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Knowing her new life puts everyone she loves in danger, Ashlyn must decide what's most important in her life between friends, family, love and ultimately, realms.

Bridger Details

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Alana ~ The Book Pimp says

Some background (very little to no spoilers):

Ashlyn is your average high school student living in Ohio. She has a crazy "bestie" friend and another great guy friend that loves her, although she does not reciprocate the feelings. Approaching Christmas, all was well, she was planning a trip to visit Ireland with her father...

And then the book starts with the death of her father. The callousness of the paramedics, and her grief cause her to do a seemingly impossible act - throwing the paramedic against the car like she was an action hero. This was just the tip of the iceberg for unusual things that seemed to begin happening... Her "Memaw", which had during her previous 16 years seemed to treat her with a cold distance, suddenly seems to be trying to reach out to her, to talk to her. Determined to make the most out of her trip to Ireland, she talks her mother into letting her go with her crazy "bestie" that Memaw does not seem to like at all...

Almost immediately upon arriving in Ireland, her "bestie" Jaime seems to have a polar shift in her attitude. Being surrounded by cousins and their friends, and meeting the handsome Liam starts to bring back some measure of warmth to her heart after losing her father. Just when she thought things were turning around, meeting a cute boy that she actually feels attracted to, and seems to like her back, she overhears a conversation that leads her to believe she is just an inconvenience that must be babysat. So she and Jaime head off for some tourist sightseeing in Cork. Little did she know that all the fairy stories her grandmother told her growing up, and even Liam told her about his "stolen" little brother were true.....

This was a really good, refreshing YA novel. The characters are well written, and youthful without the whiny overtones that can turn me away from many YA books. There were innocent youthful romantic feelings, without any worry of a book filled with sex-crazed teenagers. There is still teenage drama, surprising more action than I expected, and Ashlyn turns out to be a much stronger and unique character compared to when the story begins. These faerie, changelings, and other creatures are **not** the happy-go-lucky, wish-granting, winged creatures that you may be familiar with from other stories. They are dark, and ruthless, and "other". While there does seem to be a dividing line between the "good" fae and "bad" fae... that line proves to be many shades of grey- murky and ill-defined. Even the "good" guys are still not human, and don't think like human. Do not expect Tinkerbell when reading this.

I am really looking forward to the next book in the series. It really is a good story, although one of the few complaints I have is there were many "future" plot turns that you can see coming a mile away. It wasn't badly written, but there were fewer surprises than I was hoping for. For anyone that loves fae stories, and doesn't mind YA, I would highly recommend this book. I was pleased that I was given an opportunity to read it, and will most definitely read Traitor when it comes out...

Thamy says

The book is about Ashlyn Mcvean an ordinary girl who simply can't conquer the love of her grandmother, or so it would seem.

When Ashlyn's father dies in an unexpected accident Ashlyn is forced into a world that she never believed

existed.

Her grandmother had always told her stories about the Irish Folklore, but Ashlyn always dismissed her tales until when she travelled to Ireland, there she learnt the stories were actually true. Ashlyn is special, she is a rare breed of faery and human, she can cross and live in both Realms and that makes her the most desirable target that ever existed.

Her life and the lives of her loved ones are in danger, and no matter which path she chooses to take, people will get hurt and lives may be lost. She will have to put herself out there and face her enemies; she has to choose between her destiny as an Immortal or a life in the arms of her boyfriend Liam. It's a journey in which she may not return as a victor, but the only way to save and protect the ones she loves so dearly.

It's a story of Irish Folklore, Faeries, long battles and love. Most of all, it's a story about blood and revenge. A must read!

