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Fallen Billow should be in college like most of her friends, but instead she's raising her brother and working as a housekeeper at a vintage local hotel. It's back-breaking work, but not nearly as challenging as fending off unwanted advances from the hotel's owner.

Thomas McHugh is fighting for our country, across the globe and decades before Fallen Billow was even born. So there's no way they're soul mates. There's no way he can be desperate to see her, hold her, kiss her. Except there is.

Is it a dream when he inks his name on her skin? Is it a delusion when she puts her hands on his face and says she loves him? Nothing has ever felt more real.

Fate has etched paths for Thomas and Fallen that even time cannot touch. A Purple Heart proclaims Thomas' valor and bravery. And his death. But Fallen dares to dream of the impossible. She wants Thomas to stay. Just stay.

A tribute to all who have served our country, this novel honors the impossible beauty of love and the endless power of hope. Come open your heart and celebrate the many facets of bravery with Fallen and Thomas.

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****Spoiler-Free Review****

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This is a very difficult book to review in too many words as it's so easy to ruin it with spoilers, which we have always vowed never to do, as we ourselves hate knowing anything that will impact our enjoyment of a story. So as per usual, we won't. Debra Anastasia has written something incredibly special in For All The Evers. It was superb and mesmerising.

“Yours is a face worth fighting for. Don’t worry. I’ll make your future safe.”

A story dedicated to her Uncle Thomas whom she's never met, and who fought and died in war. We know he would've been incredibly proud of her for writing this epic romance in his name and honour. If that wasn't enough to make our hearts beat that little bit faster, this story took our hearts and pushed them so much further. Truly. Madly. Deeply.

“If true love hurts more than this does, I don’t want any part of it.”

A story with an otherworldly feel written in the most enthralling, beautiful and captivating way. Debra Anastasia reminded us of why we fell in love with her writing years ago. This felt utterly real, honest and bursting with hope and love. We were overwhelmed by how intensely we felt this Authors heart beating in every page turned. Her love for her characters so powerful, we were fully involved as we felt the pain, the love, the loss, the desperation and the hope. We felt the fight. We felt the importance of this story and the passion for it. We felt every single word.

“Dream girl. I love you enough to die for you.”

Written from the heart, this is a journey where past meets present, depicting bravery, addiction, sacrifice, determination, perseverance and redemption. Ultimately it captured the very essence of love and what we'd do in the name of love. We cried tears of joy and devastation. Debra Anastasia wrote a wonderfully unique story that felt so different and new. We willed it to be, with fear in our hearts. Wanting and needing this love to survive, be real and conquer what is unfathomable. Thomas and Fallen's love story stole our very souls, Debra Anastasia handed our hearts to them through her words and we gave them gladly.

“I’ll love you for all the evers I get.”

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☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

22-year old Fallen has recently given up college to come back home and work full-time at a local hotel. Her mom basically left her and her little brother Fenn alone once her alcohol addiction became too much. And now she's pretty much completely gone from their life. Fallen has to work really hard to keep her 16-year old brother fed and clothed and on his way to college - she can't even think about who's going to pay for that!

Her new job at that vintage hotel in White Plains, NY, is keeping her mega busy. She's responsible for cleaning the fifth floor.

Especially room 514 - the room no one ever stays in. She has to clean it every day!

And on one of those days she suddenly falls asleep on the bed and wakes up somewhere else. And there she meets the most amazing and beautiful man she's ever seen... Thomas. He also fell asleep somewhere and woke up to find this beautiful girl of his dreams in those woods...

Fallen has no idea what's happening, but every time she falls asleep on the job, in that room, she wakes up to find Thomas already waiting for her. But why? How? Is it all a dream? It feels so real! She wants it to be real. Thomas makes her feel safe for the first time in her life. Safe. Protected. Loved. But how can you be in love with a man that doesn't exist... or does he?

And what about her creepy boss? What does he know about the room and her dreams??

