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Amanda Chelsea vies to be a part of the Wynter Chelsea legacy where she'll fight the supernatural alongside the only two families that know of their existence. When the parents of both families go missing, Amanda is thrown into a world that she's not ready for. Hunting with her older brother and her best friend, she learns that the only thing harder than killing the supernatural is controlling her empathic ability. When a creature visits Amanda in her dreams, she realizes she must find her parents soon or risk her nightmares coming true.

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Liz says

An impressive debut from a young, talented author. Wynter Chelsea is full of action, mysteries, and just the right amount of humor. Becca Ritchie creates a vivid world where supernatural beings live in fear of the Wynters and the Chelseas. Two families whose legacy it is to destroy these creatures of the night. There has never been a female born into this legacy. That is, until now. Amanda has lived her whole life feeling left out because she's a girl and her family doesn't want her to fight. Little does she know that there's a big reason for this - she's destined for something greater. Her own legacy.

Wynter Chelsea is about the youngest generation of the Wynters and Chelseas - Jack and Amanda Chelsea, and Trevor and Dustin Wynter. When their parents go missing, these four are on a quest to rescue them. Their journey is demanding and along the way they uncover secrets of their families past and clues to Amanda's cryptic legacy.

Ritchie's characters are dynamic and distinct. The four supernatural hunters are able to balance each other - from Jack's angry outbursts to Trevor's ability to make us laugh in the worst circumstances. Dustin and Amanda have their own intimate relationship. They've always been there for each other since childhood and help to keep the other sane. These different personalities make for an entertaining read.

Overall, this was a great story that I would recommend to all paranormal romance lovers. I have a feeling

that we're going to be seeing a lot more of Becca Ritchie's writing in the future and I'm looking forward to it!

Nikki (Wicked Awesome Books) says

3.5

Wynter Chelsea: *The Legacy* is one of those stories that are jam-packed with everything a reader could possibly want. There's do-or-die action, some mystery involving a legacy and some odd tattoos, unique characters with powers, followed by an interesting plot, and even a little romance thrown in. Becca Ritchie's take on the paranormal is refreshing. The legacy involving these two families – the Wynter's and the Chelsea's – is complex and shrouded in lies. The youngest generation of both families don't even understand their place in all of it. They think they do, but slowly, we realize they don't.

Jack and Amanda Chelsea, with Dustin and Trevor Wynter, make up this group of rowdy young adults who yearn for a fight. Amanda is the main character of the story and while initially she's very easy to like and understand, she can be a bit melodramatic; and for all her complaining about being considered weak, she doesn't do much to disprove it. I was hoping for some huge show of her badassery, but it never happened. I did enjoy seeing how her empathic powers tied in closely to Dustin's telepathy though.

Jack, Dustin, and Trevor are so different from one another and that's a good thing, but most of the time, I could not stand Jack. He's controlling and selfish and very destructive. He has very few, if any, redeeming qualities. On the plus side, Trevor is a riot. And Dustin's a good guy for the most part. The slow reveal about the legacy is well done too. Each tidbit of information is punctuated with a killer action scene. And the romance feels very authentic and isn't instant. I wanted to scream at Amanda that 'the hot boy wants you, even if he won't admit it!' because she was not seeing it.

Wynter Chelsea: *The Legacy* is a thrill ride from first page to last. Ritchie's storytelling is very well paced and while not all of the characters are all that desirous, their downfalls lend to the story. The book is self-published, so there are some grammatical issues, but it didn't really take anything away from the story. My biggest problem was Amanda's somewhat repetitive internal speech monologues at the ends of each chapter. Aside from that, the book was more than I had imagined and each small reveal left me eager for more. I'm so ready to pick up the sequel now.

Opening lines: Our family legacy is very simple. We hunt, kill, and destroy. ~ pg. 1

Favorite lines: "Fu-" I tried again, but Dustin put his hand over my mouth.

"I think she was going to say something nice to me this time," Trevor bantered. "Like funny Trevor or fun in the sun." ~ pg. 268

Kristen says

GENRE: YA Fantasy

THEME: Paranormal/Legend

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REVIEW:

Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy is a young adult novel that tells an interesting tale about two families. I did really enjoy the beginning but as I went on it was very repetitive but I needed to know what would happen next.

Two families exist called the Wynter's and Chelsea's, they both pass down generation to generation a unique life of hunting harmful paranormal creatures. But the legend of their family takes a twist when the latest generation having unusual abilities. I really got into the families legacy and felt it was the strongest pull in this novel.