You can read the rest of my review on my blog: <http://fanaticreader.weebly.com/1/pos...>

Kat says

My rating is not quite 3 stars, but I've decided to round up. First let me say that this story is very compelling. It's hard to put down as you must know what happens next. That said, it has a few problems. The fae lore is confusing, though very interesting. For those who are fascinated with the fae, it's a different, intriguing take on them. But like I said, it's confusing. And the thing with the chairs was weird, throwing me out of the story a bit - they just didn't fit at all. The love story was well done, though their connection happened too quickly. Also, the grieving and avenging of Ashlyn's father should have been a major part of the story. But the thing that bothered me the most was that the (inevitable) break-up lasted three weeks. At most it should have been three days. His mother should have stepped up to the plate and explained everything immediately. It was just unrealistic. I had a few other, smaller issues as well. But, like I said, the story is compelling. The author writes well and knows how to hook her readers. With more time and editing this could have been an amazing book. One trick another author uses is to read her work out loud to herself. She catches a lot of problems that way. I know this author is in the process of writing the sequel, so I hope she takes what I say into consideration. My critique is well-meant. Her talent is obvious, it just needs to be further honed.

Hope Collier says

An amazing story with twists and turns I never saw coming. Unique and intriguing with the just right mixture of excitement, romance, and mystery, BRIDGER is sure to make a splash in the YA realm. Curd's characters, plot, and pacing are excellent. Her ability to draw the reader in and knock for world building are enviable. Eagerly awaiting the sequel!

Clare Marie says

Where to start? I loved it. That's pretty much the entire review. Everything was brilliant, and made sense. There was nothing that left me rolling my eyes and being able to connect the idea to six other different books. It felt completely original. Urban Fantasy isn't usually my thing, but this time around, I really think this has become a favourite book.

The plot moved quick enough to keep me interested, but not too fast that I felt rushed and like everything was happening at once. I think I -may- have sighed a few times at Liam, and I'm not sure if that's because he's exasperating, or because he's .. well, a guy. I felt pretty .. involved in the book as I was reading it, it kept me attached, and there were a few times that I probably would have thrown it if I was holding it in my hands - mainly out of frustration because of some certain character being an idiot - Liam >,>.

I liked that you're thrown straight in to the drama as soon as you open the book, and you don't have to wait for it to get interesting. The first few chapters alone bring up so many questions about Ashlyn, and even her Memaw, that you want to get through it quickly to find the answers, but you can't bring yourself to rush through it, in case you miss something important.

I don't think there's a way that I can say how much I love this, or how much I looked forward to reading it. Megan Curd is definitely going on my watch list, and I fully intend to buy her books.

Alexia Purdy says

I enjoyed reading this story; it had lots of action scenes, interesting characters and loads of mystery. Ashlyn McVean was a strong heroine and I enjoyed her prospective of all the changes she went through. I love any kind of fairy/faery tale and this was an interesting premise and the plot was great. The mythology and storytelling was very in depth. I did find it a bit jumpy and confusing at times when the background was being explained but it rolls through and regains its momentum easily.

Megan Curd's rich characters were fun, realistic and each was presented with exceptional detailing. I have to say I rooted for Reese to win Ashlyn's heart the whole time; he just seems more down to earth and loves Ashlyn in a more realistic manner than Liam. Liam is outrageously gorgeous and I would fall for him any day but I think his love is more obsessive than anything else. Emily McVean was the most awesome of the bunch, how she comes out to everyone about her true self is amazing. She's definitely a strong female fairy role model and I would love to hear more of her backstory. The irish folklore and myths weaved into this book were awesome.

Overall, a very engaging, original take on fairies. Anyone who loves dark fairy stories would enjoy this one. I can't wait to read the sequel.

Tanecia says

5/5 stars! Amazing!

This book was "FREAKING AMAZING!!!!"

Okay I've received this book as a "read-to-review" and yes the synopsis sounded good almost plain-like when you watch a movie trailer and it has no action but looks alright-and then you go see the actual movie and your blown away. So I gave this book a go and let me tell you this book took me far and beyond blown

away!

Megan,Megan,Megan

I am your biggest fan and a fan of this series!

My synopsis: Ashlyn McVean is not your typical girl she is the descendant of one of the most Bad-ass assassins of the faery realm "Naemar". And that bad-ass assassin happens to be Ashlyn's "Memaw" or should I say grandma who looks centuries old and walks with a Cain to support her self.