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO FALLEN & THOMAS?

WILL THERE BE A CHANCE FOR A HEA???

READ THE BOOK TO FIND OUT ?

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I wasn't so sure about the book before I started reading. The whole 'ghost' thing was scaring me off a bit. How can there be a HEA when one of them has been dead for 70 years?

But then I started reading and I already started crying before the book even started - when Debra tells us a tiny little bit about her grandpa's brother Uncle Tommy - who inspired her to write this book. Ugh. And then the crying got worse in the prologue! Jeez. I was a mess before the book even started! ?

I just loved the story!

I couldn't stop reading. You just HAVE to keep on reading to find out if there is even the littlest of chances for our two darlings. It all seems so horribly impossible, but still we want them to get their Happily Ever After!

Once I put the book away that night to make dinner and watch some tv, I still kept thinking about how they could get their Happy End!!! ?

This was an amazingly beautiful and very exciting, even suspensy romance!

There are so many sad and moving moments, but also so many beautifully romantic and sexy and adorable moments! I just loved it, even though it wasn't really my genre! Hm, I think this genre doesn't really exist. It wasn't some kind of spooky ghost / haunted old hotel story. It was something completely different and very entertaining in so many ways.

Another thing that I really loved about the book. The cover! The couple is really cute ;) and the letter in the background - those are the original words of Debra's Uncle Tommy! ♥ There's more of that in the real paperback edition - my blogger edition didn't have all that!

What I didn't think about while reading was the impossibility of the whole situation. Ghosts and magic mirrors and time-travel don't exist - but I didn't care! I just wanted them to end up happily ever after! ? BUY THE BOOK TO FIND OUT IF THEY DO!!!!!!

FOR ALL THE EVERs was such an amazingly beautiful & adorable & moving & exciting & different love story!! Run to your nearest amazon asap, and don't forget to buy a few boxes of tissues while you're at it!!!!

☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆Janeane ☆ says

ARC received for an honest review.

I have loved all the Debra Anastasia books I have read previously, but For All The Evers is something completely different to what we have had recently.

The premise of the story is a love story, but the execution is something quite unique. It is hard to describe the book without giving too much away, but let's just say there may be something a little supernatural about Fallen and Thomas' story.

The story is a little bit like the first line of Bohemian Rhapsody... is this real life, or is this just fantasy? Now, I am not a big SPN/Paranormal reader, but this didn't even come to mind when I was reading. All I wanted was for Fallen and Thomas to get their HEA after all the obstacles that were in their way.

I adore the cover of this book, and as you read the Author's notes about this book, the cover became all the more special.

This is a different, adorable, sweet romance, a love story across the times. Thank you Ms Anastasia for sharing your Uncle Thomas with us.

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

Sorry guys but this is going to have to be a no frills review with no spoilers..

FOR ALL THE EVERs: Reading the '**Prologue**' it feels like it's setting us up for a fall as we're left spiralling into an emotional abyss that you can just feel is going to come at us full throttle. An unconventional romance.

"I'll love you for all the evers I get, Don't close your eyes. Please stay..Just stay..I'm begging you.. And I've never begged anyone for anything, ever..Love me enough to stay.."

I pretty much went into this blind, I didn't read the synopsis or even glance at any reviews because one glance at the author and I had to sign my ass up for this, to best enjoy this book you need to go in blind, don't be sneaky and take peaks at reviews, because you need to experience for yourself the pull on all your strings as you read about these two star crossed lovers and believe me you will feel that pull.

The plot of the story had me flabbergasted because I truly did not expect this unique tale that this author weaved. Expect the unexpected. This is more than just your typical love story, boy meets girl, and they live happily ever after, this story is something the author holds close to her heart, so breathtakingly beautifully written.

Fallen Billow has had to leave the life as she knew it to step up and become a surrogate mother to her younger brother because of their own mothers addiction to the bottle and the neglect that comes along with an alcoholic. Her lifelong dream was to become a teacher but that had to go on hold so that her brother could finish high school or even to college.

