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Do you believe in the power of dreams?

Way down south on Marigny Street in the heart of New Orleans, the land of Catholic intercessions, purgatory, and supernatural superstitions, young Evangeline Chenier dreams of a radiant boy who saves her from a storm. She takes the dream seriously – in her family, dreams are sometimes more than dreams. Sometimes they foretell the future. Sometimes they create it.

Years later, Eva is no longer the same wistful girl but a hardened woman who no longer believes in dreams. Losing faith in her gift, she becomes lost in a nightmare of emotion, mourning her son, separating from her husband, and stewing in a dead-end job. And then fate brings her an unlikely surprise: one of the most famous movie stars in the world, Gabriel Roberts.

Caught by something in his eyes, Eva agrees to show him the real Big Easy on his last night in New Orleans—an evening that turns into four dreamy days spent recapturing lost faith and discovering a love neither expected. Realizing Gabriel is the boy from her childhood dream, Eva must leave everything behind—her husband, her family, her history, and the beautiful city she calls home—and gamble it all for the dream that has saved her on MARIGNY STREET.

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From Reader Review Marigny Street for online ebook

A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says

Marigny Street has left me speechless and emotionally spent. I had a hard time getting into Marigny Street at first, but then it gripped me and just WOULD NOT let me go. I suspect the book will stay with me for a long time to come; it was incredibly poignant and thought provoking.

Both characters were complex, believable, and not so different from people I know in real life. I loved Gabriel almost immediately but struggled a little with Eva and her grief, maybe because it hit somewhat close to home. Eva was broken from the loss of her son, just going through the motions of life, and Gabriel was an actor not entirely comfortable with his fame. To say it was love at first sight would make light of their relationship; you'll have to read for yourself to understand what I mean. (The Disney song "Once Upon a Dream" comes to mind.)

Marigny Street was incredibly, vividly descriptive. I've never been to New Orleans, but I could see, hear, smell, and taste everything so clearly that I feel as though I have been. Annie Rose Welch has a gift for making you feel like you are truly there with the characters.

This was the first book I've read by Annie Rose Welch, and I was truly touched by it. I am looking forward to diving into the second book of the Saving Angels series right away, and I've already followed the author on both Facebook and Amazon. (Yeah, it was that good.)

Stephanie Mae says

Dreams do amazing things. Sometimes they give us escape, sometimes they give us clues, and other times they leave us baffled.

I was given a copy of Marigny Street to review and I must say I was very surprised. I did not know what to expect as this is a new to me author. I am very pleased to now be a fan. I will say that this book kept me captivated and the writing keeps you 'in the book.' You will feel like you are walking through a dream yourself, even though it can be a touch dark. You will feel as if you are in New Orleans with how vivid this book is.

I feel for Eva. She struggles to realize that her dreaming means something and even though it is hard on her it is important. She lost the faith she had in herself and her dreams when she was young. Tragic events tend to do that. She has important decisions to make and they are not always easy on her. Lucky for her Gabriel shows up. I absolutely love him!! Now you get to take one helluva adventure with them. Love is a hard thing.

I am giving this book 5 stars as it kept me completely enthralled. It is always hard to write a review and not give too much away but you have to do yourself a favor and READ THIS BOOK! You will not regret it. I am looking forward to taking a weekend off and reading more by this author. Thank you very much Annie Welsh!! I am so excited to start the next book. You have quite a talent for writing!!!

Reviewed for HeadTripping Books by April

Elizabeth (Perusing Princesses) says

Wow.. This story was soooooo different. I have been so fortunate to read such original stories lately... This story was just whimsical and deep and heart wrenching but hopeful at the same time... Evangeline and gabriel. What an amazing Luv story.... I for one really believe in destiny, and I Luv how destiny played in this Luv story... And I can not wait for the second book!!!

Gaele says

Back a few months ago I was asked if I would beta read a story, and I agreed. Possibly one of the best decisions I had made in a while. What I got was the almost final version of a yet unpublished novel, and I was transported. My initial words from my notes to the then unpublished author were "Your writing is lyrical and poetic, and the rhythm of the words fits beautifully into that patois that is so New Orleans, with the tempo of the music in the streets always playing in the background." Not a thing has changed.

