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Nissa is following her mother's path, and wants to be the best Fairy Godmother she can be. She's not thrilled when her new project turns out to be a teenaged girl. When she meets Vicky, and her brother Levi, Nissa has no idea what an impact they will have on her life. This is the project that will forever change or seal her fate...

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Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

First I want to say that I had the opportunity to read Nissa early on. It took me by surprise because I had just finished Bethany's Friends series and I was blown away with that series. So when I found out Nissa was about Fairies I said wow what a change from her usual writing but I will give it a go and I am so so glad I did. Bethany has this way of writing things that will cling to your heart and stay with you long after you have read it. She has these incredible messages hidden in every story that jumps out at you when you least expect it. With Nissa this is a story about finding ones self, bullying, and love. Bullying is such a controversial subject when someone writes about it but Bethany did a great job of giving a character that learns to stand up for herself in the end against these bullies.

Nissa for over 900 years has wanted to be a good Fairy Godmother. She will finally get her first assignment and when she does she is not sure she can do it because she will have to go live as a teenage human. HOLY COW who wants that right? Well if Nissa wants to be the best fairy she will have to help out Vicky who is being bullied and has been for a long time. As if things could not get any worse for Nissa while she is trying to help out Vicky she feels her soul mate is close and when she sees Levi she is struck because he is her soul mate with one problem. He is human.

As Nissa navigates through helping Vicky with bullying and teaching her to stand up for herself she is struggling with her love for Levi. Once a fairy finds their soul mate they are instantly attracted to one another and need to be near each other. But Nissa needs to concentrate on her assignment. Will she be able to help Vicky out? Will Vicky stand up to these bullies? What will Nissa and Levi do? Will Levi want to be with her once he finds out what she is? This is such a heart warming book and a must read for everyone! I loved the ending because it was very different from what I thought would happen in a very good way.

Carrie Ardoin says

Nissa is super excited to begin her first mission as a fairy godmother. She has little trouble befriending her charge, Vicky, a teenage girl in need of some extra self confidence. What Nissa didn't plan on was falling quickly in love with Vicky's older brother, Levi. Fae and human relationships are virtually doomed from the start, but that doesn't stop Nissa and Levi from becoming enamored with each other. Will he feel the same when he finds out what she really is?

I thought this was a pretty cute story, I read it quickly in a couple of hours. It did have a bit of predictability, but there were other things I enjoyed about the story that outweighed that fact.

Nissa is a bubbly, and fun fairy girl with an amazing attitude and a willingness to help everyone. I can't tell you how much I loved having a non-whiny female main character to read about. Levi was a very sweet guy, and while their relationship did have some of the tinges of the dreaded insta-love, for the most part I really loved them together and saw that they were meant to be.

I also liked the fact that even though Nissa fell in love with Vicky's brother, she didn't abandon Vicky. She really helped her with her problems, and turned out to be a good fairy godmother. I think the appearance of

Nissa in Vicky's life changed it forever.

There are some fantastical elements, and a bit of the romance as well you must suspend your disbelief. But this was subtitled as "A Modern Day Fairy Tale" so I was more than happy to do just that. I felt very satisfied with the ending, though it was bittersweet in a way. I finished the book knowing Nissa would do an amazing job at everything that lies ahead of her in life!

Adriane says

I am already a HUGE Bethany Lopez fan! So I was so excited to read Nissa. And let me tell you, Bethany, as always, didn't disappoint!

Nissa is a fairy, a cross between a Fairy Godmother and a woodland sprite, she chooses to follow and become a woodland sprite. She is excited to be on her own for her first assignment. Things seem to be going okay, and then she meets Levi, who all the signs point to being the one she is fated to be with.

Like all of Bethany's characters, I adored Nissa, she was sweet and kind hearted, a bit on the naive side true, but she truly wanted to help. I loved everything about the story. Sure, it was a bit quick and insta-love, but at the same time, it was fun and enjoyable.

This book was a quick and easy read and so good! Really, a great and fun read that I really enjoyed!

Raine Thomas says

Nissa is one of the most unique paranormal romances I've read in a long time. The story opens with us learning about the title character, Nissa, a centuries-old fairy godmother. We learn that she's about to undertake her first mission as a full-fledged godmother...and that she's far from thrilled that her first assignment is a teenage girl with self-esteem issues.