Life isn't easy by any means, struggling to put food on the table, pay the bills with a mother that takes from them every chance she can get to get her next alcoholic fix. A job as a cleaner is the only way she's able to keep their heads above water. Things in this hotel especially room 514 are not as they seem. The room no one uses but is to be cleaned every day without fail. This was her favourite room to clean out of her allocated lot since no one stayed in there it was just a quick once over.

Meeting the man of her dreams, her soul mate is the only highlight she has each Thursday when she gets to spend time with him even though it's a brief moment in time.

Jennifer Kyle says

5 'I want you to be real' STARS

This story is dedicated to the author's uncle who died with honor serving our country during World War II. Thomas F. McHugh may not have had a wife, or children, or any descendants other than his siblings, but through his niece's imagination she has gifted him a romance that is beautiful and timeless.

The author's love and want to gift something to her uncle whom she had never met is a thing of beauty. Her imagination gifted a story so interesting and exciting it was hard to put it down for even a moment. The story is told in Fallen Billow's point of view. Fallen is struggling to take care of her high school aged brother while her alcoholic mother comes in and out of their lives. The calendar year is 2016 and Fallen is twenty-one years old. She has just landed a job at the Hotel Revel in White Plains. She is in charge of cleaning several rooms on the fifth floor during her shifts one of those rooms is never occupied yet must be tended to...room #514.

Fallen is warned never to fall asleep in room 514 so when it does happen by accident the story and magical aspect transports her to a dream like reality. In this dream like place she meets an aggressive man name Lad who appears to know her as well as a gorgeous solider named Thomas. Thomas is just as confused by the situation as she is. Slowly Fallen and Thomas attract and connect to one another.

"I'm scared because I don't remember how I got here, and all of those people seem to know me," she told him. "Do you know me," she told him. "Do you know me?" "No sweetheart. And I don't know how I got here either."

Does it really matter to a reader the ways in which it is possibly for Fallen to fall asleep in this room and magically be able to spend time in this dream like place? The room is explained as having magically powers which align soulmates. All is perfect as Fallen sleeps on Thursdays and meets Thomas week after week. I was so eager to return just to see Thomas the soldier again and again. Though the two can't truly say factual information to one another they do over time become lovers. As they both try to find one another in the outside world.

"Give me kisses that will make me forget to wake up."

Lad the odd man from her dreams turns out to be owner of the hotel who is totally obsessed with Fallen. His relentless pursuit of Fallen is creepy added to the fact newspaper clippings claim that Thomas died in May of

1945. All leaves a reader in a state of panic reading on hoping against hope that Thomas and Fallen's love isn't doomed.

"I'll love you for all the evers I get." She blew a kiss, and the wisp of him washed away with the sentiment."

The story is impossible to put down, magical and romantic. Through the author's writing she gifted her uncle an epic love story that transcends time.

"Words can connect us where time fails to offer the opportunity."

ARC provided in exchange for an honest review*

◆*Arianna◆* says

4.5 Stars!!

Having never read a Debra Anastasia book before, I wasn't sure what to expect when I started this. All I knew is after reading the blurb, I couldn't not read it. First and foremost, I have to say that '***For All the Evers***' was one of the most romantic, epic tale I've read in a long time. This story is about finding your true love, your soulmate and finding your happily ever after, but it's also a story that honors war veterans as well. I loved how the author did that in such a heartwarming, respectful way. It was an equally heartbreak and heartwarming story that really touched my heart, made me think and made me feel.

"Remember this. Remember us...know that I love you more than time."