This is a story that sings the particular otherworldly song that is the melange of New Orleans, with a character in Eva that is particularly well developed and easy to like. Gabriel is a breath of otherworldly fresh air, tangible in his emotional connection to Eva. New Orleans becomes a character to fall in love with as well: you will walk the streets with Eva and feel the city through her eyes, incorporating her memories. Places, not unlike people, can come alive, and Welch manages to make the city sing for the reader in a way that is is tangible.

This is the first of a proposed 5 book series that will visit often with Eva and Gabriel, some more fantasy than reality, but all that I have read (there have been three so far) utilize Welch's lovely ability to weave a story that both transports and entertains.

I purchased a copy of the book for my personal library. I was not compensated for this review: all conclusions are my own responsibility.

Lori Clark says

This isn't exactly "New Adult," but I felt the need to read it anyway. I have a problem reading books when I can't pronounce the title or the name of a character. I stumble over the name in the book every time I come to it in a sentence. So, not wanting to spend the whole book stumbling, I sent an email to the author and asked her, just how do you pronounce "Marigny?" She very graciously replied that the "G" is silent and it's a bit like Melanie only with an "r." Think Mare-a-nee. (I hope I got that right, Annie.)

I love dreams. I believe dreams give us answers all the time, as well as show us solutions to every day problems. Heck, many authors get their book ideas from dreams. So, I was very interested in reading this one. I loved Annie's lyrical writing. She wrote it like she would say it, I imagine. The book was a bit slow in places, but I stuck with it. I desperately wanted to know what happened to Gabriel and Eva.

I'm not going to go into too much detail -- because I don't want to spoil it for you. But the book broke my heart. Not because I didn't like it, but because I did like it so much. I loved the characters and their story was both heartwarming and heart-wrenching. You have to read it to find out why!

The second book in the Saving Angels series is: Red Dirt Road. Watch for the review tomorrow!

DJ Sakata says

Favorite Quotes:

“He had a pirate smile, the kind that you’d mortgage your house for; just to be able to afford the gold teeth in his mouth.”

“I waved my arms like helicopter propellers. My hips began to do the hula hoop... The crowd was now staring at me as I dominated the dance floor. His eyes went from cautious to shocked as I abandoned the helicopter hula for the running man and a pathetic attempt at the Roger Rabbit.”

““If you think about things more than you should, sometimes what you have is ruined because you over-think the things that can’t possibly be real. This’ – he touched my heart and then his ‘-is real. Let’s not ruin it by thinking. Let’s just be.’”

“The kiss was slow, warm, and tasted better than any food I had ever put in my mouth.”

My Review:

I am struggling to gather my opinion on this book, I loved it and a few times I laughed aloud and had to stop reading to wipe my eyes. I reveled in Ms. Welch’s humor and word play. The plot was enjoyable though admittedly outside of my typical fare, as I seldom read religious or paranormal material and this story had elements of both, but oddly those elements were not what bothered me. While I adored the first 75% of the book, I grew increasingly restless and frustrated with the main character and her dithering and angst, and just wanted to give her a slap to the back of the head. But the ending... the ending left me totally conflicted. While it was somewhat of a happy ending, it wasn’t the one I was hoping for. However, I must humbly bow down in reverence to Ms. Welch – she held my attention and has mad skills. More than anything else, I have an overwhelming desire to take a trip to New Orleans and ride a streetcar.

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

Where do I begin with this review? Lord I have so many things going through my mind. I loved how this story started out with Evangeline having dreams about a boy who saves her from a storm. She is a firm believer in these dreams. Her family has a gift and she believes in it. But as time goes on life takes its toll on Evangeline and she starts to doubt her gift.

Evangeline is married and had a son. She lost her son and now she is in the process of divorcing her husband. Life has made her hard and she is just living her life day to day. She is not sure whether she is coming or going but she knows she needs a change soon or else life will destroy her. Then fate intervenes and sends Evangeline her dream boy.