Amanda is the only girl in the two families and treated as if she's fragile which she despises. Her brother and their two best friends Dustin and Trevor are overprotective her and very good at hunting with their fathers. But when something goes wrong and their parents go missing the four young adults head off to track their parents and the being that has taken them.

My biggest issue with the story was the love-hate relationship between Amanda and Dustin, her best friend. They have been side by side helping each other deal with their gifts but I felt I was thrown back and forth and side to side with what their relationship is or suppose to be. With the addition of Amanda being on the whiny side, it was tough to keep up with. Overall I want them together, I like the chemistry and how Dustin seems to be the only person who understands her.

Trevor and Jack, are great counterparts for Dustin and Amanda. They add comedic aspect and seriousness to the story line that keeps what the novel is about on the right path.

Wynter Chelsea is a novel about discovering the truth and taking the right path. The darkness that surrounds them is strong but together that can fight back. Amanda is the lead; she has a strong demeanor and determination to show she can as strong as the boys. Overall is a great start with lots of information and interesting surprises that build through out the story.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is a young adult fantasy novel that fits it the paranormal and mythology categories. Fans of Sharde Rochardson's Watched and P.T. Michelle's Brightest Kind of Darkness will enjoy this young adult novel.

Missy (Missy's Reads & Reviews) says

I went into this book pretty much on blind faith because of the lack of reviews online, but I couldn't really say no when (1) the synopsis of the book was so intriguing, and (2) the author was so courteous and sweet. After reading the book, I was glad I decided to go with it.

This book was completely amazing. There's action from the very beginning and it doesn't let up until the very end. There's demons and other creatures around every bend, each different yet just as evil as the last. When the action lulls, you're still completely swept away learning about Amanda, her family, friends and the history of the Wynters and Chelseas. Throughout the entire story is the mystery behind the disappearance of

the parents, which is never strayed from in any way. There's also a bit of a romantic interest sprinkled in there as well.

Every once in a while, I would get a little frustrated with Amanda and her choices. They seemed a little irrational to me. But as I was reading and saw the way she was raised and treated, I eventually came around to understanding why she reacts that way that she does. I can't say that I wouldn't do the exact same things if I was in her place. Her relationship with Dustin makes my heart swell so much. Both Amanda and Dustin love each other completely, depending on one another as much as they consider one another when making decisions. They complement each other perfectly. As a matter of fact, I think all four of the kids are very complementary of one another - though not as much as Amanda and Dustin. Jack is definitely the big brother type that has to juggle that with being a leader as well. Sometimes he struggles doing both at the same time, but his decisions are definitely leader-worthy. And Trevor is just ... Trevor. He's definitely the jokester, but can be more serious if the situation calls for it. I think he was one of my favorite characters, aside from the two leads. You don't see much of the parents, but you can feel their presence throughout in different ways.

I honestly can't tell you whether I thought this book was more character- or plot-driven when you have so much of both. "Chock full" doesn't even begin to describe how much action, history and intrigue there is in this book. Yet, it doesn't feel overwhelming at all. Becca did an incredible job at writing the story. You never feel frustrated by everything crammed into the book, nor do you feel confused because everything is explained in its own time in the book. I think the part that blows my mind the most is the age Becca was when she wrote this -- fourteen. Incredible, right?

This is a book that has flown under the radar for long enough. It's one of the most highly recommended YA paranormal books that I've read this year. Once you finish, you'll want more... and thankfully you won't have to wait because Wynter Chelsea: The Sublimity is already out and available for purchase!

- Originally Posted @ Missy's Reads & Reviews

Christy (TheReaderBee) says

The world Becca Ritchie created in Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy is filled with action, suspense, paranormal creatures, and a little bit of romance. She wrote this book when she was just fourteen, and I have to say, she did a pretty amazing job with it!

The characters are well thought out and written. The heroine, Amanda, is very interesting. She wants to be a demon hunter like the rest of the people in her family, but they won't let her fight. All her family wants to do is keep her locked away, safe and tight. I really felt her frustration at this, and at being left in the dark about so many family secrets. Sometimes I was frustrated with her because she made so many rash choices and bad decisions. My favorite character would have to be Dustin. You could tell he really cared about Amanda, but she was so naive to his feelings. He was such a sweetheart. I love him! Trevor was very funny, and Jack was the typical big brother. (Whenever I would picture Jack and Dustin in my head, I would think of the two brothers from the show Supernatural, Sam and Dean Winchester. It made for a yummy visual!)