Fallen's life is not easy at the moment. She's a 21 years old young woman who's struggling to take care of his young brother. Since their mother is an alcoholic who stopped being a mother a long time ago, Fallen to provide for her and her brother, was forced to drop out of college. She got a new job, at the Hotel Revel, cleaning all the rooms on the fifth floor. When she finds out that one of the rooms, room 514, is never occupied, Fallen doesn't question it too much. However, she's intrigued when she's warned never to fall asleep there. But Fallen falls asleep in room 514 and she's transported in a strange world, a world where everything seems so real, too real no to wonder if it's the real world. There she meets Lad, a weird, creepy man who doesn't seem trustworthy at all and Thomas, a handsome soldier who unfortunately for her seems to be as confused as she is.

Thomas doesn't know anything about his new "reality" or why he's there, but he knows he feels a strong connection with Fallen, being very attracted with her.

"When you looked at me? I felt like I'd been waiting to see you my whole life, that my soul was off center until you put your arms around me. I felt safe, and until then I hadn't even been sure what safe was."

Fallen continues to fall asleep in room 514 every Thursday, meeting with her soldier, sharing everything that is to share with each other. Both of them try to make their dream a reality, both of them trying in their worlds to find the other. As time passes, they have many obstacles to overcome, for both of them the most important thing being the need to give the other all the evers.

"I'll love you for all the evers I get." She blew a kiss, and the wisp of him washed away with the sentiment."

'For All the Evers' was unique, refreshing, deeply touching, beautifully written story. It gave me all the feels and I honestly enjoyed every minute of it. I loved the premise, mainly because I've never read a story like this and I enjoyed how the plot unfolded as the story progressed. Fallen and Thomas's story was as I mentioned above romantic before anything else. Debra Anastasia did a wonderful job with the romantic aspect here, blending the passion, the magic, drama and angst in a very enthralling way. Some events will keep you at the edge of your seat, but some events will make you smile and swoon like never before, because these two characters' love story was one of a kind.

"With you, it's like my heart's opening up, and I'm terrified to feel, after all this time. Yet I don't have a choice. No matter where I am, I draw your face whenever I get a scrap of paper."

I loved Fallen and Thomas's portrayals. They were well developed, endearing characters I loved reading about. I liked how determined Fallen was to do anything in her power her dream to become reality, how much she fought for what she loved, but also her loyalty towards her brother, her strength and her selflessness. Thomas was that kind of hero you wish to read about in every single romance novel. Like Fallen, I fell deeply for him. His sweet words, his personality and the way he cared and loved Fallen as the story unfolded warmed my heart. His passion and devotion meant everything to me as much as it meant to Fallen.

The story is written entirely from Fallen's point-of-view. I liked being in her head and feel everything she experienced as the story progressed, but I would have liked at least some parts to be In Thomas's point-of-view.

What didn't work for me was how abrupt the ending was. Everything concluded too fast for my liking, so I truly think an epilogue would have helped.

All in all, **'For All the Evers'** was a beautiful, compelling, though-provoking read that I highly recommend if you are looking for an epic love story or for something unique.

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Betul says

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"Don't cry, my pretty Fallen. This. What we just did here? It will be the light in my darkest goddamn hour. Memories of time with you are my sanity."

First of all, I read this book in one sitting (I finished it around 4:30AM) and used a lot of tissues because I was crying my eyes out. Debra did an amazing job and this book is one of the most beautiful ways to honor her uncle Tommy. *For All the Evers* was such a magical, beautiful and heartbreakingly book. Impossible things happened in this book, and I love how Debra came up with this amazing story. If you are looking for a one-of-a-kind love story, read this book because you've never read any book like this one. I was sucked into this book and couldn't put it down, I just had to find out what would happen to Fallen and Thomas.

I don't want to give too much away because you should just go in blind and experience this book. Make sure you have some tissues handy because I did some ugly-crying (trust me I did not look good at all). There was so much more going on in this book, the author had created such a phenomenal and intriguing story. It was a page turner from the start. Fallen was a very strong, hard-working, and selfless person. She gave up a lot to give her younger brother a better life. I felt every emotion she was feeling in this book, and that is in my opinion very important when I am reading a book. I need to become one with the characters and live what they are living. And I was able to do that perfectly with this book.

