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A fast-paced adventure for fans of Twilight and The Mortal Instruments.

What if there was another you, in another world?

DEZARAY IS FROM EARTH.

LEXOVIA IS FROM COLDIVOR.

BUT WHEN THEY ACCIDENTALLY TRADE PLACES... Dezaray is thrust into a world on the brink of war. And the only one powerful enough to stop it is the sorceress, Lexovia.

Struggling between surviving in a strange world, moving on from her tormented past and not falling for the boy with blue eyes, Dezaray must also keep her identity hidden, masquerading as Lexovia, so the beasts that hunt the sorceress, don't learn that she's left the realm unguarded.

But the beasts aren't the only problem. Lexovia is stuck in England and knows little of the human world. And the sorceress soon discovers that England may carry magical secrets of its own.

As both girls strive to find a way to trade back and restore balance to their worlds, Dezaray begins to wonder if that's what she truly wants. Will she have the strength to leave when the time comes? And will Lexovia find a way to return before it's too late?

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From Reader Review At Water's Edge for online ebook

Mel (Epic Reading) says

Stopped at page 91.

This is a bad combination of mooning, insta-love from Twilight, spells and school construct from Harry Potter, and classification by skills of Divergent.

Unfortunately the Twilight piece is there at all, ugh. The classification is told to use and not shown (literally a lecture from a minor character, yawn). And the spells and school construct might as well be stolen from Rowling.

What should make this book stand apart?

The alternate dimension that has a doppelgänger in it. This idea is what drew me to this book and the construct of the idea is solid. Even the main plot where the two gals get stuck in each other's dimension is great.

So why doesn't this book hold my attention? Because so far 90% of the book is about our lust obsessed 'Muggle' in Harry Potter land. She's so annoying. In the beginning she seems like a tough adult. Once she meets her Edward she becomes a 14 year old girl that won't shut up about all the sexy features of her crush. I'm not talking thoughts here and there. I'm talking paragraphs of description, long internal monologues that are stuck in the middle of an interesting spell dialogue. This mooning gets in the way of establishing the world, dialogue and engagement between character, and is just generally annoying beyond belief to me.

I think there is something here... maybe. But this book needs a serious, not afraid to hack and slash, editor. Someone that will focus on characterization and plot; and less about how pretty one man is.

Please note: I received an eARC of this book from the publisher via NetGalley. This is an honest and unbiased review. Don't believe me? Check out the other books I've had eARCs for that I gave great reviews to. I always give my opinion whether good or bad.

Jessica Hansen says

Rating: 2.5

I had a hard time getting into this book. It starts off a little bit too slow for me and most of the time there isn't anything happening.

I was intrigued by the concept of the story and I think the whole doppelgänger in a different dimension is amazing but the execution lacked in depth.

You clearly see that it is a debut novel when it comes to the storytelling and language used. The names reminded me too much of Harry Potter and I had a hard time remembering what has been what.

Another thing that was disturbing was the way Dezaray fell in love with vanilla-smelling Milo. It was over the top and way too much insta love and soulmate bleh.

I liked Lexovia the best but sadly her part was way smaller than her lovesick counterpart.

All in all this book has a fantastic concept and if we remember that it is a debut novel than I can look past the negative points and still give it 2.5 stars. The ending was nice and I hope the second book will be better.

Aanchal says

****4.5 stars****

I was surprised at how much I enjoyed this book! And was constantly asking myself why I didn't pick it up before.

I adored the world Ms. McPherson created. I loved how vast and different it was from our world. The people of *Coldivor* and the spells they used, the powers they had. It was all mesmerizing. This story also had a fantastic cast of characters which I will definitely look forward to reading more of.

The only thing that I found difficult was that it was a bit slow at *some* points and I kept waiting for some action. But it came.

Except that, I really loved this book and I still don't understand why more people have not read it yet.

Really, go read it!

Fay Tannerr says

4.5 Stars!

In *At Water's Edge* there is a parallel world called Coldivor. Coldivor is a world filled with magic and supernatural beings. The people of Coldivor are counterparts of the people to Earth.

