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Sixteen year old Lorelei has a special talent. She can steal your deepest, darkest secrets. However, using her power leaves her open to some very nasty creatures from the underworld.

But then a girl from her school disappears. Then another. And another. Lorelei might be able to discover who is abducting the girls from her town if she uses her gift . . .

Can Lorelei stop more girls from being taken? Or will using her gift attract the hell-things that are after her?

## **Spooked Details**

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## From Reader Review Spooked for online ebook

### Veronica Morfi says

Rating: 4.5/5

Spooked is the story of Lorelei, a girl with the unique power to steal people's secrets. When her powers manifested, Lorelei's parents dropped her over to her aunt, in order to protect her from the shadow spooks. After years of learning how to hide her gift and finally adapting in her everyday school life in her small town, something terrible happens. Girls from her school start disappearing and Lorelei is faced with a dilemma, use her powers and figure out who the abductor, putting herself in grave danger or trying to stay away and live with the burden that she didn't do anything to help those girls. When one of her friends becomes the latest missing girl in town, Lorelei can't take it any more and starts digging inside people's mind to find out their darkest secrets, soon after the spooks come after her. Now Lorelei has two different enemies and no way to stay safe from either.

This book was a welcome surprise. I went in knowing pretty much nothing about the author or the book itself. I really enjoyed every bit of it. It was creepy, sweet and sometimes harsh. I loved how there was no sugar coating any situation. The characters were very realistic, which made them adorable and cruel at the same time.

The story moved fast and it took an unexpected turn. I never expected things to turn out that way. I love when an author can still surprise me. I don't know if there is a sequel, but the storyline could move forward. I'd love to see more of the world Tracy Sharp created. And I am definitely going to check the rest of her books.

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### Steve says

Spooked, by Tracy Sharp, is a very captivating book that attracts young adult readers in such way that it makes them feel like they are a part of the story. I really enjoyed this book because the author so expertly blended supernatural with natural beings. It didn't seem out of place in a very non-fiction world. The author described the character so well, that she and her friends seem like everyday people you see at school or the mall.

The plot was unpredictable and full of suspense. This kept me as a reader, hooked. Also, there was so much detail that I could clearly visualize the characters and the settings. I felt like I had to pay attention to each and every word because I thought I would miss something important. This story was supposed to be a horror story but it was more of a mystery than horror. The plot took surprising turns that left the reader wondering what was going to happen next. I really like books that do that. All in all, I think this is great book and that young adults will enjoy reading this horror/mystery book, Spooked.

This report was written by one of the students at my school I thought would love to read it.

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## **Evgeny says**

Sixteen year old Lorelei has a unique supernatural talent. She can see very dark and deep secrets people try to hide and steal them - meaning if this secret gave a person a sense of guilt, she can make it go away.

Obviously there are a lot of people who would love to get their hands on Lorelei and her talent, so she has to live with her aunt in a small town to hide herself. She could not stand aside when a tragedy stroke her school - besides she and her friends became mixed up in the events even before they led to tragedy, and so she revealed herself to the forces on a hunt for the likes of her.

I bought this book by pure accident: it was my first acquaintance with Amazon 1-click buying system, so with my accidental click on Buy Now button I became a happy owner of the ebook. I decided to keep it because the blurb was interesting (by the way, it has more spoilers when I gave in the plot description above) and as a reminder to myself to be very careful with Amazon purchases.

Some time ago I wanted to take a break from epic fantasy reading and stumbled upon this book; it was short enough to suite my purposes. I cannot say I was blown away by it, but it was a very solid read anyway. The horror part was done very nicely with some genuine spooky moments. The romance while being present at no time became annoying or took up a major part of the plot. The length of the book was just perfect and I am actually impressed with the way all the plot-lines were wrapped up in the end: I was sure there would be a cliffhanger leading to a sequel, but this is a standalone (another big plus in my book).

I do have some minor problems. I really did not like some of the things at the end and there were some places in the last 20 pages or so where the logic went out of the window, but these are not enough to keep me from giving this book 4 solid stars.

This review is a copy/paste of my BookLikes one: <http://gene.booklikes.com/post/845179...>

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## **Yaz says**

\*Disclaimer: I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest and fair review via Lovers of Paranormal R2R.

The story is classified as horror, which I have to disagree with. I am a horror fan, so it really never quite scared me. Maybe a younger audience could find it scary but I didn't.

So I will be reviewing it as a mystery. The story is a little slow at first but it quickly picks up, by Chapter 3 I was intrigued. The story is well developed and the characters are likable. The Lorelei's superpower/curse is fascinating to me.