This book is about soul mates and about love that is impossible. *For All the Evers* is one of my favorite books of 2016. I hope that everyone finds love like Fallen and Thomas', I hope one day I do!

Paige says

4.5 "Beyond Time" Stars

I have a major case of The Feels. This unique story had me questioning everything and hoping for all the things even when I was a ball of anxiety. Debra Anastasia wrote an amazing story that had me completely comfortable with suspending disbelief and making me a believer of true love ever after.

Fallen and Thomas don't live the same life. They don't even live at the same time. But one dream connects these two and from the moment they meet, they are forever changed. But the problem is that time is still a factor and so are the very real lives that they separately live.

Fallen is mother, sister and caretaker for her high school aged brother. Thomas is fighting a war for his country. Yet in their dreams they can bridge the gap. But reality says that Thomas has a purple heart for his bravery and his death and Fallen is trying to survive her life without becoming completely destitute. As they start to navigate this new reality together, they can only hope *For All the Evers*.

One of my most favorite books of all time *Poughkeepsie* by Ms. Anastasia and *For All the Evers* gave me those same kind of soul churning, heart pounding emotions. Fallen and Thomas' story is seemingly impossible but Debra made it so real. Their passion and desire and absolute love and devotion was the stuff of legends. It was just so powerful. I could feel it in my bones. There were times when some of the secondary plot points made me wish for more Fallen and Thomas, the story weaved it's way right to my heart and I only just wish it didn't have to end.

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Jo - *-*•.★Reading Is My Bliss★.•*-* says

4.5 stars

I am a big fan of Debra Anastasia's work and this book was completely different to anything else she has written before. It had such a unique plot line and is a story about fighting for your happy ever after.

Fallen is struggling to cope with raising her teenage brother on her own. Their alcoholic mother has once again left them to deal with the financial mess she has made. Fallen works hard to put food on the table and make sure her brother is taken care of, despite having to give up her own education dreams to do so.

Fallen works at a local hotel as a cleaner. Pretty repetitive and mundane work but it pays the bills. There is one room in the hotel that is never occupied but it is still required to be cleaned daily. One afternoon after Fallen has finished cleaning room 514 she has an overwhelming urge to take a nap, so she does. She has the most amazing dream, so incredible it felt real to her. She meets the most handsome man she has ever met and feels a deep connection to him. All too soon the dream is over and she awakens.

His name is Thomas and Fallen is desperate to meet him again and find him in real life. He just has to be real. Fallen figures out that the only way to dream of him is on a Thursday and pretty soon her week revolves around that day and seeing Thomas again.

There is a lot of history associated with that room, she is not the only person to have been affected by the power of room 514. In fact, the owner of the hotel pretty much blames everything bad thing that has happened in his life on that hotel room. He is also showing a lot of unwanted interest and attention towards Fallen and it is making her feel very uncomfortable.

When her boss begins to show up in her weekly dreams with Thomas she feels like she is in some weird alternate universe. It becomes more obvious that Thomas is from another century and that there is no way they will ever meet in real life. However, there are several other people who give her reason to believe that maybe she can find him and bring him into her world. Time is running out though and if Fallen wants to find her happy ever after with Thomas she will need to take drastic action. She needs to believe in the power of love.

This was a fascinating story with many different characters. This was like nothing I have ever read before and I loved that it completely pulled me in, my mind was working in overdrive trying to figure out what was going to happen next. Brilliance from Debra!

Dilek VT says

This is a book the main purpose of which is to honor the war veterans, especially the writer's great uncle Thomas McHugh.

With all my respect to him and all the other war veterans all over the world, I really expected a tear jerker

book but instead, what I found was a fairy tale for small children under the disguise of a paranormal romance.

