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Concrete.

Next to me. In front of me. Behind me. Below me.

It mocks me.

My prison.

My hell.

I don't know who I am. Where I am. How long I've been here.

Decades? Centuries?

It's felt like an eternity.

For all the unknowns, one truth has grown stronger with the torturous passing of time...

I wish I was dead.

Or, at least, I did until I heard her.

She gives me hope. A purpose.

Freedom.

I follow her, soaking in everything she does and growing more dependent. Never in my long life have I seen anyone so perfect.

Now I just have to find a way to make her hear me.

And being able to see me would probably help, too...

Warning: This book is NOT a dark romance, though it is still recommended for readers 18+ due to strong adult language, themes, and lovin' so good, it must be magicks.

## **Styx Details**

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## From Reader Review Styx for online ebook

### Julia says

1 puny star and DNF@50%

Are there two Layla Frosts? because I either love her books or loathe them entirely. One one side, she writes these deep characters like With Us or Give in, and the other has these annoying caricatures that think they're in a rom com.

Lets start off that the first 25% of the book; it's the heroine going out on badly written dates with caricature-esque type wimpy/clueless men. And then for the next ten or so pages you get to hear a very long recap of the date \*you just read about 3 pages before\* with her annoying fairy godmother best friend. And OF COURSE the BFF's advice is "you just need to get laid, silly." The hero of the story has yet to make an appearance, and when he finally does come into the story, you have to sit through pages and pages and PAGES of the heroines inner turmoil/best friend gossip.

Everything was just bad. The description makes you think you're going into a darker book but it's all just fluff and sad rainbows, because the heroine is 'cursed' but she's cutely optimistic and stubborn as an ox. \*said with sarcasm\*

I would read three pages, get cringed out by something weird the heroine would say that would come out of left field, and then put it down again. I'm sure other people will love this, but I just hate this type of writing, where actions and personalities are over exaggerated and there's no development to the romance part of the story. Adding this to the growing pile of 2018 romance.

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### Gi's Spot Reviews says

#### 5 'Holy mother of MYSTERIES' Stars

**THIS BOOK! Seriously, this book will knock your socks off! In the most paranormal and surprising of ways! It sure did to me and I loved every second of it! Refreshing, funny, smoking hot and just BRILLIANT!**

I'll do something very Un-Gi like here and keep it very short because for once in a very, very long time – if ever – I'll tell you you need to go into this gem that is Styx ABSOLUTELY BLIND on all things. You seriously just need to know you will no doubt be shocked, wowed and most of all fall in LOVE with these characters and stories and in the end you will be, like myself, begging the author for book two. And three. And four! That's how brilliant this story is!

**"In all my time on this earth, I've never seen anything or anyone as beautiful as you. I could look at you for all eternity and still feel as though I were seeing you for the first time."**

Believe me when I say that the DISCOVERY of the storyline, and specially the characters and the mystery surrounding their identity is half the enjoyment of this book. Of course, I can say that Layla Frost's

hilariously funny heroine's thoughts and lines are absolutely present as is Ms. Frost's trademark deliciously Alpha hero, even if an unconventional one like this one – but normal is just SO overrated, right?! LOL – as jealous/possessive as they come, and the captivating and thrilling development that added with all the mysteries, just completely hook you and make you read this in one sitting.

**“Now, never threaten to take away your touch again, or I’ll take that to mean you aren’t as addicted to me as I am to you. I’ll be forced to keep you in bed until we fix that.”**

And when ALL is revealed and in the open, you will thank me for going in blind, because I want you to be just as surprised and shocked by the revelation as I was. And I never surprised by a twist. Never! So kudos to Layla Frost for achieving that! So dive right now, as spoiler-free as humanly possible (believe me, I know the sacrifice, I’m a huge spoiler wh@re myself), and ENJOY all the twists and turns! Absolutely fitting for this Halloween week, and and the mystery appropriate and SO WORTH IT!

