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Where does evil live? Is it in the heart? Or in the blood?

Nearly-nineteen year old Mercy Holloway has a gift. Long ago murders play out right before her eyes when she passes over a place of death, but Mercy never thought that her unusual ability would interfere with her having a normal college experience. Until today, that is.

On her way to school, Mercy witnesses another murder--only this one's different. And Mercy's the only one who can do anything about it. Out of time and out of options, Mercy takes what little information she has to the police where she meets Detective Caleb Grayson. Grayson doesn't necessarily believe Mercy, he's just better at hiding his feelings than most. It's not long, however, before Grayson has no choice but to believe her.

As the two embark on a mission to solve a murder, Mercy starts having more visions. Only these contain messages. And they're meant for her. This powerful, evil killer knows things about Mercy that she didn't even know herself, things she never wanted to find out.

Body by body, Mercy discovers that her gift is not a gift at all, but a curse. And it's one she can't escape. It runs in her veins. Can Mercy and Grayson catch a killer and capture love? Or are they destined to fail...at both?

Book 1- Wiccan

Book 2- Wiccan Born, Coming Soon

About Michelle: I love coffee and chocolate, even more so when they are combined. I'm convinced that one day they could be the basis for world peace. I also love the color red and am seriously considering dying my hair.

Wiccan Details

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Brianne says

M. Leighton has quickly become one of my favorite authors. Not only does she have a great talent for story telling and her style of writing is easy to read, but she is humble and enjoys talking to her fans.

Wiccan was an enjoyable, fast paced read that kept me on my toes! I hope she is working on a sequel because this left me wanting more!

I just wanted to disclose that I won a contest and recieved this kindle ebook for free but would have gotten around to buying it anyway as I was already becoming a fan!

Michelle says

I was pleasantly surprised by how much I loved this book.

I only wish there wasn't such a cliffhanger because I need to know what happens now!

I really enjoyed the relationship between Mercy and Grayson.

Vanessa says

This was a really interesting book. It was fast paced, and the murders in the book where very descriptive. As far as the murderer went you wont be able to tell who it is right from the beginning like a lot of other books, there aren't really any clues about that until nearly the end which makes the book a lot more interesting.

The only problem i had was that i still feel like i don't know all that much about the main character mercy or the leading man Grayson. So it was hard for me to think that were in love when they hardly know anything about each other. The attraction was there but it just didn't know why they liked each other past the physical stuff. But it was a good book, and anxious to read about what will happen with Mercy and Grayson. And also to see what happens when she finds out the truth about her family.

Aly says

Good Book!

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

WOW!! I think my mind just exploded...

4.5 STARS and I take half a star back just for the sake of it!!

It was long time ago that I enjoyed a story with no S-E-X so much.

Hey Mom why does the Prince touch his lips to Princess' lips... DISGUSTING!!

M.Leighton just proved that you can write a HOT and sexy story without basing it on heavy bedrooms scenes.

Because trust me this no FAIRYTALE. It's a mystery and thriller and romance all wrapped up. It kept me on my toes and had me guessing and swooning over Grayson all at the same time...

Nothing is resolved in this book, which ended with a blast!! Really looking forward to the next book!

WHEN IS THE RELEASE DATE?????????

Shawna says

I really liked this quick fast past story by M. Leighton. Fromt he very beginning we had action. Mercy is a young woman that can see prior murdrers/deaths. She normally sees the past death in a area she crosses by or over where it happened. So when she has one of these episodes on the way to class it's nothing new for Mercy. Except wait something is different. The girl she saw murdered in her vision walks into her class. So mercy did not see a past murder but instead saw a future murder.

She struggles with whether she should go to the police or not. Afterall everyone looks at people with these capabilities as crazy people, no one ever believes them. Even though she struggles with the decision she decides to go and tell the police. Of coarse none of them believe her. So her case is given to the rookie detective, Grayson (Caleb Grayson). By the way Detective Grayson is yummy. Of coarse he believes once the victim's body is discovered.

Grayson must find a way to solve this murder and Mercy is the only one that can truly help him. Unfortunately that's not the only murder Mercy sees. She starts dreaming of other murders, a serial killer. Yet when she dreams these murders it's not from her watching the crime take place, she is in the killer's mind so it is as if she is doing the killing.