The storyline was interesting and well written. I loved getting to know all the characters, and reading about their 'gifts' and their demon hunting situations. (There was never a dull moment for the Wynter and Chelsea families!) I really, really enjoyed reading this book, and I'm looking forward to checking out the second book in the series to see what happens next!

Thank you to Becca Ritchie, for contacting me to review your awesome book. I really enjoyed it!

Krista says

Wynter Chelsea was a fast-paced action-packed adventure. I was so invested in these characters and these families that I forgot about the demons and the paranormal elements in the book. At its core, this book is about family...dysfunctional yes, but family nonetheless.

And yes...the author is my sister. So I am biased ;)

Heather says

The Chelseas and the Wynters are the last line of defense between humans and the paranormal creatures that roam the world seeking to overrun it. From the beginning of time, there have always been Wynters and Chelseas fighting against the evil forces in the world. But something is different in this generation. For the first time, a girl has been born to the Chelsea family. Amanda Chelsea. And this changes the game for everyone.

Amanda may be a Chelsea, but she's not allowed to be part of the legacy, the one that says the Wynters and the Chelseas fight against demons and half demons and rid the world of their presence. Jack, Amanda's brother, and the oldest of all of them, and Dustin and Trevor Wynter all are sworn to protect Amanda and keep her from fighting. So as the boys grow up learning about the different types of demons and how to kill them, Amanda is made to stay away from all of it.

Then to compound things, this generation of Wynters and Chelseas are given "gifts". Jack Chelsea can conjure anything from a gun to money. Amanda is an empath and with the volatile emotions of her brother, is left in pain more than protected by him. Dustin is telepathic and it's almost as hard on him as being an empath is to Amanda. For this reason, the two of them grow close. And Trevor, the youngest is precognitive and a bit of comic relief.

One night, Amanda breaks the rules and goes into the woods after the guys and ends up having to defend herself against a demon. She is forced to fight. When the guys catch up with her and find out, the tension and anger is palpable. The next day, their parents disappear.

The rest of the novel is in pursuit of finding their parents. It seems directly linked to that night. The guys still won't let Amanda hunt, yet she is right there beside them fighting, saving their butts one time but they never come right out and admit that she's fighting. So many secrets are kept.

Dustin and Amanda obviously have feelings for each other and it was a little tedious reading the back and

forth. Amanda seemed to be a bit oblivious even to her own feelings to Dustin. Her brother wasn't happy about it as if it was any of his business. But they all make Amanda's personal life their business, whether it's appropriate or not.

Amanda for her part whines a bit about not being part of the legacy and how that's all she wants. But what she really wants is her parents' approval and love. Apparently they aren't real forthcoming with their feelings, but as an empath, she should have been able to feel what they felt about her.

The story line was incredible. Totally unsuspecting, it snuck up on me at the end and everything made sense. The last part of the novel was just numbing to read and realize what happened.

I truly enjoyed this novel. The writing was interesting and the characters were believable. I felt Dustin and Amanda were the most developed of the characters. Jack was always angry and Trevor was always wisecracking. Other than that, we didn't get to see into their minds very much. But I enjoyed getting to know Amanda and Dustin so well and I hope in the next book that their relationship actually develops. I'm definitely looking forward to reading *The Sublimity*.

This is a great book for anyone that loves YA paranormal.
Heather

Melissa (i swim for oceans) says

Amanda is the only girl in a legacy of demon hunters, two families destined to fight the dark forces in the world. She's consistently trying to prove to herself and to others that she is every bit a part of her family's history as her brother, but it almost seems to bring her further from that. But the forces of darkness are always there, and Amanda seems to be fighting both inside and out, and as much as she wants to fight and be someone, she's got a lot to live up to. Some of what the Wynter and Chelsea families need to live up to is hidden in lies and mystery, and those mysteries are potentially and probably very dangerous.

Some people are born to be writers. Author Becca Ritchie, wrote *Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy* when she was just 14 years old. Cohesive, action-packed and with a touch of romance that defies the norm of YA fiction (read: this is NOT insta-love), *Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy* is a little bit of everything that makes the paranormal genre great. The full cast of characters complemented one another well, and each had specific character traits that set them apart from one another. Most of all though, each action had an equal and worthy reaction. If that doesn't equate to what a book should be, then colour me crazy.