Imagine what it would be like to carry someone else's secrets, Lorelei literally takes people's secrets relieving their owners of the "weight" of carrying them. Unfortunately as helpful as it is for others, it puts her in the cross-hairs of some nasty things. When girls start going missing, she can't help herself and decides to look into the mystery... that is when everything starts changing for her.

I believed the story. Tracy Sharp made it credible and it wasn't easy to guess how it would end. You get hints here and there, but I was surprised by the end. I enjoyed the ride, it was a very well done mystery.

Note: The story has some aspects that could be seen as inappropriate for a young audience, but they are handled delicately without providing any graphic information.

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### **Anna salazar says**

Given to me for another r2r and needless to say I wasn't disappointed in reading it. This kind of books are my genre so I really enjoyed reading this.

The flow of it's story is never boring for me. A lot of things is happening, seems like in every chapter there's a mystery waiting to be unfold. But the plot is kind of light for me not intense but it was still good. It leaves me wanting for more.

The characters were great. I loved Lorelei, for being strong and brave, putting first the sake of others though she knows she's putting herself in danger. That was a courageous thing for her to do. And Mick for being a good friend supporting her through all the unexplainable events. Fiona for trading herself just for Lore's safety. And Stunner for being a knight and shinning armor kind of guy. He was willing to protect her. I can't decide who I want for Lore, Mick or Stunner?

I would love to read the continuation of this book. Seriously, you can never be wrong with this one.

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### **Christina M Condys says**

In this book we meet Lorelei who has an amazing ability. She discovers this ability by accident when she is just 4 years old. She can "steal secrets" from a person's mind. This is a very strange way to phrase mind reading, but it seems to fit as its a bit different than the standard mind reading. So at 4 years old she steals the memory of an old man who felt guilty for something in his youth, her father realizes what's happening and whiskers her away and takes her to her aunts house where she is raised from then on.

The book fast forwards to present day where she is a junior in high school. And basically all hell breaks lose in her small town. Girls are disappearing. And the mystery begins. I won't go into any details about the book because it is a good read and paranormal lovers will enjoy it since it is a quick read as well.

For character creation I believe the author did a good job. I could relate to Lorelei fairly well, and to the other young people she was involved with. I enjoyed that there wasn't this over the top romance aspect to the story yet it was just normal girl crushes on a guy kind of stuff. Nothing too serious or that oh my god I can't live without him type of love. Which I found refreshing.

The story itself has a good plot and moves along very well. The mystery of who is doing the taking of the girls is straight forward and it leaves you wondering until you go oh shoot I should have realized that already. And just when you think that is exactly the correct answer its poof gone and no way did you see it coming.

I can recommend this book as a good read for younger than 13 due to not having sex or cursing. The story itself leaves you gasping a few times but nothing over the top gory or scary. I think its a great read for teens.

Details/Disclaimer: Review copy was provided to me in exchange for a fair and honest review. The free book held no determination on my personal review.

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### **Stacy says**

I received this book free from the author in exchange for an unbiased review. All opinions and thoughts are mine, all mine.

Read. This. Book.

That being said, I will jump right into my review.

Lorelei has a gift - ok, maybe a curse - that enables her to 'steal' secrets from people. Kind of similar to mind reading, but once she steals the secret, she actually takes it into herself. If it has festered inside someone for many years, Lorelei 'tastes' it as oily and foul. Sounds weird, but stick with me.

Lorelei was instructed not to use her gift, for fear that Shadow Spooks (some seriously whacked out dark creatures) would be drawn to her and abduct/eliminate/possess her. She was sent to live with her eccentric aunt Delia, who gives Lorelei a happy home. Life goes on at a happy pace until several teenage girls disappear from Lorelei's high school. She knows she can find out who is taking the girls, if only she uses her secret talent....but then the Shadow Spooks descend on her sleepy town, and things are irrevocably changed for Lorelei.

Mick is the 'love interest', though it is very PG. Mick seems like a nice guy, but either he is the most sainted creature on earth or he just has a high tolerance for weird. He doesn't seem phased by the creepy things going on around him -- this is the only piece of the puzzle that didn't quite click for me.

The descriptions of the Shadow Spooks were truly CREEPY -- perfect Halloween-time reading! I am not exaggerating when I say that after reading sections in this book, I was jumping at noises outside. Serious creep factor, and it was delightfully spooky.

Thank you Tracy Sharp for the opportunity to read this book!