Gabriel Roberts is a famous movie star that has come to New Orleans for a visit. When Evangeline bumps into Gabriel she decides to show him around New Orleans and what was supposed to be a one day adventure turns into a few days for Gabriel and Evangeline. In these few days Evangeline and Gabriel get close and realize they want to be together. Fate has thrown them together and when Evangeline realizes Gabriel is her dream boy and her dream has come true she will have to decide whether or not to stay or leave and move on to her new life the one she has always dreamed about.

Vickie says

Copy Received for Honest Review.

When I received a copy of Marigny Street, I was a little apprehensive at first as the blurb didn't sound like anything I had read before so although intrigued I wasn't sure whether I would like the story or not...how wrong could I be!

Evangeline Chenier, is suffering her own nightmare of emotions day in day out swallowed up in grief after losing her son, separated from her husband, and stuck in a dead end job going nowhere she feels she is stuck on a merry go round with no hope of ever getting off. And then fate throws in a helping hand and brings her an unlikely surprise, in the form of the most famous movie star in the word Gabriel Roberts.

A unique story that I was instantly drawn in to, a raw gripping emotive read that I could personally connect with on so many levels. At times the writing was so descriptive I actually felt like I was in New Orleans. I was enchanted by Eva and Gabriel's journey and it was one that left me fascinated...and wanting more!

Would definitely recommend. Will definitely be reading book 2.

Deb says

(The author gave me a copy of this book for an honest review)... OMG! I have found another new-to-me favorite author! ... This 5 star must read was both heartwarming and heart-wrenching! ... It grabbed my attention from the get go & held me hostage throughout the whole book! ... It made me happy yet sad at times playing tag with my emotions:o ... I loved the characters & the rich descriptions of New Orleans that made me wish I was there with them! ...There were times I even cried which is very rare for me when reading :o ... So hurry & get your copy now :) ... I'm sure you will be so moved by this story like I was, that you will want to tell the world, like I plan on doing :)...

OH, and one more thing :) My Mama taught me that if you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all!! ... I don't believe in giving less than 3 stars even if I hate a book or it wasn't my thing, so do NOT pay attention to the only ONE star review, coz her interpretation is not even close to being accurate!

Lynn (Ellesea Loves Reading) says

Where to start and what to say? Marigny Street was so unexpected in the best possible way.

Evangeline Chenier is barely functioning on a day to day basis as she's burdened with her past. Grieving the death of her son and feeling suffocated, rather than gaining comfort from her closest loved ones, she escapes through her dreams and a boy she sees within her subconscious. Believing that one day she will meet her angel.

Gabriel Roberts has Hollywood eating out of his hands but the young Irish actor is far from content within the vacuous world he works in; yearning for a simpler life where creating and playing music would be his focus.

The connection, magnetism and chemistry between Eva and Gabriel is palpable. Against the backdrop of New Orleans, Eva comes alive again. Seizing the chance to show this young Irishman her personal view of the city she can't believe her luck that he shares her passion for jazz. In turn, Gabriel relishes his hard fought freedom and soaks up Eva's carefree enthusiasm as he discovers a life he'd rather live with a woman like no other he's ever known. Soul mates. Their time together is short and the ending unexpected, but somehow leaves you with a feeling of hope and serenity.

This is the first book I've read by this author and completely blown away by this beautiful narrative. Normally, I shy away from anything vaguely relating to angels, but here I am completely charmed. Ms White really "sold" New Orleans to me as she described this enchanting southern city where dreams and superstitions are embedded in its culture making it a perfect backdrop for this wonderful, uplifting and thought provoking story.

5 stars

arc generously received in exchange for an honest review

Maddie M1RiH says

I read this book September 19th

Marigny Street by Annie Rose Welch I had the opportunity to read this book for a honest Opinion And Boy what a surprise I got, I've never read or heard of Author Annie Rose Welch before I just stepped back into the world of the Unknown and was looking for books to take me out of this world and to find out this book was a series and You can get them already I thought I was reading a New release, I'm so excited to have this chance to dive into the unknown with this Author as my first leap and Now I'm ready and willing to float along on the journey this Author will provide for me.

Marigny street was a book full of dreams and I really enjoyed this book to the end.