Dezaray Strom is an ordinary 17-year-old girl living in England. Everything changes one night when she is accidentally taken across a portal into Coldivor and her counterpart; Lexovia is left behind on Earth.

Lexovia is the most powerful sorceress of Coldivor and if she were missing, it won't go unnoticed, so Dezaray assumes her identity and Lexovia assumes Dezaray's on Earth until they can cross the portal again in two weeks.

At the Waters Edge was a magical and captivating novel. It had an interesting plot and some great characters. It was filled with adventure, fun and action. I really enjoyed reading it and getting to know more about Dezaray, Lexovia, Milo and the world of Coldivor!

I would recommend this novel to fans of magic, fantasy and the Harry Potter series!

Cassiopeia's Moon says

I received this from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

After reading the title and synopsis I expected something with sirens or mermaids. A beautiful world where water played a major role and a romance beyond worlds.

Instead I found a bad case of insta love, tropes and a not so well written heroine. That together with a writing style that didn't explain enough dropped this book quite a few notches. It is put as YA, but it is written in a way that makes me think of younger teens. Here I want to put up **a warning: Domestic violence right in the first chapter.** So in other words, maybe not for younger teens.

I found the characters lacking, well, character and much of the information was given so hastily and the heroine accepted and learned everything a bit too fast. She had to learn a whole new terminology! Believe me, it is not that simple, I didn't learn it.

Lexovia, the supposedly most protected person in all of "portal-world" (~~I cannot remember the name, terminology... Coldivor? Or was that the normal world?~~) was surprisingly unprotected and un-looked after. And that just a month before the most important occasion in her and the "portal-world's" life! I mean, what?

The final battle, what happened with everyone? All main characters became pathetic. The battle didn't raise my pulse or make me afraid to lose anyone. Not the epicness you want in the battle to save a world.

In conclusion, I wasn't a fan of this. But it was okay, I think I might have liked it if I was 5-10 years younger (for reference, now I'm 22).

Dianne says

Do you believe there can be parallel worlds, similar to, yet different from Earth? Could another you be existing in another place? Is your true love waiting across a portal? Can one exist in another world with their "twin?" So many exciting questions, right? Discover another place, lost portals and an adventure filled with danger, misunderstandings and even young love. **At Water's Edge** by S. McPherson is a journey into another world, another reality touched with humor, power and new discoveries.

Desoray's life is worse than anything Cinderella knew. She has no fairy godmother to help her find the magic of a happy ever after. What she does have is a drunken brother who takes pleasure in brutalizing her, beating her and humiliating her at every turn. Then they came, from another world, through a mystical portal and Desoray is transported into another world, filled with magic, brighter stars and a boy named Milo. Her "twin" is left behind on Earth, and the portal will not open for fourteen days. Can Desoray fool those around her into believing she is a powerful magic user like her twin, Lexovia?

Meanwhile, Lexovia becomes the responsibility of Nathaniel, Desoray's own Knight in Shining armor on Earth. New to electricity, television and even clocks, she must learn to master a world that includes Desoray's brutal brother's wrath. Will he find he is no match for the sister he sees before him?

S. McPherson has put a new face on young adult fantasy with the brilliant strokes of her pen! Imagine two

worlds connected by a portal, a time limit to death and finally finding happiness in a world you don't belong in? Is there a way for Milo and Desoray to exist together with their love? Legends say yes, but are they stories for a child's bedtime or are they truth faded through time? Clever dialogue, highwire tension, an amazing world filled with magical creatures, let go of reality and embrace S. McPherson's. The hardest part will be leaving until she invites us back!

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Brianna Johnson says

Two worlds, two girls so similar yet so different, a portal that links these two different worlds together. Two people so completely in love yet can't be together, will they make it? Find out in this extraordinary book by S. McPherson what happens when two girls from two worlds accidentally switch places and must live the life of the other while trying to get back to their rightful world, with war looming in one world see these two girls make friends and try to pull off acting as each other in a world all too different from their own.