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### **Steven says**

My first caveat is that since I can't give 4.5 stars, I had to give 5. My second caveat is that the 4.5 stars is a personal gripe. :-)

This is not my normal type of book. However, it was highly recommended (and I received a raffle copy -- thanks, katy and Tracy!), so I gave it a read. I can normally tell when I really like a book because I often pause in the middle of chapters before remembering that I should be doing something else besides reading, then go back to reading. This was one of those books. The characters were extremely believable, the dialogue was natural, and the plot was well conceived. At no point did I find myself thinking "get real," and I was as surprised about most of the ending as the characters were.

I have only two complaints. First, and most important, is that I wanted more. I was really eager to find out what happened and to find out more about all the other characters introduced in the book. There is a whole world created by Ms. Sharp that just begs for further exposition! And the second comes from the first. The ending came on too fast for me. I, again, wanted more. I wanted more explanation from the "bad guys" (the "evil guys" have to wait for the second book) for their actions.

Again, this is a VERY good book. Ms. Sharp is an excellent writer, and I am looking forward to the sequel.

If you are looking for a gripping paranormal story that will keep you reading, pick up a copy of this.

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### **E. Bard says**

Spooked was a very interesting novel. Part mystery, part paranormal, part horror, it was original enough that I didn't feel like I was reading another clone of something with a popular YA theme. The writing style was a little atypical as well, and after the first few pages I was used to it. That style also helped set it apart. Over all, I would rate the novel between a three and a four. The characters were enjoyable and the story was good. Ultimately, I settled on rounding up and giving it a four because I really did want to finish the story and find out what happened to the characters.

The story synopsis is fairly accurate so I don't feel a recap is necessary. However, I do think some things about the book need to be mentioned. The first half of the novel really had me hooked. The characters and their relationships were being developed and the mystery of the missing girls was progressing nicely. However, about halfway through, the story changed significantly. It became darker and much of the plot and character relationships were just kind of dropped. Newer (and I think not as well done) relationships and plot line picked up, and there was more of a focus on some of the hidden 'secrets' the main character is removing from people. The secrets were, as expected, disturbing. And because of the content of some of those secrets, I think the recommended age for readers should probably be older YA (the over fourteens - a change from the first half of the novel). Although the secrets were an important part of the story, I think they were a bit more of a distraction and either needed to fit into the story more or have less focus entirely. (The novel is on the short and fairly fast paced side, so I really felt it was a distraction).

There were a couple of other things as well - at times Lorelei seemed a little out of character with her reactions to things and the newer characters needed more detail and attention. The relationships that just kind of popped up seemed unlikely and just needed ... more.

In spite of the issues I had with the second half of the novel, I did enjoy the story and am glad I had the opportunity to review it. And though I did receive a copy in exchange for an honest review, if I had paid the cover price, I would not have been upset about it. It was a good read.

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### **Cheryl Landmark says**

Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars

This book would have earned 4 stars from me if not for the second half. The premise was excellent and so was the beginning where we learned about Lorelei's gift of reading other people's secrets and the danger of using that gift. When the girls started disappearing and Lorelei struggled with her desire to help find them and the dire consequences of doing so, the story really picked up and snagged my interest because, like her, I was anxious to discover who the kidnapper was.

Then, suddenly, the focus shifted from the mysterious disappearances to Lorelei's less-than cordial introduction to the cold-blooded Lucian and a whole new set of characters that kind of just popped up out of the blue. It almost seemed like the author started writing a different story right in the middle of the first one. True, the plot did eventually skip back to the original one, but, somehow, the thread connecting the two parts

failed to make it a cohesive whole. And, it struck me as a little unbelievable when (view spoiler)

I really liked Mick and thought he was a well-fleshed out character, although he did seem to accept all the strange goings-on with a somewhat implausible ease. Aunt Delia was another favourite, who was very protective and loving where Lorelei was concerned. (view spoiler) Fiona was one of the new characters that seemed a little more developed than some of the others, and I liked her, too.

It sounds like this might be the beginning of a series. If there is indeed another book in the future, I would be more than willing to read it.

