of these teenagers get their first taste of what their destiny has in store for them but are they ready for it? Will they be selfless or ruthless?

Each episode is told by each teenager and by different authors.

### **Episode 1: Avery**

Avery is intrigued when the new athletic newcomer takes an interest in her. But she is convinced that there is more going on with this guy than a simple crush.

### **Episode 2: Marshall**

Marshall is a nerd and is used to is be the odd man out, the last one picked. But his luck is about to change when he discovers that he can do something that should be completely impossible.

### **Episode 3: Hailey**

Hailey is a soccer prodigy and she hates her home life and tries to hide it every way possible, anger and regrets fills her heart, but concealing her feelings isn't something that she can do anymore and she finds that out the hard way.

### **Episode 4: Israel**

Israel is homeschooled and part of a dysfunctional family, they may look normal but don't be fooled. Israel is having some disturbing dreams and experiencing bizarre sensations.

Israel may be my favorite, his ability is weird and cool at the same time. I love it. I may have to continue with these series in the future, now that I'm writing about it I want more of it again.

I gave 4 out of 5 stars, I did really enjoyed it.

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## **Alba says**

\*I recieved an ebook copy of the first four chapters of this book via Netgalley\*

I was really dissapointed by this book, by the premise it seemed like a quick, really cool, paranomal read but it wasn't. The stories where too short that I couldn't even connect with any of the characters and the plot of all the stories seemed kind of flat to me with almost any world development or really interesting things

happening.

I only recieved the first four episodes(this is how chapters are called in this book) but I don't think I will continue on with the 16 I have left

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## **Leonor (Ner) says**

**Disclaimer:** I received a copy of this book through NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

The concept of this book is quite interesting but it simply doesn't work for me. Imagine a TV-series where each episode is only, let's say, 30 minutes long and you have to wait till next episode for the story to develop. Yep, that seriously doesn't work out for me... nope!

The problem with this book was exactly that. This contains four episodes with four different characters (and from four different authors) and you get a glimpse of the beginning of what could be a great paranormal series. You have four teenagers who, out of nowhere, begin to have these abilities they cannot explain. Cool, I like that! But the fact that this book is simply that, the beginning with no development whatsoever was what didn't conquered me.

You don't have enough information to even enjoy the characters, to have a relationship with them because, when you finally start to have a certain feeling towards them, you are suddenly thrown into a different one. And you don't really grasp what is going on because each episode doesn't give details to why these teenagers have these powers.

If this book had a little bit more of background story maybe I would have enjoyed it. But since it doesn't, I don't feel any connection to it.

Though I have to admit that the writing of each author was really good and rather attention-grabbing. The only problem was indeed the lack of development for a first book in a series of episodes.

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## **Michelle says**

I knew going into **The 'Naturals** that it was a very short read, but I expected more. We have four different stories focusing on four different people, and to me it felt like you are just getting to know the character, know their quirks and get a hint at what their gift is, leaving you wanting to find out what happens next for each of them, when their story ends and we meet someone new.

I did like the idea behind the 'gifts' they have, and I am curious over what they are and what they can do, I just felt like we weren't given enough time to connect with them. I know **The 'Naturals** is the start of a series, and that it is less than 50 pages long, I just wanted to know each character a bit better.

### **Final Verdict**

**The 'Naturals** is an interesting read that has piqued my curiosity, but I wanted more information, more detail, and more time with the characters. I do want to know what happens next, and there is a finished



'season' available to buy which I intend to do on payday.

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## **Sophie \*\*2 Greek Girls Reading\*\* says**

### **3.5 stars**

This was a really short but interesting book. It was basically an intro of four stories. Four stories about four teenagers who live in Silverwood, a city that has known urban legends about a silver mineral running under their town. These teens suddenly realize that they evolve special abilities that cannot be explained.

I enjoyed this read, but I wish it wasn't just an intro of these characters. I wish it had a little more juice in each story or at least a last chapter, where all of them meet each other or something alike. I am impatient to read the rest of the series, because my curiosity has been officially piqued.

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## **Lizzie says**

Enjoyable but not enough to keep me reading.

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## **Gabs {My Full Bookshelf Reviews} says**

3.5 stars First off, WOW! What a cool cover. It was really what drew me to the book. And, though I think the book was a bit too short, I did enjoy the different stories. Israel's was the most interesting. I felt really bad for him. It was really well done. I will certainly be buying the next episodes! What I didn't like was the fact that it wasn't a really original story--I felt like I had read this kind of book at least twice before, but I liked the characters and their stories so much that I ended up not caring too much. All in all, it was really good, though not four-stars-worthy.

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## **Laurel says**

This is not a book. Four stories, four authors, too random.

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## **Jessica says**

I just don't think 'episode' and 'season' type books are for me. The story itself seems good but I just can't get invest in such a short amount of time sometimes.

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## **Cheyenne says**

I want to say thanks to Netgalley though I didn't like this book it was very boring and bland too me. I got half way through it before I couldn't finish it. The slow pace combined with the writing style lead to confusion to me.

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