The best part of the book was the background and history of the Wynter and Chelsea families. The younger generation of the demon hunting families which included Amanda, Jack, Dustin and Trevor was dynamic and engaging. Jack was a bit of a force to be reckoned with for me. He had a definite mean streak, and his emotions were so off-kilter that it kept the story moving, even when the battles lulled. Amanda, though I desperately wanted her to be a badass in *Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy*, fell a bit flat for me though, to be honest. Her internal monologues were a bit taxing, and while her power was awesome and really heightened

her potential with Dustin, she whined a lot. I get why she did, but I wish she would be less talk and more action, if that makes sense. Either way, the non-stop plot made up for it.

All in all, Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy was a great supernatural read that kept me hooked from page one to the very end. I give it a very strong 4 out of 5, and I recommend it to all YA fans, especially those who enjoy paranormal stories. It's especially great for those fans of shows like Supernatural because, hey, we can never get enough hunters, right?

I received this book free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review. This, in no way, affected my opinion or review of this book.

Ellz Readz says

My thoughts...Welcome to an original world complete with paranormal creatures, magical powers, and magical legends.

In this first book in the series, we meet some interesting characters. First, we get to know the heroine Amanda. Initially, readers experience her frustration. She is treated by her family like a porcelain doll, incapable of making decisions, or defending herself. This causes her to make some decisions that seem irrational and reckless. Amanda possesses the gift of empathy and she often finds herself vulnerable in more ways than one. Other characters that are central to the story are her brother and the two boys that live next door. Each character has the strengths and weaknesses, and they all show growth by the end of the first book.

Wynter Chelsea is full of action and excitement. These characters do not experience a dull moment. There is constant danger lurking around every corner and a mystery to solve. On a mission to find their missing parents, they discover secrets about themselves, their family, and their legacy. Readers can expect plenty of fighting, mysterious creatures, and some romantic interest.

At times, I did become a bit frustrated with the characters and some of the events seemed a bit convenient, but overall this did not take away from the story. I had a hard time putting the book down and I did not want to leave the world when I finished the story. Thankfully, book two, Wynter Chelsea: The Sublimity is already available for purchase!

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Katie says

Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy is unlike anything I have read. It's a unique new paranormal that I think will appeal to a bunch of readers.

Amanda Chelsea has always known she was meant to be part of the Wynter Chelsea legacy but she also knew that for some reason her family was trying to keep her out of it. All that changes when her parents and Killian Wynter go missing and she must help her brother and the Wynter boys find them. Things heat up really quickly on their search not just with the demons but also between Amanda and Dustin Wynter. Could the guy she has always been perfect for finally realize it? And what does it mean for the legacy if he does?

So this was a mixed book for me. There were some things that I loved but there were also some things that I did not love. I'll start with the good. Every page of this book was packed with emotion. Becca Ritchie knows how to write it so you feel for her characters. I kept reading because I really wanted to know what happened with them. And I found myself tearing up a few times at what was happening. The emotions were all over the place and were tearing me apart.

Now for the not-so-good: Amanda. She was my biggest problem with the book. She spent a lot of her time whining and crying. And she kept talking about how she could take care of herself but then she needed one of the boys to come save her. I understand why she was upset but I just really wanted her to take control. The rest of the characters were better. Trevor cracked me up. He was my favorite.

Overall, Wynter Chelsea: The Legacy is a great paranormal but just not the best for me. I definitely think others will enjoy it though which is why I am giving away my copy to one of you guys!

Candace says

This was definitely a book that sucks you in and brings out the emotions full force! It was a creative take on a supernatural story with many unique ideas. I like that the author wasn't afraid to create something new.

What is hard for an author is making it believable. Yeah, we may know that these creatures aren't real, but an author needs to be able to convince us that it is real. And while I may have thought a few things far fetched for the most part I was sucked into the story enough that I could go along with her ideas and the way this world was.

I liked Amanda, the main character, most of the time and I think I connected with her well enough through the majority of the story. There were a few things that irritated me though. She was a bit angsty. I mean, she had reason to be angsty, but I think she overdid it a bit. And at a certain point near the end of the book she just went a bit too far and that made me angry. I think I wasn't quite connecting with why she was feeling those extremes, but she's an empath, so she's feeling everyones feelings around her. So maybe I was just having a hard time understanding how hard it really was.