What I love about this plot point is that many of us understand how serious low self-esteem can be in teenage girls. We realize that Nissa's assignment is important and valuable, even if she (as a fairy) doesn't. Her "assignment," Vicky, has been bullied for years. Nissa has to help her combat the effects of the bullying, which is no easy task.

Along the way, we meet Vicky's brother, the swoon-worthy Levi. The relationship between Nissa and Levi begins right away with an unusual twist centering around fairy mating, and it felt real and compelling throughout the story. I was rooting for them!

Because Nissa is a novella, it evolves at a quick pace, which I quite enjoyed. It has the perfect blend of character development and romance. If you're looking for a quick, satisfying read, don't miss this story!

Chrissy (The Every Free Chance Reader) says

Did I enjoy this book: I did enjoy this book. It was a sweet read that left me smiling.

Nissa is indeed a contemporary fairy tale. It is sweet, romantic, and has the reader hoping for a happily ever after at the end.

Nissa was a nice girl for a 900 year old fairy. She wanted to be a fairy godmother to take after her mother. She trained hard and was looking forward to her first solo assignment. As with any newbie, Nissa wanted a challenging, difficult first assignment and found herself rather disappointed in *only* having to help a high school senior who was being picked on relentlessly. However, the Fates seem to know better as to why she received this particular assignment.

Along with Nissa, the rest of the characters were so likeable. Vicky was a great girl who just needed someone to give her that push to stand up for herself. She wasn't treated well at school but her strength to let it go and to eventually do something about it was admirable. Levi, Vicky's older brother, is a chivalrous young man who cares deeply about his little sister and the environment. I even liked Jackson, Vicky's old friend from grade school.

Would I recommend it: I would recommend this book to any YA, fairytale fan. This book would also be suitable for younger YA readers as well.

Will I read it again: I will not.

(I received a copy of this book for review purposes.)

<http://everyfreechance.com/2013/04/bl...>

Jennifer says

Cute little fairytale like read. Kind of like some of the cute Disney channel and ABC family movies I love to watch. A fairy godmother falling in love with the older brother of her mission. :-D

Tammy says

In a word: charming, romantic, full of fairy lore, with some gentle messages about human nature.

A few weeks ago I attended the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, and I just happened to run into Bethany Lopez. I introduced myself to her and told her I was going to be part of her blog tour, and purchased a copy of her book. She is such a nice person, and after speaking to her briefly and reading *Nissa*, I see some similarities between Bethany and her main character, Nissa the fairy. *Nissa* is a short but lovely tale about leaving home to do your duty, meeting the love of your life, helping those in need, coming home again, and having to make some tough choices about your future.

Nissa is a 900-year-old fairy, but in human years she's only eighteen. She has just been given her first assignment as a Fairy Godmother, helping a teen girl get back the self-esteem she seems to have lost. After leaving fairy headquarters and being changed into human form, she meets her human liaisons the Cartwrights, a couple that will help her adjust to human life and assist with her mission. She soon meets Vicky, the girl she has been sent to help, and observes her being bullied at school by boys and girls alike.

Vicky is miserable and doesn't trust Nissa at first, but little by little, the girls become friends. One day Nissa goes to Vicky's house and meets her brother Levi, and before you know it, Nissa is experiencing all the physical traits that fairies feel when they've met their soul mate: tingling in her right hand, a racing heartbeat, and eyes that briefly turn pink!

There's only one problem: Nissa is a fairy and Levi's human, and according to fairy law, the two can never be together. Nissa has her hands full in her human disguise and not only has to help Vicky, but figure out how to deal with her growing feelings for Levi.

I loved the author's vision of fairy life. I'm not sure how much of it is made up and how much is based on folklore, but in my opinion, the fairies in Nissa have it pretty good. They spend their (very long) lives romping through the forest, they have wings and can fly whenever they want to, and if need be, they can transform into humans in order to accomplish certain tasks. Lopez's fairies are kind, courteous and practical. They are also innocent and trusting, which could be seen as flaws in the human world. Nissa herself is all these things, but she has wisdom, probably because of her advanced age!