This book was a bat with my emotions It had me happy then to bounce me back sad again but to me these books that play with your true emotions hold special places as in one level you connect with the characters and the writing more.

I love how it's a story that has you captivated to find out if dreams do come true.

The characters were written beautifully and there connection was what pulled me in and I just fell in love with them.

It's a great book and I could give so much away but I won't, I'm really happy I've found myself a new author which is great. The Emotional pull I got was thrilling and I love every feeling

This book left that everlasting feeling for awhile after I finished and I still feel like I'm drifting through a Dream.

I recommend this to all.

Always go into a book with a open mind because the surprises will just leave there presence on your soul.

I give this book a dreamy 4 stars.

Amanda (Good Choice Reading) says

I'll be honest, there are a lot of themes in Marigny Street that aren't typically my cup of tea. It deals with loss, angelic beings, and ooey gooey romance. All of these things are a far cry from what I usually enjoy, but something about Marigny's cover made me want to give it a shot.

I'm glad I did! There was one chapter that I really connected with for reasons that I wouldn't discuss even if they weren't spoilers, and I think this set the precedent for my enjoyment of the rest of the novel. It hit home and I was able to connect to the story.

Another thing is the writing. Welch's writing has a delicate, poetic edge, while still capturing the scene very well. It made me feel as if I was transported into another place. There were times when I would put down the book and look around me and it literally took me a few seconds to realize where I actually was. Despite how often you hear people rave about the place, I'd never had the urge to actually visit New Orleans until I was reading Marigny Street.

If I had anything remotely negative to say about Marigny Street, it would probably lie in the romance, or Gabriel in particular. It was just a bit sappy, and he was just a bit too good to be true. But as I said before, ooey gooey isn't usually my thing, so I don't see this being an issue for people who are into sappy (for lack of a better word) romance.

Despite the hint of supernatural and the gooey romance, something about Marigny Street still felt honest and just...pure. I would recommend it!

Christine says

3.5 Stars

I really enjoyed this story...the entire journey until the end. Therefore, I will not be reading the sequel. I loved how it all had some meaning, but the way it ended and the way it will move forward is not for me.

Cheri says

I have always wanted to visit New Orleans and this books took me there. It was an emotional journey with beautiful words. I was provided with an ARC for an honest review, however purchased several books as gifts.

Eva has been living in a four year void. Her baby was stillborn as her life became. Her marriage is in a separation, no arguing no living just existing. She has a job by the good grace of an understanding boss who is close to the end of his patience. Her family is afraid and stifles her with their concern.

Then Gabriel comes to her rescue as she becomes dizzy on the steps of the courthouse. A movie star idol, younger man who talks her into seeing him after he makes sure she is okay. Their time together is a wonder of visiting the real insiders New Orleans with all the places no tourist would see.

Their time together is a reawakening for Eva, and a visit back into the real world for Gabriel. This is a story that took my tears and showed me dreams and special people. The words were often poetry in their beauty. While the ending is not a simple one, or maybe the one I wanted it is a fitting end. This is an unforgettable book I hope many will buy and enjoy. Ms Welch is a talented author who deserves an audience.

Again, I did receive an ARC for an honest review.

Donna says

Eva (Evangeline) dreams, she has dreamt her whole life and she hasn't always liked it. M re (grandma) tells her not to be afraid, her dreams are special and the good ones can come true. Eva doesn't like it when her dead aunt visits her dreams, but when she meets a young boy "her angel" who saves her, her dreams suddenly aren't so bad. She and her "angel" are meant to be together if only they could find each other.

This book was very interesting but I had a hard time getting in to it at first because I wasn't sure what was going on. Boy meets girl, boy and girl fall in love everything is perfect. Pretty straight forward and much like other love stories I've read, but something just didn't seem right to me and I couldn't put my finger on it. These two characters are good together and their love story is amazing, emotional and beautiful but something kept bothering me. Finally at the end it all fell into place and I am so glad I read it. I cannot wait to read Red Dirt Road, I'm hoping it picks up where Marigny Street left off. Oh and there is a bonus, at the end of Marigny Street there is more of Eva's story with the prequel Brighten Place.