OK, I can also dream of something crazy – something that can happen only in dreams and base my novel on that plot and keep my explanations as to how it happens to myself only and not share it with the readers - but then, who would believe it? I think only children whose mothers read bedtime stories to.

FOR ALL THE EVERs has a concept, or a plot that is a very extraordinary and imaginary - one you can only dream of. You can - maybe, just maybe - pull it through even with a very unbelievable and irrational concept like that if you give some sensible explanations, but showing miracles with no explanations is not good enough. How do you expect me to believe in all that if you give no explanations, let alone a sensible one?

The heroine says something like, "Oh I just did that, yayyyy!" and hours after I finished reading it, I still keep asking myself how she did that because I am not a 4 year-old child listening to a fairy tale and I cannot wrap my mind around it without any explanations.

As this book contains "adult scenes" that children shouldn't read at all, it sure isn't a fairy tale suitable for children. Ergo, I have no idea for whom this book is for.

The idea of writing a book about soldiers fighting for their country is respectable and I really appreciate the effort but I kept questioning the paranormal aspect of the book rather than feeling sorry for the soldiers losing their lives because the book is not focused on soldiers and their deeds at all.

A book about war veterans should have made me ugly cry, or at least should have made me feel sympathy towards the characters, but partly because of the writing in the third person and partly because of the absurdity of the situation, I felt detached from all the characters. A book like this should be written from dual-point of view. The way it is written is awfully distracting, even without the frequent editing mistakes.

Also, there seemed to be so much going on, from the heroine's alcoholic mother to her brother trying to complete his education. All these details about her family situation were really boring. I wanted to skip them but I didn't do it for fear of losing a hint or a clue but my efforts were in vain, obviously.

While this book wasn't for me at all, I feel like giving it 3 points out of 2,5 for the effort and the honorable dedication of it. Otherwise, it could easily have been a 2-star book for me.

However, while this book couldn't satisfy me at all, it sure can appeal to many people who are willing to accept hot fairy tale stories with paranormal happenings in it even if there is no explanation to any of them.

If you wonder what it is all about, you can unhide the spoiler.
(view spoiler)

And in the end, I have like 9 or 10 questions unanswered!

Let me make it clear once again that me, not enjoying this book enough is about the paranormal aspect of it.
With all my respect to war veterans throughout the world, I would have preferred "a realistic love story of a soldier" instead of this.

2OCC Reviews says

From the start we know that this is a story that the author holds very dear to her heart. I will admit that right at the start, this story was so unique and I loved seeing and feeling a more personal connecten like I did with tommy.

I won't go into too much detail but I really enjoyed Fallen character. She had this huge weight on her shoulders and the time she spent with Thomas really seemed to help her relax.

Thomas was so perfect. He was an alpha male trying to survive and fell in love with Fallen. I loved how hard he worked to be there with her and still took his duty seriously.

The plot was so different that I wasn't able to wonder what was going to happen. The flow was amazing and we become so invested in these characters that we can't put the story down, even the not so nice characters.

This story is more then just a love story. This is a story about a man that fought to make sure that we lived, fought for what he believed in, and fell before he got to live his life to an old age. This story will stay in my heart and will be reread often. So thank you Thomas F Mchugh for your life and sacrifice. You will live on in my mind and heart. (And a huge thank you to the author for sharing something so personal with us readers)

Overall this is one of my top books of 2016. My heart is full of all the feels because the author pulled no stops. This is one of those story's that will stay with you for years to come. Make you think of all the fallen soldiers and just make your heart full knowing that they sacrificed. This is a unique love story but deep down it is so much more then that. 5 Stars (because I can't give it 1million!) #2OCCJD

KAS says

3.5 Stars

No question, this is a beautifully written romance, however it is a paranormal/time travel read, and not my usual genre of choice. I really wanted to love it since it involves a military hero, but I just found it difficult to connect to the storyline, although it did keep me guessing as to the conclusion. I really think this is a case of "it's just me" and not the book.