Nissa and Levi are a good romantic match. I enjoyed their budding relationship, and many of the moments they spent together were sweet and innocent. I also really liked Vicky's character. She begins as an oppressed and unhappy teenager, but gradually gains the self-esteem she sorely lacks in the beginning of the story. I loved her growth into a happier and more confident girl.

The author also mentions several Los Angeles landmarks, which I enjoyed since I've been to some of them myself. But the land where the fairies live is quite unique, and I loved the descriptions of the forest trees where they make their home, and the strong family bonds between fairy folk. I wanted to spend more time there, and for that reason I wish the book had been longer. Its brevity made for a quick read, but I did want more detail in certain spots. I also wanted a bit more tension during the story. Sometimes it felt as if Nissa reached her goals too easily, and I wanted her and the other characters to work harder.

But those are just small complaints. I enjoyed the clear and simple writing style, and I thought it had just the right touch for a fairy tale. A surprise revelation at the end about two of the characters made the story all the more charming.

A quick read, yes, but one full of delightful characters, some thoughtful morals, and just a touch of magic.

Many thanks to the author for supplying a review copy.

This review originally appeared on Books, Bones & Buffy.

Lisa (Bookworm Lisa) says

Nissa is given her first assignment as a fairy godmother. She has completed training and is excited to go and help humans. She has a loving and giving nature and is perfect for the job.

Her first assignment is a supposedly easy one. They like to easy the new godmothers in on the job. She is to help a high school senior with her self-esteem issues. Frankly, she isn't too excited, she wanted something a little more challenging.

There is more to her assignment than she counted on, Vicky has an older brother who Nissa is showing all the signs of him being her mate. Fairies have a unique way of finding their partner, they tingle and their eyes turn pink. The only problem is... he's a human. Why would the fates have a human as her perfect mate?

There are some humorous moments in this book that made me chuckle. Some bullies that I would have liked to tell off, some kissing, and a girl learning to like herself again.

This book is quick and cute.

Pam says

Nissa always knew she wanted to be a Fairy Godmother like her mother used to be. She goes through the training and is finally ready to be on her own. She is disappointing in her first assignment because she thinks it is too easy a task. She has to help Vicky a teenage girl with her self-esteem issues. Her task turns out to be harder than she thinks because she meets a human who she just knows is her mate. Humans and fairy really don't go together and it is up to the Fates to say what will happen to Nissa. She wants to complete her assignment and have the boy she loves. She also has to deal with showing her love the truth about who she is.

Nissa seems like she is the sweetest fairy ever. She cares about everyone and is truly an amazing person urhh fairy. You do get to see a different side of her when she faces down some bullies who go too far. You also get to see how loyal she is and how far she will go for her love. Vicky is the teenager who has been picked on for years. She tries to ignore the taunts but they still hurt her. You can tell she is a good person as she and Nissa become friends. She has a good sense of humor and is a wonderful artist. Levi is Vicky's brother and you can see how attracted to each other he and Nissa are even as they fight it just a little. He is smart, cares about the environment, hot and really enjoys his family and spending time with Nissa.

I read this book in one sitting. It is an excellent book that pulls you in with the goodness of it and is just such a sweet read. In times where YA sometimes crosses into Adult or New Adult genres this book does not. It is what it says it is. It is a clean great story that has a great plot. I love the thought of a fairy godmother helping a teen overcome her problems and the love story. You get to see a girl grow as a person even when she has been bullied. I really can not say enough good things about this book. It is wonderful and anyone who loves a fairy story or even a love story should read this.

The cover of this book catches your eye right away and is simply beautiful!

Amanda says

Nissa has always had a helpful, caring nature about her. So when it's time for someone in her family to follow in her mother's path and become a fairy godmother, she happily takes the job. Only to find out that her first assignment is that of a teenage girl with self-esteem issues who has been bullied since her freshman year. Not the most ideal first assignment, but Nissa is willing to take it on knowing that she has to start somewhere. What she didn't plan on was meeting her soulmate.

I really enjoyed this story as it definitely fit the bill of a modern fairy tale. Two girls who become friends

while one tries to help the other get past the horrible bullying of her high school peers and a touch of romance thrown in when the brother of the assignment appears.

