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Ivana says

It was interesting to read what happened before the novel, "The Deepest Cut". This novella gave an insight on the deep motives of Laria and answered questions I had constructed after reading "The Deepest Cut".

I enjoyed this book that held more romantic rather than creepy elements than the first of the series.

"Burn in hell, Witch."

“Ever so slowly the sides of her mouth curved in a malicious smile.”

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

I love The Mackinnon Curse series! The Beginning is a fantastic edition to this series. I love Ian's story of how his curse begins between him, Margot, and Laria.

Stacey says

Ian and Duncan spent the past two years traveling Europe. When they return home Ian discovers his parents plan to introduce him to a daughter of his father's friend. However, the servant Laria, mistakes kindness from Ian as something more.

The curse begins...

Mello ♥ Illium ★Harry★ ?Myrnin? Torin Ichimaru says

Synopsis:

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My Thoughts:

I'm thinking that maybe I should have waited to read this until after the other books. It may be a prequel, but it was published last. It was still interesting either way.

Poor Ian. That crazy bitch latched on to him and wouldn't let go. I knew I wasn't going to like Laria the moment she showed up on the page. She's one-dimensional, but still, nothing to like there. She just latched on to Ian and for no reason other than she wanted him. So if she couldn't have him, no one could.

I liked Ian. I hope there's a bit more character to him in the full novel, though. He has the potential to be quite the hawt hero. So devilish. I hope he finds a way to break through what Laria did in the end. It seems he's found someone that may help make his existence not so bad, though. Looking forward to it.

Sarah Darst says

As soon as i read the first book of this series, i was HOOKED. if your into the sort of paranormal, romance kinda stuff then this is the book for you! i cant remember what book this is in the series but its obviously good since i read at least three books of The Mackinnon Curse. as soon as i started to read it i couldnt put the book down(or phone in my case). one more paragraph turned into one more page, then chapter, then eventually i was at the point where i was saying "just one more book!". the only case in which i do not recommend this book is if you are sensitive to the topics of paranormal entities, self harm, and or your scared easily. i dont understand why this series is so very unpopular, its something that needs to be read more by people with interests such as my own. it was also interesting to explore Scotland along with Riley (main character) as she moves. it got me interested in the history of scotland and its old castles. the book pulled me in and had me wanting more with every single page turn. it keeps you interested and relates to alot of teens on a personal level as you go through high school with Riley and the other characters in this book. it introduces things that many teens deal with at this age and shows how Riley overcame theese things while still having an interesting story line.

Sarah says

The MacKinnon Curse: The Beginning is a prequel to The Deepest Cut. Ian MacKinnon has returned home from travelling for 2 years with his brother. Upon arrival, his family are keen for Ian to marry and make plans for his father's friends daughter to come and stay with them. However, a servant named Maria has taken a fancy to Ian, and mistakes his kindness for something more..

I decided to read this before starting 'The Deepest Cut' and I'm glad I did. This book gives a great background for the book to come, introducing the characters and the scenery. I thought it was very well written and I am very keen to continue with the series.

This book even gave me goosebumps, I scare very easily, and the part (view spoiler)

Crystal Navarro says

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Vanessa says

This “book” more like novella centers Ian and Laria when they were alive. It explains how Laria began to love Ian and Ian didn’t. So Laria killed him and became insane.

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The reason why i liked this short intro book is because it is like a prelude to the first MacKinnon Curse book. It does a lot of explaining and we get to see things through Ian MacKinnon's eyes before and after he dies.

Francine Dennis (Zonin) says

This review is for the entire series.

I absolutely LOVED this series. The source that I found it from emails me a list of free and inexpensive books every day, and some of them are horrible. I never know what to expect when I start reading one, but I was pleasantly surprised with this one. I purchased the entire series together, which is part of the reason I'm writing the review all together.

The editing was a little lacking, and I found a few typos throughout the series, but not enough to take away from the story for me. This is one of the only negative things I have to say about this series.