As they work together to discover the killer Mercy starts to develop for Grayson. Grayson plays hot and cold. Afterall it's not very professional of a detective to get involved with his key witness and possibly jeopardize the whole case. As they both learn feelings are not something they can control. They have to work through their feelings and admit what they feel so that they might have a chance of catching this killer. Afterall Mercy's life may depend it.

This book never stopped with the action from the very beginning. There was never a dull moment from the moment I started reading this book. The attraction and tension between Mercy and Grayson was fantastic. Throughout the entire story you can't help but wonder who the killer is and what is he after. The ending is

definitely a cliff hanger. So now I have to wait until the next book in order to find out what happens. We at least get to find out how the killer is and who Mercy is.

Nancy (The Avid Reader) says

Wiccan is about a young girl Mercy Holloway who has just graduated high school and is a freshman in college. Mercy has been having vision of people dying when she walks over the spot where they were killed for as long as she can remember. As she is walking to school on her first day as a college student she has one of her visions no big deal right? Wrong, this time there is a big difference because the girl she sees die this time is not dead but very much alive. Mercy sees the girl walk into her first class.

Mercy wants to help this girl stay alive but she doesn't know what to do to help her. The only thing she can do is go to the police. But she knows they will not believe her. They will think she is crazy. They won't believe that she has visions. But she decides to go anyway. Let them think she is crazy she is going to do everything she can to save this girl. The first officer that she speaks to thinks just that and sends her to Detective Grayson. Although he does not believe her either he still takes her statement.

And then everything changes not only is she having visions of people dying. But now she is having dreams about people dying. In the dreams that she is having Mercy witnesses the murders through the eyes of the killer. The body count just keeps adding up. Mercy feels as if she is the killer. When Mercy starts having dreams about people dying Detective Grayson has no choice but to believe her then because he has no leads or anything else to go on. While trying to solve these murders Mercy and Detective Grayson fall in love.

Wiccan is a religion and this book has nothing to do with wicca only that Mercy is a witch. I like the way the writer keeps you hanging on and doesn't give everything away all at once. She keeps you on the edge of your seat to the very end. This was a very good read. Give it a try you might like it. I can't wait until the second book in this series comes out on the market.

Heidi says

Three stars: I recommend this book with reservations.

Things I liked:

- *I love M. Leighton's beautiful descriptions. She paints vivid pictures for the reader with her words.

- *The warm relationship Mercy has with her adoptive mom.

- *The concept of the psychic visions. The main character, Mercy has the ability to see murders that have occurred when she walks across the spot of the trauma. Then she begins having visions of murders as they happen. These visions are haunting!

- *The shocking twist at the end. I was absolutely blown away by Mercy's final discovery! It was a fun dramatic turn of events!

- *Price point, this book is listed currently on Amazon for \$.99. An Amazon bargain book!

And the not so much:

- *This book in my opinion, was too dark to be classified as young adult due to the chilling murder scenes. They may be a little much for the YA audience.

- *The cliffhanger ending....I enjoy series but I absolutely hate it when there is an ending with absolutely no

resolution. This unfortunately is the case in *Wiccan* as I got to the dramatic climax and was excited to see how the events would all tie together the book abruptly ends. The ending felt rushed and incomplete.

*The title *Wiccan* is misleading. There is very little mention of wiccan in the story. This book is mainly about a college girl who has psychic visions of murders.

All in all I liked the book *Wiccan* and I give it a 3 star rating. If you are interested in reading about psychic visions then this book is a fun, thrilling roller coaster ride. However, if you don't want to be left hanging I would recommend reading this book closer to the release of the second book. The second book's listed publication date is 2012.

Lizzander says

I really liked this book. It makes you think about who you are and what you are capable of doing. Are we born good or evil...or are we taught to be one or the other? Is it in our blood and we really don't have a choice or can we rise above it. I can't wait to see what choices Mercy will make and if in the end she can have a happy life and use her ability for good and help people.

I am also so happy that this will end with the next book :)

Natasa says

Most self-published YA books I've read, especially of the Kindle variety, have a tendency to sound unrealistic from the first sentence. It's refreshing to find an author who knows exactly where they're going with their prose and doesn't dither on exaggerating details, going straight to the point.

The way Mercy is perceived by the readers is refreshing; so many heroines in young adult novels are depressed or sad, or self-conscious or constantly second-guessing themselves. Sure, Mercy might be those at some points in the story, but these traits don't define who she is. She's a strong character in her own right and knows her mind.