Nissa is a sweet, likable character. Her caring, nurturing nature was seen from the very start. I had to laugh a few times at her reactions to certain events as it was obvious she wasn't as familiar with the human world so the added humor was a nice addition. Vicky was a troubled girl who blossomed towards the end of the book with the help of Nissa. Most of the time, I just wanted to hug her. Even though she tried to not act affected by the bullying, you could tell that it did hurt her. And Levi – he's the type of boy that your momma wants you to bring home. The only thing I didn't really like about Levi was how it was love at first sight for him and Nissa. I wish the interaction between them would have been stretched out a bit more.

All in all, this story was a lovely one. It was a quick, easy read that just sucked me in from the beginning. The characters are well-liked and can be easily related to with their flaws, the subject of bullying is touched on but not overly done and the cliffhanger towards the end as to whether or not Nissa and Levi would be allowed together was one that kept me on the edge of my seat.

And I have to add that the cover art of this book is simply gorgeous.

A definite must-read for those who love a little fairy tale every now and then. Check out the book tour stop at Once Upon a Book!

Dragana says

I don't know about you but when I watched cartoons I didn't yearn to be the princess - I wanted to be the fairy godmother. After all, she has a magical wand that can do anything even create clothes out of thin air, what more could a girl want, right? I was always sorry there were not more fairy tales that centered around fairies, and Bethany Lopez fulfilled my wish by writing Nissa.

Nissa is a 900-year-old fairy that just finished her course for fairy godmother and is on her first assignment in human contemporary world. Can I say that I was a little bit disappointed that there was no sparkly magic wand and no amazing outfits were created during this book? ;) Nissa did have cute wings, but they are visible only in her fairy form. Most of the book Nissa is masquerading as human while trying to help her charge to get more self-esteem and stand up for herself.

As usual, while on a mission, Nissa meets the cute guy who turns out to be The One. I would not say that it was insta-love but definitely insta-attraction, like in all fairy tales. This is one of those books that you can give to a teen girl to read with a clear conscience. No sexual content or steamy scenes - a true novel for young adults.

Sadly, Nissa came out a little bit too late, because I found that although I liked the idea, the style of narration similar to classic fairy tales was a little bit too simplistic for me. Things were just too... well fairy-tale-ish from basic plot elements to stupid little things like: why the hell does not anyone think that it is weird she is sleeping in a pile of branches and leaves instead of a tent on a camping trip?

If you like Jessica Day George's books or Beauty by Robin McKinley and don't mind switching the fairy tale setting to contemporary, then you are probably going to enjoy Nissa.

My rating: 2.5 stars

***Disclaimer:** I was given a free eBook as part of the blog tour in exchange for a honest review. This text is also posted on my blog *Bookworm Dreams* in a little bit more styled edition.*

Liliana says

Reviewed on Lili Lost in a Book

I really liked this book! I thought it was a very fun read!

I really liked story... A Fairy godmother falling in love with a human while on an assignment? Can you say forbidden love? I don't think I've read something like this before, so I thought it was interesting. However, the pace of the story was too fast for my liking and there was a lot of telling instead of showing, unfortunately.

Nissa was a very likable character, though! She was very sweet but a bit naive. This *was* her first assignment, though. Vicky...gosh, I just wanted to give her a big hug because of the way she was being treated. But Nissa really helped her and she went through some amazing changes. Levi was such a sweet guy...I seriously have a weakness for guys like this.

The romance was kept very PG, so even though the characters are on the older side of YA, I think this can be an appropriate MG read, as well.

I absolutely loved the ending! It wrapped things up nicely, and yet kept the reader wondering what will happen next. But then again, it would be a bad thing if a book *didn't* leave you thinking about it once you were finished with it ;)

And that cover? Absolutely gorgeous!

Final words: I feel like the story moved along a little too fast, but it was a very enjoyable read, nonetheless! If you like fairy-tale-type books, I think this should be on your TBR list!

Patrícia says

I don't even know where or how to start this review (take a deep breath!).