A truly unforgettable PNR story, that this PNR lover here can honestly say, like I’ve NEVER read before!!!  
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Ps. And yes, I’m already stalking for book two, which I NEED now!!!

**“I’d die a million deaths before I let her go.”**

*ARC kindly provided by the author for an honest review*

For full review with Release Blitz, check out my Blog post,  
<http://gisspotreviews.com/index.php/2...>

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**Carol [Goodreads Addict] says**

**“I’d die a million deaths before I let her go.”**

Styx is book one in the brand new series, The Four, by Layla Frost. I haven’t read many books by Layla but the ones I have read have completely wowed me! I read that this is her first paranormal book and I just can’t believe that! This book has everything that makes a book great, for me anyway. Mystery, danger, an amazing heroine and a very sexy hero. Fantastic secondary characters! There is danger and plenty of heat! I smiled, swooned, sighed and gasped. I highlighted a bunch of quotes and it is so hard to decide which ones to include here.

Haden (Denny) Underwood had a heartbreakin childhood. But despite it all, she has somehow grown into a strong, independent, happy woman. Her best friend since elementary school is Lula who is engaged to the love of her life, Chase. These two are pretty much the only friends of Denny's and they are amazing. Denny has inherited her grandmother's house. It's her only connection to the only person that showed her love while growing up. She has had little instances of feeling a presence but tries to ignore it. Until she hears him. He speaks and what a voice he has. It makes her toes curl. At first she thinks she's going crazy and hearing voices. But soon realizes that isn't the case, that he is there with her.

***“My life was nothing but unsolvable mysteries and chaos.”***

He has been stuck in the house for hundreds of years, it has been his prison. He didn't know who he was or why he was stuck here in this prison. Then she moved in. He couldn't deny the connection he felt to her, the attraction. If only he could speak to her or that she could see him. All he wanted to do was touch her.

***“For hundreds of years, I've viewed this place as a prison. Now it's my paradise. Even if I had my freedom, I'd remain here.”***

The connection between Denny and the voice who is named Nate, gets stronger and Nate's ability grows. As long as he's with her, he's able to follow her from the house. Then she heard him! She actually could hear him!

***“Am I a dream? No. You're a fantasy.”***

At first all Denny wants is to get rid of the voice. But when he isn't around, she misses him. He's become important to her. The connection, the bond, between these two, grows stronger but the mystery deepens as to who he is and why he is here in her house.

***“In all my time on this earth, I've never seen anything or anyone as beautiful as you. I could look at you for all eternity and still feel as though I were seeing you for the first time.”***

I'm going to stop here because basically, I wanted for you to see the connection between these two. As the mystery unfolds, more characters are added. You will meet Juno who is another amazing supporting friend to Denny, and of course, there is going to be evil. This book is a page turner. It's one of those books that you can't put down because you need answers and can't stand not knowing. And wow is there heat! The chemistry between these two burns up the pages. All I can say is that you NEED to read this book! I am so excited to see what comes next!

***“The burden of my life was worth the reward of her.”***

***“An eternity and the next may not be enough.”***

For more about this book and so many more, come and join me at Carol's Crazy Bookish World.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/44036...>

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### **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

This gets my double whammy heroine praise. Not only was Denny sassy, which I love, but she was also pretty kick ass! 9 times out of 10, I read books for the hero, but Layla Frost's books give me that coveted 1% of heroine awesomeness.

I'm not going to reveal a whole lot for this book because you get one shot in this series to be surprised and this book is that one shot. You'll be in the know for the next book. What I can say is this was a super fun book.

Per my mention above, the heroine was highly entertaining. I adored her relationship with her best friend and they had me giggling. A lot. There is some sadness in the very beginning when you learn how Denny grew up but it's important and it ties into what you learn later to see how special she is.