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### **Michelle Elizabeth says**

[I was rooting for Lore and Mick, not Lore and Strummer. But it does seem more like a relationship of convenience on Lore's part, so maybe it will work out in the end (hide spoiler)]

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### **Chani says**

\*\*This review can also be found at <http://www.readinginthewindowseat.blogspot.com/2011/07/review-spooked.html>\*\*

I received this book from the author in return for an honest review. Let me just start by saying that I would actually rate the first and second half of this book differently. For the first half, I would give it four, but for the second half...more like a 2.5. I'm going to go with a 3.5 total. Spooked started out really good. I was interested in finding out more about Lore's abilities, as well as her new friends, Kerry and Mick. All three of them seemed to have really distinct personalities, which is in my mind really important. The scene with "Irene" was funny and a little spooky, in the sense that I kept wondering if the cops were going to show as well. I liked the way that they all interacted with one another during that time. But then things started to go downhill. For one, Lore likes to make a lot of assumptions that she then convinces herself are cold hard facts. She thinks maybe by putting up Irene she's started something bad, and then the second she finds out a girl has gone missing she's like, "Yup, I shouldn't have tried to pull that prank. That's what did it," when in all actual reality, no it's not. This happens again later when she's joined the search party. What starts out as a thought that maybe the kidnapper is actually walking among them pretending to search suddenly turns into something she "knows" to be true without any evidence to back it up. Is it a good theory? Yes, of course it is. But so is the theory that because it's been raining the past hour nonstop it'll still be doing so in another hour. Doesn't mean it's going to be true. There's know way of her knowing things for sure, but she likes to just jump to those conclusions and stick with them. This basically means she never really has to figure anything out because she just goes off of her assumptions, with the reader trailing along asking how the heck she's so sure of something? It's kind of like the writer just fed Lore the info. Not very exciting. Another thing, the idea that she can steal secrets from people is awesome. It's clever and different and I loved it. I still love the ability and what she can do with it (because of that I definitely want to know what happens next) however I'm also really disappointed in how useless it was in the story. Lore uses it and puts herself and her aunt at risk, but she never actually gets anything out of it. Heck, her "cousin" gets more info just by standing in front of photos of the missing. Every time she used her ability, she gets worthless stuff in return. In the end I don't really think getting her aunt killed (because let's face it, inadvertently that was her fault) was worth it. Everything she found out she could have done so without using her gift. And I was confused about that process. At first I thought that when she stole secrets she took all of a person's secrets, because that's what

was implied. But then she doesn't end up taking the secret of the cabin from Mr. Turner. Huh? And those scenes where she jumps into people's heads and we see the secrets playing out were too much. Most of the time they weren't needed, and they just jarred me from the story. I wanted to focus on what was happening in her town, not on some random guy she was forced to read from. That part of the book, where all of a sudden the story does a complete 180 and she's been kidnapped by Lucian and is now in a house of special people was kind of just thrown in there. It didn't feel as bad as it probably was meant, it really wasn't hard at all for her to escape, and altogether I felt it was slightly pointless for me to be there watching it. That would have made a great second book, but as for being a part of the first... it felt like we were already dealing with one crisis, trying to figure out what was going on with the girls, then here's another we have to wrap our heads around. And if that's all that happens, you get kidnapped and sent to a home where escape is totally possible, then that's really not such a big thing. Bad things happened because of people there, sure, but she basically just forgives them anyway. Would I read the next one, if there is a next one? Sure. Why? Because I still do really like the idea behind it, but I probably won't be delving right in like I attempted with this one. The ending just wasn't great in my personal opinion, and Lore's personality kept flip-flopping. Why leave Mick? And why be so ok doing it? I do love Mick's character, though. I think Sharp did a great job with developing him, and even Kerry. That's why the first half was so good; I could really see these people in my mind. Then the second half a new person is being thrown my way every two seconds and I just couldn't get good enough images to hold on to who they were. I do recommend giving this book a try, if solely for the fact the first half of the book is really good. There's this one scene with her aunt in it that totally creeped me out. Very well written. I guess I just would have liked more of that, and less of the mysterious magic eight ball that somehow was her mind.

Side note: is it just me or does the girl on this cover look kind of like Rachel Berry from Glee? :)

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### **Marisa says**

I received a free copy of this book in return for an honest review.

For the most part, I loved the book. I've been in the mood for something dark and a bit on the mystery side, so this was the perfect choice to read. I can't say it ever truly spooked me at any point though, because I've read and watched scarier things, but it does a fairly good job at being creepy.

I feel the main problem of this book was that it was too short. Not only because I wanted to read more, but because I felt like there was too much content and not enough pages to really flesh it all out. Due to this, there were some parts that came off rushed and/or shallow, especially towards the end. *Spooked* also came to feel like two different novellas when Lorelei was taken. At that point we sort of have two main "conflicts" and I never felt like they cohesively fit together. Again, I think this is more of a length issue, for if Lorelei had actually spent more time in captivity, it probably would have felt more like a part of the story than just a random detour to me. Overall, a short length is fine, however, with the amount of things happening in this book, some more detail would have been much appreciated.