Nissa has everything, every single interesting element, to be a great book—but at the end of the day it just isn't. It lacks growth, inspiration, creativity and commitment. The idea itself is quite good—I haven't read many fairies or Godmothers stories so this could easily be a good read for me—, but somehow the author found a way to write a YA book without any kind of mature behaviour from her characters. These are simply not believable nor capable of connecting with the reader—although Nissa is kind of likeable—, and for the book to be good, the plot also needed unexpected twists and turns, and the writing style had to be different, had to be more personal, more intense, more show not tell.

This is really hard for me because I hate writing bad reviews. I honestly believe that every book has its

proper audience, but I couldn't get away of this awkward sensation of emptiness throughout the book. I felt nothing with this book, not a single thing, and whenever I get into a story, I want to be able to feel something.

Surprisingly enough, I read Nissa in an afternoon—still when I wasn't liking it, I was reading it fast, and I see that has a good thing 'cause at least there was something in it that kept me motivated. I think the biggest problem of this book is the writing—it's just not portraying adequate emotion and feelings. It's flat, way too simple, with not enough dialogue or action. A lot of things that are happening are described to the reader, and for a reader to truly connect with the protagonist's fears and wishes, he needs to see more of her not to hear, read about her. Plus, the whole love interest thing was way too monotonous and innocent for an eighteen and a twenty-one year old girl and boy. I was constantly waiting for the moment when everything would bloom and explode between the two of them, but that kept not happening.

Nissa is naïve. I know she's supposed to be a fairy in a human's world, but her sense of innocent is overwhelming in a bad way. She looks like a fourteen year-old girl who sees the goodness in everything and who will not practice any evil. And her mission was to protect Vicky not to forget about her around the middle of the book and fully commit herself to her love to Levi—which takes me to an even more disappointing character. C'mon, Levi is so not the kind of adult guy that we, YA crowd, are used to read about. For a man of his age, he can be more naïve than her—how is that even possible?! There were times when he was a bit sweet and kind but overall it wasn't enough.

If this book is targeted to the younger stage of the YA public, than I understand Lopez's creative choices for this story—ultimately, I think nowadays more and more young readers look for stories who not only are different and unique, but that also, somehow, show them things they don't know yet, they have not yet experienced, especially relationship wise. I did liked the fact that Nissa talked about bullying and insecurities, about friendships and first love, but I don't think those themes were developed in a way that these younger young-adult readers could relate too.

Personally, I expected more mainly when this book can easily be compared to so many others who are really, really good. But hey, this is me, this is what I think. Hopefully, there will be people who think differently.

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Bethany Lopez says

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Stephanie Ward says

3.5 Stars

Nissa is a fun and light-hearted young adult contemporary fantasy novel that centers on our main character -

a 900 year old fairy named Nissa. She has decided to follow in her mother's footsteps and becoming a Fairy Godparent. After years of schooling and training, Nissa is finally ready to complete her first assignment - a teenage girl named Vicky who has problems with bullies at school and self esteem issues. Nissa feels sure she can handle her first project until she meets Vicky's older brother, Levi. Immediately, Nissa feels a connection with Levi that's more than just a crush. She feels the tell-tale signs that a fairy experiences when they have met their eternal mate. But there's just one problem - Levi's a human, and no fairy has ever been Fated to be with a human before. Knowing in her heart the Levi is the one she's meant to be with, Nissa travels home to implore The Fates if they may be allowed to be together. Will The Fates condone their love? And if they do, will Levi even believe Nissa's true identity?

This book was a really light and easy read - I actually read it in a couple of hours. The writing was well done and the book flowed easily, so I had no problem falling right into the story alongside the characters. Nissa was a fun lead - she was a fairy, which is always awesome, but she was kind and sympathetic, with some definite quirks. Levi is the perfect guy, of course, and they experience the kind of instalove that some readers don't care for. I did find it a bit cheesy and hard to believe that they would fall so in love with each other after only a couple of weeks, but in the end, I'm a sucker for romance - so I ate it all up with a smile. It did feel like parts of the book went super fast and it could've been drawn out a bit more, but overall the pacing worked well throughout the story. I really liked reading about the fairies and their lives. I thought it made the story really unique and added a great depth to the plot that wouldn't have been there otherwise. Overall, this was a quick and fun book that fans of YA romance will absolutely devour.

Disclosure: I received a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.