Our Hero, which I will leave nameless for now, is super hot! He's unique, a badboy to the extreme but also gentle and kind. He listened to Denny and handled her with care. It's an intriguing combination in a hero. I could read about these two and never get bored. After learning his history, I am really looking forward to learning more about him and Denny in the upcoming books.

As for side characters, I've already mentioned my love of the best friend but her fiance was pretty awesome himself. This is a couple in the sidelines that have the kind of love you want to read in your main characters. Then there is Juno. That chick is crazy and I can't wait for her book. She is going to spice things up for sure.

I admit, I am left with a few questions but I think they will get answered as the series continues. I can not wait for the the next book! ARC provided by author.

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### **Amanda says**

Oh my god I want MORE! That ending!

So I'm not going to lie, I went in 100% Blind to this book, I didn't read blurbs or teasers or anything before starting. Layla Frost is an automatic one click, must have it now and devour it as soon as possible author for me so I decided to just let the story surprise me...

And holy wow. I went in so Blind I didn't even realise it was a paranormal... but I wasn't disappointed at all. The storyline was unique and interesting with enough questions and twists to keep you guessing. Nate and Denny were super hot and I loved all of the side characters.

I cannot wait for more of this series.

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## Stacey is Sassy says

### I do eventually get to the nitty-gritty...

\*\*\*4.5 Stars\*\*\*

I can take or leave “spoilers” to be honest. If I have a trusted author releasing a book, I don’t want to know ANYTHING about what’s next/going on. *Layla Frost* is in this category and I know that every book will be a surprise. I don’t even want to see the ratings of other readers before it hits my Kindle. But, If I’m curious or tempted by a new author, I need to know a little more before I even contemplate buying.

So, this is a review for readers who, like me, can take or leave “spoilers” but may want to know a little before going in. If you want to go in blind, then, WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU STILL READING FOR? If you’re a curious person, new reader or spoiler lover, please proceed but know that I’m not going to give it all away. I am going to give you something though. That something is the one thing that made me hesitate to LOVE this book from the start.

Now that I have that off my chest...here we go.

I LOVE paranormal romance but the one type that never really does it for me is stories with ghosts in it. Not that I’m saying this *is* a ghost story, BUT, that cover did make me go along the path that there may be a ghostly type of hero in it. I just don’t know how the heck you fall in love with someone you can never touch? Sure, you can have a level of love that can leave you somewhat satisfied, but for me, I need touch. So, I started *Styx* wondering how the heck am I supposed to fall in love with a man who’s not there? And, I NEED to love my hero.

So, here’s my big and brash spoiler...he can and will touch!! And, Holy Shamoly, he can TOUCH (HUBBA HUBBA!!)

Now, I’ll take likes and loves for that big and brash spoiler, because, you know, I’m here for you. I’ve got your back. I won’t steer you down a wonky path...well not too wonky.

OK, now that’s done, let’s talk story time. *Styx* was bloody awesome, but then again, it was written by one of my favourite writers, so I knew it was going to be bloody awesome. The characters were original, funny and very entertaining. The storyline, once it got going, was exciting, sexy and pulled at my heart. The additional characters enhanced *Styx* and made it come alive for me. The goodies were so good I wanted to keep them for myself. The baddies, I wanted to see suffer and pay for their dastardly deeds. I definitely ended *Styx* wanting more.

I absolutely loved Denny and her kooky ways. I kind of think a little of *Layla Frost* is in Denny. Not saying Layla’s kooky or anything (MUCH) but when you meet Denny, you get the feeling she’s a real person. I haven’t “met” Layla (she hasn’t bothered to visit me here in Australia...YET) but we’ve “known” each other for years. Of course, I could be totally off base but I just get the impression that Denny was created to let Layla’s kooky flag fly.

OMG!! Look at me rambling AGAIN!!!

So, let’s get to the nitty-gritty. I loved Denny and her long-time relationship with her best friend. Her new

witchy friend is AWESOME!! Her dad was a DOUCHEWAFFLE OF EPIC PROPORTIONS! Her past relationships and the nightmare dates she went on were hilarious. I loved Denny's independence but hated that she's had so much time alone. She deserved so much more and I'm glad she found someone to take away her loneliness.