[minor spoilers below]

The first part of the book is interesting if somewhat unrealistic—it's highly unlikely that in a real-life situation a member of the police force would enlist the help of a psychic to solve a murder. Since this is fantasy normally it wouldn't be a problem for me, except it's written in a way that doesn't seem believable.

The second part focuses more on Mercy's relationship with Grayson, which I actually think is the weaker part of the story; I felt that neither character is developed enough to the point that the reader can empathize with them, although this was more of the case for Grayson than Mercy.

The ending is an unexpected twist, but it closed suddenly like a door slamming in my face and left me thinking, "What? That's *it*?" It's an anticlimax that could have been written much, *much* better, considering the entire book is a build-up to Mercy having to eventually face-off with the bad guy.

Which doesn't happen.

Even though it's predictable, I would have preferred it in this book instead of the next in the series (at least I hope it's in the second book—it's not nice when things drag).

I'm definitely reading the second book, and hopefully every one thereafter. This book gets a 3.5 star rating from me—if it hadn't been for the underdeveloped relationship between the main characters and the anticlimactic ending, this would have gotten a 4 or 5-star review because it's fantastic and has a lot of potential for future books.

Erica Leigh says

Great read!

The plot was very original and the main character wasn't terribly annoying, but the romance aspect did develop a little too suddenly. Sure, it was predictable, but I like it when it's a little more drawn out (they were together before the middle of the story!).

Here's the basic plot:

Mercy, an adopted child with a mysterious past, is prone to psychic visions. When she starts seeing murders occurring in her town, she tries to help out the incredibly handsome detective Grayson (who also happens to be very young!) in hopes of solving the murders.

She soon discovers that she may also possess the ability to influence other people with her thoughts, and tries to delve deeper into her past by looking for her birth mother.

The local murders thing sort of wraps up kind of fast toward the end, and I found myself forgetting it was the original basis for the entire story (erm. plot holes!). The author then focuses on Mercy's past and the developing romance between her and Grayson, before revealing a shocking twist at the end (and yes, it *was* a surprise).

I really can't wait for the second!
I have so many questions.

Regina Linton says

I was truly amazed at how easy this was to read. I stayed interested through Mercy's story and became

enthralled with her ability to have what she thought were visions of death or impending death. Her worst nightmare was that when it was happening, she was actually enjoying it more than she should.

Detective Caleb Grayson is lead detective on the case thanks to Mercy's help and they build a relationship. He is more drawn to her than anything else and he can't explain why. As the case progresses Mercy discovers that the killer is a relative and she is somewhat grateful that she is adopted so that the parents that she call Mom & Dad stay safe and sound.

Hot on the trail of the killer and each other, Mercy and Grayson are in for an adventure. This book left me speechless. Not many do that, but they way the author twisted the ending of this book, I am definitely looking forward to reading more.

This book appeals to more of an adult audience for paranormal.

Reem says

they say don't judge a book by its cover , i would say dont judge a book by its first 10 chapters , i was amazed of how much i liked this book when i finished it , the romance in this book is quite different , but i loved it . the special marking in this book the mystry that was surrounding Mercy's life , n how it was revealed in the end in a way ibet no one expected , again im falling in love with M.Leighton's books

Laura Elliott says

"The premise of Wiccan will make your heart stop. Mercy, who from the time she is an eight-years-old, can sense and see murders. Murders that have take...moreThe premise of Wiccan will make your heart stop. Mercy, who from the time she is an eight-years-old, can sense and see murders. Murders that have taken place. Only now, well, she sees them before they happen. Can she stop them? Can she allow herself to fall in love in the process? You will not be able to put this book down. The only serious problem with Wiccan is that it ends. And, honestly, I wanted more. No spoilers here. But read it and you'll understand what I mean!(less)"

Suzanne Schack says

Oh, Mercy! I love her because she's definitely not perfect and I want another book! I want to see what happens next because the first book ends with one of my least favorite things-the cliffhanger. I suppose I'm reading too many books that are parts of series but I can't help it. I'm just impatient and want to see how it's resolved now. :) Anyway, it's definitely a bit of twisty book. It's more mystery than I usually read, but I didn't stop reading once I'd started. Happy reading, everyone!