After Ashlyn's father's death Ashlyn discovers that she is in the middle of a war between changelings(the bad/ugly faeries) and the Glaistig(the good faeries) and also the grudge her grandmother started centuries before Ashlyn's birth with one of the meanest and hateful changeling of them all. Ashlyn Gets tied up in this century/other-worldy war and she is the key to stopping the changelings from building a bridge to *Naemar* and our world for good. Ashlyn must endure test's of friendship,betrayal, and a love triangle that is brewing between her,Liam and Reese. She must learn to trust people she barely knows and live up to the McVean name.

Pros*Bridger* is going to be a series to be reckoned with! It's fast paced,twist's and turns, and action that is non stop that keeps you reading late into the night. And don't let me forget the hilarious love triangle and the funny things Reese and Liam do to each other to win Ashlyn's heart. This book was beautiful written, it was easy to relate to all the characters who had depth and background. Morgan really made it easy for the reader to fall into Ashlyn's shoes so-to-speak to feel every emotion and place/world she stumbled into during the read. I loved this book and what a great way to start off a series! Very original plot and characters-I can say I have never read a book like this. And I soaked up every minute of this joy ride!

Cons I really cant say I found anything wrong with this book except that it should have been longer! :)

Recommend to: Vampire Academy,Hunger Games,Iron King lover's and to readers who love action packed reads will definitely enjoy!! This book was right up my alley and I cant wait to read "Traitor" the second book!!

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Tana says

Bridger by Megan Curd

Bridger is one of the better books I've read this year; Megan Curd did a terrific job in writing this story her

descriptions are great and the story bring us a different view on the fairy world. There is murder, mystery, romance and betrayal something every good book requires.

The story begins with the drowning of Ashlyn and Chris's father, they are distraught and trying to understand what has happened. Struggling through the shock Ashlyn displays a surge of power trying to get the paramedic to save her father. This is the first glimpse where we the readers know there is more to come.

Ash and her father were planning a trip to Ireland to visit their family and learn about her heritage, seeing the tickets is hard but she makes up her mind to continue on with the trip bringing her best friend along. Reluctantly her mother and grandmother agree that Ash may go, but her grandmother warns her to stay out of trouble and never go anywhere alone.

In Ireland Ash meets her extended family and some new friends, one in particular seems to have grabbed her attention. Liam who is tall handsome and seems very interested in her also. The romance is fresh and you can see why Ash is falling for Liam.

Then we are introduced to fairy realm and find out what some would say a dark side and good side. Finding out the Ash is a Bridger means she can travel between both realms. Something only one other person can do.

When Ashlyn finds out she was the one meant to die in the pond that this was not an accident that took her father's life but a plan of revenge. A different world opens up to Ashlyn and she finds out more than she ever expected about her family's heritage. To save her family and friends Ash needs to figure out her abilities and use them to fight for her life.

This book has a great list of characters, and you fall in love with all of them. I cannot wait to read the next book in this series.

Sheri says

Bridger is a story about Ashlyn, a 16-year-old girl who is just beginning to find out she is a little bit more than she ever thought.

The first few chapters of this book seemed to jump around a bit to me, and I was having trouble following. The book picked up after Ashlyn and her friend Jamie got to Ireland, and things started falling into place for Ashlyn. This is when the book really started getting interesting for me.

I liked the characters and thought they were written well. I would have loved to see a little bit more background on each of them to round them out a bit. It's the details like that that make a book, and I did not feel we got many of those details in Bridger.

There were a few things about the book that bothered me. First, while the first chapter was done well where it portrayed her father's death, everyone just sort of seemed to forget about him very quickly. There did not seem to be much grieving; again we could have used more detail here. Another thing was Jamie. No one really seemed to be too concerned that this 16-year-old girl just disappeared. The book mentioned that she was on her own a lot, but do you not think her parents would have been looking for her after a while? The last thing was Reese. While I really loved his character and his relationship with Ashlyn, (and no, I am not one of those people who compares every book they read to Twilight), he seemed a little too "Jacob" to me.