As for the characters, I liked Lorelei and semi-connected with her. I cared about her well being and felt her sorrow over Delia's fate. I couldn't understand the decision she made at the end though, for it felt a bit random to me, but in general I thought she was a good protagonist. The other characters were okay, though came off a bit one-dimensional. I hate to be repetitive, but this is due to the length of the novella. There were so many plot-related things happening in so short of time, that I felt character development got sacrificed. At the end of the book, the only one who I had a firm sense of was Lorelei, which unfortunately made it hard for

me to care about the “supporting” cast or even her “love interest,” Mick.

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## Katy says

**Book Info:** Genre: Dark Fantasy/Dark Urban Fantasy

Reading Level: Young Adult

Recommended for: Young adults on up who like a scary story

**My Thoughts:** I read this author’s Leah Ryan series, as well as her novella *Camilla*, last year and just loved her writing style, so when she offered her new YA novella for review, I jumped all over that. (As a note, links to all those reviews can be found in the giveaway I held for this book in October 2012 – link here where links are enabled – as a handy way to check out the other reviews.)

Like *Camilla*, this is a perfect story for the Halloween season – it is creepy, spooky, scary and just... wow. It totally kept me reading until I was done. The pacing is super fast, which is necessary for a novella-length story. The only problem I have with this book is, like *Camilla*, that **it is too short and I want more!** This book is seriously left open for a sequel or two, so I am very much hoping to see one, or more, because this is one seriously interesting world that Sharp has created.

While I wouldn’t recommend it for more sensitive readers, as it really is quite a scary and creepy story that is almost what I would consider horror (but not quite), I would definitely recommend it to anyone that enjoys a good, scary dark fantasy, especially of the “urban” type, with overtones of the supernatural. High recommendation from this reader!

**Disclosure:** I received a free ebook copy of this novel from the author in exchange for an honest review.

**Synopsis:** Sixteen-year-old Lorelei has a special talent. She can steal the deepest, darkest secrets from anyone she meets.

Unfortunately, using her unique power opens a window within her that leaves her vulnerable to the Shadow Spooks, some very nasty creatures from the dark side. So Lorelei has learned to block out the secrets of others, because if the Spooks discover where she is, they will snatch her away and make her wish she were dead.

But then a girl from her high school disappears. Then another. And another. Lorelei might be able to discover who is abducting the girls of Saints Hallow High, maybe even save them, if she uses her unique gift. . .

Can Lorelei stop more girls from being stolen before being taken by the Shadow Spooks? Or will she become one of the missing?

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## Sarah says

Full review posted here on TotalTeenFiction.

I've had a bit of a backlog recently so this is a book I've been meaning to read for a while, since the author very kindly sent me a copy to review. Spooked tells the story of Lorelei, who since a young age has had an ability to steal people's secrets. It's a power that terrified her parents, so much that they sent her to live with her Aunt Delia for her own protection. When girls start disappearing from her local town, Lorelei wonders if she can use her powers to get to the bottom of things.

Within a few pages of this book I was absolutely hooked! I loved Lorelei's ability and the concept of the story. I instantly felt for her and her situation as she's abandoned by her parents, so she made a fantastic main character. I liked the relationship with her aunt who she has grown up with. She's had to keep her powers a secret so she's become quite isolated. It was interesting seeing her reactions with other characters in the story and overall I just really liked her.

What really won me over though was the mood of the story. This book definitely had the creepy factor! Not only is some spooky stuff going down with people disappearing, but the tension is ramped up with great cliffhangers at the end of each chapter that had me constantly turning the pages. It's quite a short book but the pace kept up and I devoured it pretty quickly.

The first half of this book focuses on Lorelei and two new acquaintances, Kerry and Mick. I thought their friendship developed a little quickly, but otherwise they made a great group of characters. The action takes place around the school and the town where girls are disappearing. There was a great network of characters who obviously have a lot to hide which made for some great mystery. The second half of the book sees a change in pace, as Lorelei comes face to face with people who know the potential of her powers. I won't go into it too much for fear of spoiling, but I really enjoyed the exploration of the world in the second half of the book. The two halves did feel a little disjointed but I enjoyed both parts equally.

I feel like I should point out that the book deals with some pretty adult themes, including mentions of rape and abuse. It gave the book a very gritty edge which added to that overall feeling of creepiness and suspense, but I like to point these things out in advance in case they prove to be triggers for some people. I also wouldn't suggest this was a book for slightly younger readers.

Overall this book really impressed me. I loved the spooky, creepy, scary tone of the book and it had a great mix of characters. I'd definitely recommend it!

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