This brings us to Nate. Holy Heaven and Hell...I really loved getting to know Nate. I'm going to stop here, though. Sure I gave you a big and brash spoiler but, I kind of thing you need to meet Nate yourself and get to know him in a proper way. You know, like a formal introduction, meet and greet...see inside his head, kind of way.

Now, this story was almost perfect for me. My only wee problem was that it took too long to get to the good parts. Sure, I know a series needs an intro into the world, meet the people and set the scene, but, I'm a really impatient bugger and I just wanted to get to it already. Honestly, it's worth the wait and I LOVED the second half of the story. I just wanted the heart-pumping, earth-shattering excitement to come sooner.

I really enjoyed *Styx* and I can't wait for more. *Layla Frost* writes a thoroughly entertaining story packed with intrigue and excitement. We get treated to a hero that's the full package. The heroine is funny, a little kooky, strong and smart. The sexy times are HOT!!! From the very beginning, you can tell there's a serious connection. That first touch was electric and you knew that they were perfect for each other.

Denny and Nate are happy for now but it's obvious that their story will continue. If I'm reading things right, the absolutely lovable witchy friend will be up next and after that little pass out worthy bomb at the end, it's going to be very, very interesting.

*Sorry for the rambling. You know how I get sometimes. xoxoxo*

*Stacey is Sassy, received a complimentary copy of this story. The copy provided is not the final copy and may be subject to edits and changes.*

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### **B.J. Bentley says**

I went into this book blind. The only knowledge I had was that it was a paranormal romance. I had no expectations except that I knew it was going to be epic because that's what Layla Frost always delivers. My expectations were not only exceeded, they were blown out of the water. No, out of the stratosphere. No, out of this DIMENSION.

There are so many twists and turns, that by the end of the book, my eyes were as wide as saucers and I was whispering 'what the fuck?!" every other page. By the time I got to the end, I realized that all the hints and clues I needed had been cleverly sprinkled throughout the book. You know that feeling you got when you watched The Sixth Sense and wondered why you hadn't figured it out sooner because the ending suddenly made it all seem so obvious even though it never really was because it was so sneakily disguised? Yeah, it was like that.

I really don't want to give away any spoilers because it really is best that you go in blind to fully appreciate

the tale. All I can say is that you won't be disappointed. In fact, I'm willing to bet you'll be wildly impressed.

If you're already a Frost fan, this book is very different than anything else she's written, but it is so amazingly perfect, and I KNOW you will love it.

Denny, our heroine, is quirky, hilariously funny, inappropriate, loving, and vulnerable. (Classic Frost.) I want to be her best friend.

Our hero is a mysterious, possessive alpha, though he is NOT an alphahole. He's also unintentionally funny in his outdated pop culture references.

I cannot EVEN right now. That's how phenomenal this book is. I can't wait for the next in this series, because Juno is my spirit animal.

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### **Claypot\_ Reads - Michelle says**

WOWSA! This one's definitely a 2018 Favourite!!!

Going in blind for this one was the best decision I ever made. My almost 3am bedtime should tell you how much I loved it. I could not put it down. Such a fresh story - a really amazing book that had me reading as fast as I possibly could. I was asked to proofread but I was LOVING it so hard that I ended up having to read it twice (no hardship mind you) because I was reading so quickly that I knew I'd missed typos.

I haven't been this giddy reading a book in a loooooong time. I was smiling. I was squirming. I was laughing super hard. I had those anxious chest flutters. I was in reader heaven.

I'm not sure what I classify this one as - it's got some witches and "others" (who are a little not-quite so human), but I don't want to give too much away cause it will ruin the story and the surprise. So if you're open to yours characters being a little "more" then trust me. Grab it. Read it. And PM me so we can talk about it.