Many of his lines and actions were all too familiar.

Overall, I really liked this book, and it held my attention enough that I am looking forward to reading the next in the series.

Sarah {Literary Meanderings} says

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This book opens up to a sad & chilling (quite literally) scene. It's days before Christmas, and Ashlyn McVean's father has just been pulled out of a frozen lake. Unfortunately though, it wasn't soon enough to save his life. Ashlyn, her brother Chris, their mother, along with Memaw (aka Emily, the grandmother) now have to attempt to pick up the pieces and move on.

Pretty much immediately following the death of her father, Ashlyn begins to experience oddities that truly have no logical explanation. Ashlyn soon realizes she isn't quite 'normal'. Could the Irish fairy tales Memaw has been telling her since childhood have some *hint* of truth behind them?

Ashlyn decides that taking the trip her father had planned for her is the best thing to do. So, along with her best friend, she takes a trip to her grandmother's homeland of Ireland. She is there to meet extended family, learn more about her heritage, and of course just *try* to have a good time while attempting to deal with the sorrow of losing her father. While there, Ashlyn learns the real reasons behind the strange things happening to her - she's a rare being called a Bridger. Sort of faerie, sort of human, and something else completely.

A multitude of secrets pour out during her visit. Nothing in her life was or is how it's always seemed. Who and what is she supposed to trust?

Then there's Liam - the new boy in her life, who ends up being *directly* linked to her life. Will they both be able to survive the danger that's waiting in the wings?

I loved this book! I only have one complaint, and that is about the pace. It was just paced out kind of weird for me. Never dull, but maybe dragging here and there. Other than that, I loved everything about it!

I really enjoyed the characters. Ashlyn herself was a pleasure. I liked her a bunch. Liam was swoon-worthy, but a little on the dull side for my tastes. Emily and Reese were my favorites, by far. Reese was just too charming not to love. I have a habit of rooting for the underdog, so, I have to say I wish Ashlyn and Reese could get together. I have no disillusionments about it though, lol. Emily! She was so complex.. and just fantastic! I especially enjoyed her intense, protective nature. Not to mention the fact that she is bad-ass to the max.

The plot was *more* than interesting. I completely love the folklore and fae legends backing the storyline. I

have never read anything quite like it, and it comes complete with plot twists, surprises galore, and a cliffhanger ending (I love a good cliffhanger)!

I also have to applaud Megan for setting this story in multiple venues - and doing it *so* well. I think each one was described perfectly. I especially liked the way Adaire was built - it was so beautiful.

I would definitely recommend this book to YA lovers of all kinds. It was a refreshing, fun read. It has a little of everything: magic, drama, humor, *spectacular* imagery, interesting characters, a solid plot, a bit of teen angst, action, betrayal, love, it has it all! Definitely worth your time. I say get your tush on over to Amazon and give it a shot. :) I can't wait for book 2.

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Nicole says

From Goodreads

“Ashlyn McVean doesn't believe in fairy tales. That is, until Ashlyn is thrown into the crosshairs of grudges her grandmother created long ago. After finding out she is one of two people able to cross between faerie realms, Ashlyn is faced with trying to understand her abilities, along with navigating a new relationship with her boyfriend, Liam. As if being on a centuries old hit list and dealing with crazed pixies isn't enough, her new abilities mean trouble for Liam. Knowing her new life puts everyone she loves in danger, Ashlyn must decide what's most important in her life between friends, family, love, and ultimately, realms”

Unreal, I have found so many wonderful books on Read 2 review that I can't seem to stop requesting them! This one was no exception, Megan Curd is another Independent author with an Amazing talent and Bridger is a complete gem.

Ashlyn McVean is an amazing female heroine that we can safely let our sons and daughters admire. From the first chapter I was hooked, done for, and a fan. Immediately buy this one and get ready for an incredible journey with the fierce family of McVean's through Irish folklore and young love.

As always thank you to the brave author for offering her work up for review and to the Paranormal Romance & Urban Fantasy Fanatics! Group on goodreads!

