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Can curses really live outside of fairy tales?

At Winter Solstice something came for the Penningtons and tore their family apart. On the same day, thirteen years later, daughters Iysobel and Zieme are terrified by what appears in the mirror before them.

Terrified a curse hangs over the Pennington family eldest daughter Iysobel struggles to uncover the truth and find out if the curse really does exist.

Fighting forces she never imagined existed outside of the fairy tales she read as a child; Iysobel is not only in danger of losing her life but also her heart. As she discovers hidden secrets about her mother and even herself, Iysobel is caught up in an icy web of magic and mystery.

This winter one thing Iysobel isn't wishing for is a white Christmas...

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Jennifer Thompson says

Let's kick this thing off, I love Gina Dickerson. I am totally addicted to her delicious stories. The Pennington Christmas Curse was no disappointment. I am a total addict to Gina's work and can't wait to jump right into the next one! So keep writing tales for me to enjoy!

Here's an excerpt from the book to give you a look at what has me so captivated.

The beginning of the book pulled me right in with the mysterious murder of the main characters parents. Described as a snow-tornado, it consumed the ladies mother, leaving her frozen and covered in snow behind the shed. In search of his wife, the father, follows what's left of the foot prints in the snow to find his wife expired. Feeling the force taking over him too, he thought of his children and rushed to save the two little girls. The magical force took the likeness of a woman and she made sure to kill the father, or so she thought. Years later the girls, with beautiful names, Iysobel and Zeima encounter something unreal as the dress their normal 8ft. tree for Christmas. A hand reaching from a mirror, coaxes Iysobel to grab ahold. Ice climbing into her, they realized that life isn't what it seemed. Investigating into their mothers' thing, another strange occurrence leads then to read into the possibility of a curse. Nothing more became of it and the teenagers let it go.

Now living in the house their parents left them. Zeima believes in the curse with all her heart and blames it for her recent break up with her long-time boyfriend. This led her to express yet again that she believes her father, who has been in a coma for more than twenty years now, had killed their mother all those years ago. And it's Christmas time to top it all off.

Still skeptical, Iysobel starts to encounter more of the unexplainable. Meeting a man at her grandmother's house, he claimed to be their caterer. Iysobel felt like she knew this man, Coleman. And finally learning she does know him, he can only guide her to the answers, because the curse forbids him from telling her. She must learn on her own. Being separated from her sister by an icy death trap the curse left. The have to work together, to learn to love each other, to brake the curse. Releasing Iysobel from her imprisonment with Coleman.

Without giving away the whole book, I adored it! Believe me it is well worth reading and will keep you hooked page by page! I still dream about this book and sometime believe I feel just as cold at the ice barbs from Coleman's neck. Read the book! Trust me it's just amazingly thrilling to take in the words on the pages. I could live in this book. And I hate being cold too!

As always here are links that you need to get ahold of this book. YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK!!!!!!

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Arlene Mullen says

4/5

One winter a curse came for the Penningtons and destroyed their family. 13 years later the same thin is happening again. It is up to Iysobel to figure out what is going on. She has to find the truth if she wants to live. Not only is her life at stake but so is love. Will she lose everything.

It was cool to read a story about fairy tale come true curses. I liked that the story started back with the parents being killed and slowly moved up. It gave you a real background to work with. The only thing that really confused me was why there was a curse. But i am very impatient and like to know things right away lol.

Anyway I loved Iysobel. She is a great leading lady. The story was great and moved at a good pace! I really enjoyed reading this story

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Barbara says

I really enjoyed this book, I thought it was well written with a good storyline.

David Caldwell says

I won a copy on Goodreads Firstreads.

Two girls are raised by their grandmother after their mother is apparently killed by their father. Their father also ended up in a coma so no one has ever been able to prove what really happened. Now the girls are grown and are finding out that the truth of what happened may just be stranger than they ever imagined.

I am not exactly sure how to label this book. I guess it is most closely called a modern day fable. It could also be called a fantasy romance. Both labels are technically correct but neither fully capture the feeling of this story.

As a fable, the story works fairly well but it lacks a certain something that would put it into the category of say Jack and the Beanstalk or Sleeping Beauty. It has one big problem as a fantasy romance. That problem is the magic system. There doesn't seem to be any real logic to the system. It basically allows characters to do things they wouldn't normally be able to do just because it is magic. Also how magic is passed on just didn't seem like it would work for any real period of time. Magic can only be passed onto children of the same sex as the parent that had the magic. Not having children or just not having a child of the right sex would mean the power would be lost. Just seems to be a fairly fragile system.

In the end, I would that this is an entertaining light read. It might not appeal to people who read a lot of fantasy novels. It would probably be best for romance readers that like just a touch of magic thrown into the mix.

Jo Hughes says

I would like to thank Neverland Book Tours and the author for sending me a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

At the beginning of the book we are told the background of Iysobel and Ziema story. Their mother is brutally murdered and their father who was left in a coma is the prime suspect. As the reader we find out more than Iysobel and Ziema know, there are mystical forces at work and all may not be as it seems.

The girls are brought up by their grandmother and each as different feelings towards their father Iysobel loves him and is desperate for him to wake up. Ziema is cold towards him and blames him for everything. The story jumps forward through Iysobel and Ziema childhood years, where mystical unexplained things happen, but the girls keep these things to themselves.

I love the way Gina touches on the mystical and magic of fairy tales, mixing different ones as the story weaves to its dramatic ending. If like me you like anything that is remotely different with even then you will love this. Personally I hope we get to see more from Iysobel and Ziema, I think there is so much more to tell about Ziema and she may not be all that she seems.

The way Gina describes everything is so realistic you can almost believe it all... A superb fanstasy story the only criticism I have is that the story wasn't long enough.