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### **Heather Blair says**

So good!

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### **Janie says**

5+++ stars!! So I'm a fan of this author for sure, but this book, HOLY HELL (no pun intended). I loved this book from the first page to the last, every word. Nate is the absolute perfect hero. I loved Denny just as much which is saying something. This book had me laughing and swooning. The secondary characters were fantastic and added ALOT to the story. I can't wait for Juno's book. And I'll just say the cover is amazing!!

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### **Bev says**

4.5 stars which I may bump up to 5 once the series is complete.

Really liked this one, loved the whole different spin on the paranormal genre that kept me guessing. Add to that fantastic characters and I was hooked.

Can't wait for Juno's book!

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### **Ira says**

Hm, this is rather different approach to a paranormal story.

Not sure what would I get when I started but the story pull me in and it was a very interesting story  
♥?♥?♥?.

Yep! Waiting for Juno's book now ?

Just in case you wonder about the title, that's come from a rock band which popular in the 70's:) The next book title though, original come from Rolling Stones? LOL.

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### **Carvanz says**

Holy heck! Holy freaking heck! I am completely stunned and staggered by not only the ending of this book but everything leading up to it. How does anyone come up with this stuff? This wonderful, amazing, stuff? Obviously Layla Frost has the ability within her twisted mind.

First, I'll warn you against reading reviews that give too much away. I went into this as blind as possible with nothing more than the blurb to lead me. I refused to read excerpts or teasers and it was torture. But I'm so glad I did. I loved experiencing the wild ride of this story as it unfolded. It was one crazy revelation after another and I loved every exhilarating moment of it.

With plenty of mystery shrouding these characters there was never a dull moment. Denny was the type of heroine I could totally relate to. With the exception of her past. She is feisty and independent but very broken deep within, in a place few know of. Nate was charming and sweet, protective and swoon worthy. I loved that once he saw Denny he was all in for her. However, it's a complicated relationship. Steamy and hot with the culmination actually being a slow burn, but still...complicated.

I couldn't read this book fast enough and I was so darn aggravated by life and work getting in the way. I mean, come on! There was never a good place to stop because every place was too good to stop! It was quite annoying really when I had to bookmark it. I needed to know the what, who, where, and...what the heck?!

Styx is filled with lots of twists and turns as well as surprises that will take you completely by...well surprise. There is never a dull moment or a long passage you want to skim. The pacing is smooth and the writing fresh with that touch of humor this author is known for. The secondary characters are exceptional as they help to carry the story even as they support the hero and heroine. I loved them almost as much as the hero and heroine and yet they never stole the spotlight.

This is the first paranormal romance by this author and she did an incredible job of it. It ends with a happy for now and the next book will revolve around another couple and I cannot wait for it to get here. I'm already deeply in love with Denny and Nate and I'm ready to see where this storyline goes from here because I suspect this ride has just gotten started.

Dual POV

Safe (view spoiler)

Triggers(view spoiler)

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### **Shari Kay says**

Absolutely nothing wrong with the writing or the storyline, but I couldn't rate Styx higher because the way the characters are written just isn't appealing me. Maybe (most likely) I'm just too old for the tone the author set. I get Haden is written as a modern young woman, but I cringed at some of her antics, and her jumping to the worst conclusions pissed me off. I didn't like how beta Nate turned out to be so that Denny (Haden) could be...progressive? Ouch! I know that sounds horrible, but it is what it is. At least for me.

The paranormal aspects were interesting, and I loved the friendship between Denny and Lula. Chase was the bomb and Juno is kickass. But, all that being said, Juno will be more of the same "flavor" as the heroine in the next book as Haden was in this one. So, I'm gonna have to pass.

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### **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

This one was OK. A little slow and boring. I think the first part of the book could have been tightened up. I didn't need to read 500 pages of bad dates, how horny the heroine was, and vibrator talk...but whatevs. I enjoyed it enough to still check out the second book.