Rating - 5 out 5 Stars

Recommended for – Everyone!

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Midu Hadi says

I got this book to read and review from the Paranormal Romance & Urban Fantasy Fanatics! I liked the book- it began well, the story was good but it did suffer from the main-character-is-too-stupid-to-see-what-was-right-in-front-of-her syndrome. For about a quarter of the book, Ash got on my nerves. For the rest of the story, I could put up with her enough to enjoy the story. The other problem I had was the Changelings bad and humans good concept. But I'm sure the author has plans to dispel that notion since Ash already starts to feel bad for the Changelings in the sneak peek given for the sequel. I loved the Irish cousins and would love to read more about them in the next book. Ash's mother and father are two other characters I'd have liked to know more about. Ankou was just the right amount of creepy, though I'm sure he'll up it a notch in the next book and Jamie had the exact bitch ingredients that I'd have liked in her. I'd also like to mention that I never even knew when the book reached its end, I was that absorbed into it. Can't wait for the sequel!

Brandi Kosiner (Brandi Breathes Books) says

Bridger creates a magical and intriguing world that held my attention and left me wanting so much more. The characters are great and beautifully written. Ash had me at hello with such an emotional connection right away. Ash has a strong voice and I love how there are funny moments thrown in at all the right times. I loved and hated the presence of MeMaw right away, she has such a strong personality, and I love where the character arc goes.

I also love the sarcasm and easy going nature between her and Jaime at the beginning, I'm such a sucker for sarcasm! The introduction of Reese kept me even more intrigued too. Their relationship is pretty undefined, but they have a different but still strong bond than with her and Jaime.

And if I thought I was attached to the story, I didn't know anything until Liam came on the scene. Swoon! This is action packed, and I never knew what to expect coming next, but Megan wove it all together and created one amazing story. She's a genius and I can't wait for more.

I def recommend that you read this one RIGHT NOW!

Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

I was fortunate enough to make the cut for reviewing this book for the Read 2 Review when the author offered up extra copies for all of those who whimpered about not being fast enough. Oh, and just for the record, this in no way it affects my review...

Let us chitchat for a brief minute shall we. Anyone who knows me will tell you that once upon time I never judged a book by its cover. Well just, like the season's things change and now more than ever I am such a total cover whore. Which lends one to beg why did I choose Megan Curds, Bridger as R2r book of the month?

I am sure it was not for the cover art. Not that it was internally bad, but considering the story beneath the pages, I would have expected an out of this world cover. Not the bland photo of a bridge in the woods that Curd chose although; I do get the philosophy behind her choice.

Enough with the cover art let us move on to the story that lies beneath the cover. Megan Curd did an excellent job with Bridger. She managed to create a unique magical and intriguing world that held my attention.

Along with Megan Curd's one of its kind imagination and with her unique and creative writing style it shines through out the story who her favorite Authors have been.

Though it is a quick read, it is not short on adventure. Curd did an excellent job and I wish she had spent more time developing the characters and growing the story. That would be the reason I was thrilled to learn that Bridger was a novella to wet our imagination taste buds and place us on the edge of sanity awaiting the release of her the next book in the series.

I for one look forward to Curd continuing the story and I also look to see what this hot new author has stored in the creative parts of her imagination.

If you have time to spare pick up a copy of Bridger, you will not be disappointed.

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

I received this book as a part of Read 2 Review program.

Overall, I really liked this book. The author has an amazing imagination which made for an enjoyable read. I haven't read a ton of fairy books, but this was certainly very different from anything I've read and that's a good thing.

I enjoyed the romance in this book and at first I thought it was going to happen to fast, but then it blossomed the way it should have. There were twists I didn't expect, but at the same time it added to the realism.

I just had a few questions that were left once I finished reading the book. (view spoiler)

In end, I overlooked all of my questions and enjoyed the book. I would give it 3.5 stars and look forward to reading the next book in the series.

I would recommend to all readers. I truly think they will enjoy this book.