I was hooked from the very moment I started reading this. J.A. Templeton does an amazing job creating visuals, and the very first time the main character saw a ghost I was already feeling a little creeped out! I know I am someone who gets creeped out by stuff like that pretty easily so not everyone may have that immediate reaction, but I assure you it only intensifies as things progress.

Further into the series I found myself getting very scared. I do most of my reading at night and there were nights that I didn't read just because I was terrified. I wouldn't think reading words on a page would have my heart thumping in my chest or dreading turning the page, but this series did that to me pretty much the whole way through, especially the second and third books.

Personally, I liked that the focus seemed to be more on the suspense than on the romance, if only slightly. For others this may be a mark for the Cons column, but for me the romance was almost a side point to the ghosts that were scaring the crap out of me!

The other negative point I have about the MacKinnon Curse series is that it's a bit short. In the last book, one minute you were right in the middle of some crazy stuff going on, and then all of a sudden the whole conflict was resolved. While I do feel J.A. Templeton did a good job giving readers complete content, I enjoyed the books so much that I just would have loved if they took longer to get through.

While I would have moved more books to read, I'm happy the author stopped at a trilogy (with the exception of the short prequel). I hate when authors get in the habit of writing a problem per book and fill a series with a bunch of books where the main conflict is resolved within that book and the next has a whole different problem. I feel like this is an easy way to make a really long series and I tend to get bored of these. Templeton wrote a series that flowed very well and made sense within itself.

In addition to enjoying the story, I also enjoyed Templeton's writing style. I highly recommend this series to people who like the genre of supernatural romance/supernatural suspense. There is some content that may be

disturbing to some readers, including self-harm and witchcraft/dark magic. If these are triggers for you, take discretion with reading. Otherwise, give it a try! I have tons of books I still have to read, but I loved this so much that I'm going to go buy the first book in the MacKinnon Legacy series and read that, first.

Enjoy!

Tash says

I liked being able to see things through Ian's eyes *before* he died (and a little bit afterwards leading up to "The Deepest Cut"). I don't think this novella would have made as much sense if you didn't read the "A MacKinnon Curse" Novels first since everything is pretty fast paced considering it's a novella, therefore lacking as much detail. If you've read the trilogy though, you can fill in the blanks really easily (like I did) and be able to appreciate this small piece of seeing things through Ian's eyes before the trilogy begins.

Glad I finally got the chance to read this (since it only comes in digital format) by getting my Nook for an early Christmas present! =]

Jess (the cozy reader) says

Got to spend time with my Ian again, and it was glorious! It was really fun to see from his perspective during his time.

Yekaterina says

A great source of information that answers a lot of questions that you many have after reading "The Deepest Cut." However, it should be read after reading "The Deepest Cut," otherwise it's not as suspenseful. I enjoy Templetons' writing style and intelligent use of grammar, spelling and punctuation. This is a quick, easy read that it definitely worth reading if you've read book 1 and need a bit more background.

Also, I'd like to say that I've read a couple negative reviews and I'm disappointed that so many readers are looking for such specific things. Yes, the bonding comes fast in these books, yes, scene change instantaneously, and yes, a lot happens in one chapter. You may not like it, and you may want a more drawn out story. Consider, though, that no everyone wants that. I, for one, enjoy quick and easy beach reads. Rate authors on the piece they've written, not what you would have wanted them to write. If that's the case- maybe you need to start writing...[End rant, lol]

Samantha Julmisse says

This book was very insightful in terms of the history behind so much in The Deepest Cut (first book in the series). Templeton does a fantastic job of creating a believable back story, or misplaced love, jealousy, and evil. The characters were great, their back stories enhancing prior knowledge to the series. It made me feel like I really knew them. I felt emotions with them, their anxiety, love. It's a short, for those who have read at least the first novel in the series. It may be really great for someone who has not, giving them a sense of

whether they will enjoy the series or not.

All in all, it's a great back story, better than what I could have imagined for Ian, being well written and captivating.

Nicole says

If you do not read what this book is about in the synopsis, it takes you completely by surprise one plot twist after the next. A sad but fascinating story for an older Y.A. crowd