The boys in her life, her brother Jack, and their 'friends' Dustin and Trevor are interesting enough characters but I didn't really like Jack and Trevor. Jack was too full of anger and Trevor just didn't really have much compassion in him. And while he was the funny guy I just wasn't feeling him. But Dustin, I really liked him and liked the connection that him and Amanda have.

The parents weren't really around enough to like or dislike them but I can say I did NOT like Killian (the father of Dustin and Trevor). He's one person that really got my blood boiling. He was suppose to be that way, that was his character, and the author did a fabulous job getting me riled!

The story line was great and kept me pulled in and the overall feel of the book, even with the negative things that bothered me, was that I really liked it. Becca wrote this as a teen and she certainly did a fabulous job. I look forward to reading the next one, The Sublimity.

Disclosure: I received a copy of this book for review purposes. All opinions expressed are my own and I was not paid or influenced in any way.

This review was first posted on my blog at <http://www.candacesbookblog.com>

Jenn says

So, I started reading this series because I just love Becca (and Krista) Ritchie! I'm so addicted to their Addicted series that it's not even funny.

Now, I have to admit that the beginning of this book was really slow for me. The story didn't pick up until about halfway through the book. I think the reason that it was slow is because this is more of an introduction to the Wynters and Chelseas and their legacy. We learn about who they are and what they do. If you've ever seen the TV show "Supernatural," you will probably like this book. There's a "Supernatural" feel to it from the fact that the Wynters and Chelseas are hunters of the supernatural, to the events that unfold, and right down to the car that they drove (which is referenced a lot, so you can't miss it ;)). At around 48% is when the story started getting more interesting. At that point, I found it harder and harder to put the book down. This world that the author created is just so interesting! At age 14, Becca had a really creative mind! The story is

so complex and I was truly invested in the characters. The story is told in Amanda's point of view. I can relate to her for the most part, but some of her actions and a lot of her decisions really got on my nerves. At times I thought she was being very unreasonable and I just wanted to shake some sense into her. Jack, Amanda's older brother and leader of their group of 4, was an insufferable prick most of the time. He was so controlling that I could hardly stand him! Dustin, Jack's friend and the eldest of the Wynter children, seemed to be a peacemaker. Trevor, well I just loved Trevor. He was so lighthearted, amusing, and he always found humor in everything.

I loved how this story made me think deeply about life, fate, and whether or not we really have any control over our destiny.

"But our choices outline our fate. If I made another choice, then it could have changed the past."

But I have to add that the fight scenes were lacking in the action department. There just wasn't enough thrill and excitement in there for me and I thought the creatures were killed way too easily. Not once did I feel any anxiety or fear for the Wynters or Chelseas lives. It was like nothing was a challenge to them. I really hope that this isn't the case in the second book, *The Sublimity*.

I'm a big sucker for romance so I couldn't help but hope that something would bloom between Amanda and Dustin. After finishing this book, I just had to jump into the next book right away! I couldn't prolong the wait and had to find out what was going to happen next.

Knowing that Becca wrote this when she was only 14 years old, my awe for her talent grew exponentially. I am truly amazed!

My Review of *The Sublimity*

Julie says

Why I read the book: I was sent an invitation to be on the blog tour and the description intrigued me.

What I liked: The concept of two families that have through generations fought the good fight against evil. I liked the secrecy of what they do being kept from the rest of the world. Having them live closely together, the 4 children growing up together felt like a family unit. It reminded me of the tv show *Supernatural*, but with more kids...and two families. I liked the uniqueness of one of the main characters being a female that wasn't supposed to be born. She is an anomaly in her family. I liked the sarcastic tone to Trevor, the all business Jack, the tender Dustin, and that leaves the emotional volatile Amanda. The different personalities make a nice group that can stand out from one another. There are some interesting takes on the paranormal in this book.

What I didn't like: It's hard to put my finger on exactly what didn't set well for me. The pacing felt either rushed or lagging at different times to me. I didn't invest in Amanda as a character. I thought she was overly defiant, whiny, and didn't make good decisions to help out her cause to appear competent in the eyes of the other Wynters and Chelseas. There are reasons for her character to feel the way she does, but how she came

across in the writing and her reactions, for me, I didn't care for her as a character. Since she is a large part of the story it was hard for me to let go and really get into the book.

Overall: This book has gotten great reviews from others, so keep in mind my reviews are always MY opinion and preference. I'd still recommend fans of YA paranormal romance read the other reviews and give it shot for themselves.