Ailsa Abraham says

I love Gina Dickerson's style of mixing real life solid with fantasy. So much more believable than "in another time, on another planet" or "let's pretend" to the point where I get a headache.

This, I think is a stand alone story and worth the read. The characters are believable and the scenario quite within the bounds of tabloid newspaper headlines. Without giving away the plot, I loved it but wished we could find more words for "snow" ... if that is the only criticism I can find, and I am a very picky reader, then it must be a great read. Well done, Ms. Dickerson, you've done it again.

Cheryl Landmark says

Review to come soon.

Emma Star Crossed Reviews says

This review was originally posted on Star Crossed Reviews I received this book for free for a Blog Tour in exchange for an honest review. This does not affect my opinion of the book or the content of my review. Thank you to Jenny for letting me take part in this tour. I have previously read 2 of Gina's books and I thoroughly enjoyed both of them. Gina has a way of dragging you into the story so that instead of sitting on your couch, you are standing in the middle of the snowy landscape with Iysobel, Ziema and Coleman.

We begin this book when Iysobel is only 2 years old. Here we see the curse that is placed upon their family. We then drop in on the girls as they grow up and see them experience some freaky goings on that they have no idea how to explain. Then jumping to the current day when the girls are in their 20's we see that the girls are fully grown but still have the loss of their parents over their heads.

I am slightly struggling with this review. Not because I didn't enjoy it. I thoroughly did, I honestly couldn't put it down. I was up reading it at 2am this morning. But because I do not want to give away one single detail. Every part of this book is magical and I want you all to fully appreciate it without me ruining it.

Iysobel and Ziemba are both strong women who most definitely do not give up without a fight. Coleman is the dashing male counterpart. He is hot and he is sexy but he also bound by magic and unable to help.

I was halfway through this book and I honestly didn't know how Gina was going to fit everything in. I had a vision of how the book was going to end and what I thought would happen and at 60% I thought no way is this going to all fit in, but somehow Gina managed to get the pace exactly perfect and before I knew it everything had happened without it feeling rushed.

This book has a dash of Disney magic with a splash of romance giving you a grown up's fairytale.

I cannot wait to read more of Gina's books.

Heather Duff says

I really enjoy Gina's style of writing so when I got the chance to review *The Pennington Christmas Curse* I jumped at it, her stories are like modern fairy tales taking a pinch of the stories from your childhood and giving them an awesome modern twist!

The Pennington sisters have been brought up by their grandmother following the death of their mother at the suspected hands of their father who is now in a coma, they feel that their family is different and at many stages of their youth they experience strange happenings in their lives as well as witnessing a stranger in a grey hood who seems to vanish without a trace.

As they enter adulthood they both have very different ideas about their mother's death and about what they have experienced over the years but it doesn't change how the sisters feel about one another, they remain close, however will they stay close once they start digging in to their mother's past?

As they discover more and more about their late mother a new threat rears its ugly head, threatening to destroy their family and everything they know. Will they survive?

As per normal I'm leaving it there, I love fairy tales and this has hints of *Sleeping Beauty* and *Rapunzel* with a touch of *Narnia* too. Gina is fantastic at weaving her stories and really adds layers to her written worlds, this really is evident with the descriptions of the frost, snow and ice that take up a major part of this novel.

Once more Gina has provided me with a superb enchanting read, I look forward to reading more from her in the future.

Awarded 5 out of 5

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Kay says

The Pennington Christmas Curse is a modern day magic tale with a twist of romance. Two sisters Iysobel and Ziema have both parents taken from them as babies by a wicked greedy Queen of Ice named Ezreya . They were raised by their "gran", the mother of their father who is in an apparent coma. Iysobel realizes she possesses a certain kind of magic and goes on the search to find out more about it. She then discovers her mother was the Snow Queen which was killed by Ezreya. Her sister Ziema was conjured up by the Queen of Ice and her real sister was being help captive in a castle of Aurora...the magic land her mother was from. Iysobel falls in love with Coleman who she later finds out is the King of Frost and the son of the Ice Queen. Together they defeat and take the powers of the wicked Ice Queen Ezreya. Iysobel captures the remaining powers of Snow and Ice, rescues her real sister Ziema from the castle, awakens her father Anthony from his cursed sleep and lives happily ever after with the King of Frost in the land of Aurora with their beloved snow leopard pet Petrus.

Dhiraj Bharude says

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The story centres around Iysobel and Ziema, sisters who are always there for each other no matter how much they bicker throughout their lives! We begin with the loss of both their parents when they are still babies so they are subsequently raised by their Grandmother. On and off throughout their younger years they have freak occurrences of unexplainable events but once it's over it's almost swept under the rug and forgotten about. Until they reach early adulthood and then suddenly there's no hiding from the truth anymore, magic does exist. With the help of the sexy and mysterious Coleman but more importantly each other, will they find a way to make sense of the new world laid at their feet?

Without wanting to give away all the twists and turns of the storyline and ruining the magic of the story for people, all I will say is that this is a thoroughly captivating book and it was an absolute pleasure to be able to curl up on a dark, wintery night and to be able to be completely immersed in the world that Gina has written.

Sarah says

Five Frosty Snow Covered Stars.

I was very kindly provided with a copy of The Pennington Christmas Curse for an honest review.

After having read Kaelia Awakening and instantly falling in love with Gina Dickerson's magical style of weaving a spellbinding storyline I was in no doubt that this one would be no exception. What I wasn't expecting was to be absolutely floored by it, it is an absolutely enchanting book that left me sat up until the early hours for just one more chapter. And another...

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"You could still be a stalker. A weirdo stalker with crazy winter magic!"

"If I were just a stalker, would I know what happened to you in that room all of those years ago?"

"Yes" Iysobel hissed. "Stalkers know things about their victims; the clues in the word stalking!"