Dezaray is plagued with a horrible life of abuse and guilt for the death of her parents until Lexovia crosses worlds to save her and the two get stuck in each other's worlds. With Lexovia being the last of her kind and the only one who can truly save her people, being stuck in another world is the worst thing that can happen but for Dezaray she finds love and a world she has been hidden from all her life and the worst of her problems are a whole world away and everything seems great and it can't be that hard to pull off being Lexovia can it? Full of

Romance, action, adventure, and lovable characters this book is a great read and anyone who loves YA literature and fantasy will simply love this book I strongly recommend it and can't wait for the rest of the series.

Mads says

Written by Shalina McPherson, this fantasy/science fiction series mixes magic, parallel universes, human and magical counterparts (people similar but different to us), romance, adventure and tones of humour. Extremely entertaining, it's a great series for those who love fantasy books with a twist.

Dezaray Storm is a 17 year old girl who lives with her older brother Drake. After their parents death, Dezaray and Drake took over their parents business and live off of it. Drake, who is constantly drunk and blaming Dezaray for their parents death, violently beats her to the point of unconsciousness. After a night of drunken beating, Dezaray manages to knock out her brother and run away to the forest across her home. Hurt and in a daze, Dezaray stumbles across a magical portal to another world. Standing in front of that portal and waiting for her, were a group of teenagers from the Realm of Coldivor, Earth's parallel universe. In the mix of these teenagers was Dezaray's counterpart, Lexovia, a powerful sorceress and Coldivor's only hope of defeating the Vildacruz, magical creatures that seek to destroy the people of Coldivor. Dezaray, excited in learning that other worlds and magic exist, decides to show her new friends around. But all of them forgot that they can only stay on Earth for a short while before the portal closes. Rushing to get back to their own world in time, the teenagers confuse Dezaray with Lexovia leaving the latter on Earth while the first lands in Coldivor. Realizing that she can't go home immediately, Dezaray must now wait for two weeks before she can cross the portal again and go home. In the mean time, both girls have to blend in in a strange world they know nothing about and filled with dangers they don't know how to handle. But when both girls grow fond and accustomed to their new worlds, will they still want to go back to their own worlds? Will they choose between their hearts or their minds?

Funny, thrilling and romantic. "At Water's Edge" has a way of captivating the reader's imagination and curiosity. I found myself daydreaming about what it would be like to live in Coldivor or have Lexovia's powers, to fall in love like Dezaray or simply go to a magical school like she does. Because of the mix between sci-fi and fantasy used by the author, I can honestly say I have never read or heard of a similar concept. Personally, I believe the best part about it is the idea of counterparts. I enjoyed discovering the similarities and differences between Lexovia and Dezaray and wondered if the other characters counterparts would be the same. The character development Dezaray goes through was extremely interesting. Although she sometimes doesn't admit it to herself, Dezaray completely transforms from beginning to end. I also enjoyed, a lot, the romantic aspect of this book. The characters relationship (thought I was going to spoil that one did you?) doesn't start out as passionate but as the story progresses, the reader can feel their love growing to the point where you don't care about anyone else's fate or about the impending responsibilities, you just want them to stay together.

Overall, I was very pleased with this book. I thought it was very well written and I'm definitely interested enough to continue to read this series for as long as it exists.

Alyssa Kendrick says

I had such great expectations for this book and they completely met them. I can honestly say I haven't read anything like it. I can't wait until the next one comes out!!

Erik Nelson says

Whenever someone has a bad life, they always wish to have a different and easier life. But what if that wish did come true at a very unique price? Of course this type of plot has been used many times in literature and film. Probably the most famous of them all is "The Wizard Of Oz." But that's the problem with all of these stories that follows this formula. They all seem to copy off "Oz" and they bring no original material to their story other than new character names. Thankfully, author S. McPherson does bring her original story to this

infamous plot device. She includes romance, war and to a certain extent, a dark side of living in a magical land that seems innocent when we're introduced to it.

Dezaray Storm is a seventeen year old girl who suffers through life rather than living it thanks to her alcoholic brother, Drake. On rare occasions, her protector Nathaniel helps her out but still, Dezaray longs for a new life. That new life does occur thanks to a few bottles of beer and a portal and suddenly Dezaray assumes the identity of Lexovia of Coldivor. It then becomes a case of trading places where Lexovia becomes Dezaray. The real Dezaray however has it more rough as she has to convince the "people" of Coldivor that she is in fact the powerful sorceress that everyone knows. This is rough considering the fact that she literally has no magic. But she actually does seem to blend in. Most of that is due to the fact that a man named Milo who can teleport to different places falls in love with her and aides her. But once things seem to be finally going Dezaray's way, a war starts to breakout. The only hope for Coldivor is for the real Lexovia to use her powers to save the day. But the portal won't seem to open in time for the two women to make the switch.