This is a love story where the present collides with the past, and the H and h are trying desperately to combine the two. This is the story of Fallen and Thomas. She, a beautiful young woman who is caring for her younger brother through difficult financial times, and he, a soldier fighting for his country during World War II. They meet only in Fallen's dreams.

Fallen's life is not going as planned. At twenty-one years of age, she must quit college to come back home and look after her teenage brother, Fenn. Their mother is a 24/7 alcoholic who deserted Fenn and moved in with her boyfriend. The mortgage and utility bills are all in arrears and the cupboards are bare, so Fallen

finds work as a housekeeper with the local hotel. The owner is a disgusting pig of a man who finds Fallen extremely attractive and sexually harasses her knowing she cannot afford to lose her job.

Fallen's responsibility is to clean the rooms on the fifth floor, and even though no one ever stays there, Room 514 must be cleaned everyday, no questions asked. One afternoon while cleaning this particular room, she lays down on the bed to rest, and for reasons unbeknownst to Fallen, she ends up in a forest and in the company of the most handsome man she has ever met. His name is Thomas, and he has no idea why he is in the forest either. All they do know is they want to keep meeting each other. Fallen discovers if she goes to Room 514 on Thursday's and falls asleep, she will find Thomas in her dreams. They yearn to be together forever.

The author dedicated this book to honor her Great Uncle Thomas McHugh who fought in World War II and gave his life for our country. He died without a wife or children. It is a beautiful tribute!

Riz says

3.75 Stars

Natalie The Biblioholic says

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POV: Heroine - 3rd person

Steam: 2

Series or Standalone: Standalone

Publisher: Self-published

The start to this beautiful love story was a letter the author wrote for her uncle Tommy, who was the inspiration behind this book. Although he died in WWII, his spirit lived on with his family.

"After people read this, you will be known. You will be remembered. And you will be loved."

Debra Anastasia was not wrong. This story was heartbreakingly bittersweet. I hurt even when I was smiling. It took me nearly no time at all to start cheering the couple on for their HEA and I loved how the author suspended reality in order to achieve it.

Fallen was a 21 year old who had dropped out of college in order to take care of her younger brother. Their mother was an alcoholic and had long since given up her motherly duties and responsibilities. Fallen got a job at a historic hotel to make ends meet. While going over her duties, she learns that she must clean room 514, even though no one ever stays in it. She's also warned to NEVER fall asleep in that room. However, fall asleep she does! While sleeping, she enters a dream-like reality and is confused on how she arrived there. She meets a man named Lad who seems to know who she is but she immediately feels that he is not one to trust. She then meets a gorgeous man named Thomas, who seems just as confused by the circumstances of the dream as she is. They immediately embrace their shared connections, as if their souls recognized each other. Over time and through many sleeps in room 514, Fallen becomes determined to make her dreams a

reality. She wants a future with the man she loves, Thomas, and he with her. Unfortunately, the year is 2016 and the man she loves is a soldier in WWII.

Between a manipulative mother, an overly aggressive and possessive Lad, and a drive to provide the best life and future to her brother, Fallen never gives up hope that one day she and Thomas will be united in the flesh. With the help of some much-needed allies, Fallen is able to maneuver herself around Lad's strange obsession in order to make time for Thomas. And Thomas tries everything in his power to survive until he can see her again.

This book was truly romantic. It had a Nicholas Sparks feel to it. Not many people can write angst and drama and love and make it so swoon-y. This story had an ethereal quality to it and I'm not quite sure if it's just the author's writing or because of the subject matter. I do know that I paid rapt attention to the way everything unfolded from the first page, not willing to miss one detail. The only disappointment I had was with the ending. It's pretty abrupt considering the buildup that was created throughout the story. I didn't feel like I got real closure and would have appreciated more, if not an epilogue. Overall, this book was entertaining and enjoyable.