Some of the other things I like about "At Water's Edge" are how detailed Dezaray's life is before she enters her new world. I really hate how in many romance stories, we hardly know the female's background and more of the man's background. Now that's not the case with every romance story but in my experience, I was always less interested in the woman because I always hardly knew her. With that being said, I know this book is being marketed as a romance book and even though there are a lot of romantic scenes, I really didn't get the sense that it was a romance. It was more like the movie "Titanic" where the romance was just a secondary genre and that the real genre was drama. In this case and least from my point-of-view, the real drama is suspense. I also like the different flow of narratives in the story telling. Not once did I become confused of who was telling their version of what was going on. I heard that this is book number one of a series so with that being said, be sure to be on the lookout for book number two because I will be too.

S. McPherson says

Hello there,

I wrote this book and will be releasing it on November 10th. In the meantime I will be putting up excerpts and would love to get your feedback.

Please click on the 'Read Book' tab and let me know your thoughts :)

Thanks in advance,
S.McPherson

Julayn Adams says

DNF:

I tried, but I just couldn't get into this book. Although I feel like the author is talented and imaginative, this story just felt way too forced. However, I wouldn't refuse to review future books from this author as I think she's got a book in there that I'd enjoy. This just wasn't the one.

C. McIntosh says

4 stars

I was given an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review, so here it is.

I enjoyed At Water's Edge. I found the story vibrant, action packed and intriguing. The plot itself was intriguing because it offered a world full of magic that often appeared superior to ours. I felt a little envious when I discovered the inhabitant's magical abilities!

The whole story was well thought and colourful. I particularly liked the phrases "'No,' I repeat in something quicker than a whisper." The tension oozes off that page. As well as, "We all groan in harmonious distaste." I can just imagine that complaint.

Although I enjoyed the story, there were a couple of parts that I found confusing. At the beginning it jumped from scene to scene quicker than I would have liked. It took a while for me to get what was going on. Also, there were patches where I would have liked more depth or the story to slow down so that I could feel the character's fear.

But, I enjoyed the plot and the idea of the two worlds. It was an imaginative and exciting story. I recommend this book, At Water's Edge. And I am glad I had the opportunity to read it. Thank you.

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<https://www.amazon.ca/review/RLXWA82N...>

And on the <https://www.amazon.co.uk/review/RFLN3...>

Diana says

The book presents us with two girls who are practically the same person, or two manifestations of the same person living in two different worlds. One lives in a world where her parents died and she thinks it's her fault and that it makes her deserve the beatings her drunkard brother inflicts on her, which being honest, raised a red flag for me on liking this character or this book. And the other lives in a weird world with weird friends. And one day both worlds collide and the two girls meet and exchange. And I just couldn't keep on reading much longer because then we got instalove on the mix and I just couldn't. I have to say that I liked the parts with the other world girl on our world better. At least she had a back bone and was an interesting character. The other one... let's just say not so much and wrap it up.

Carrie says

Every wonder if there was another "you" out there, another world? A world you can travel to by portals.

Dezaray and Lexovia look almost exactly a like, yet they are from two different dimensions. They are each others counterparts, one from the world as we know it. The other, Lex is from a magical world filled with dwarves, vampires and other magical creatures.

I find that this is the kind of book that you can't speak much about because by doing so it will spoil it for those wishing to read it. I can say however that if you are looking for an exciting magical and action filled book, with a love story to neatly tie it all together, the look no further then "At Water's Edge". But on top of the magic, portals, dimensions and the love story there is a darker side to the story, abuse. I'm only informing you all of this just incase it is something the reader avoids or uncomfortable reading, just want to prepare the reader. With that begin said I am thankful for the opportunity to review this book and I absolutely would recommend this book to fans of young adult fantasy literature.

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