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A southern family saga emerges as Nettie begins a quest to discover who she is. Twenty-one years old and Annette Roberta Randall is searching, looking for herself. The perception and sensitivity she relied on to bolster her through an isolated childhood have disappeared and with them her sense of self. Nettie also seeks the truth, information about her dysfunctional family and the mysteries that whisper to her in their eccentric family home. She receives glimpses in the alcohol induced monologues of her mother, Delores Cecelia, "DeCe". However, DeCe lost herself long before Nettie was born, and she buried her secrets so deep, even the spirits haunting her cannot unlock her soul. Pup, Nettie's peculiar uncle, may have witnessed the most recent chaos, but he cannot communicate what he knows for sure. Nettie's struggles are apparent to her extended family and neighbors, but only she can resolve to overcome the pull of the notorious Kirkland family and Berclaire mansion. The secrets fester and DeCe clings to them like the neglected ivy tendrils on the shadowed side of the mansion. Slowly, the truth will unfold, but will it be enough to free Nettie, or the undoing of her mother, DeCe?

Nettie believed it was possible her grandfather, Old Nate, was responsible for the hauntings at the Berclaire mansion, but the more she learns of her great grandmother, Roberta, she decides he might have been a victim, also. DeCe had been taking pills and drinking alcohol from before the time she was a teenager, attempting to numb herself to her dysfunctional family. Nettie could only guess at a history during her drunken orations about DeCe's childhood. Nettie knows she is the seventh child born to DeCe, the others gone before Nettie was born. Some would filter back into her life, but would they help her learn more about her identity, or bring more pain?

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## **From Reader Review Tangled: A Southern Gothic Yarn for online ebook**

### **L. says**

Not the greatest writing, but an intriguing story! Love Southern Gothic....!!!!

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### **Irene Marie Dawson says**

#### **Inner demons**

Life for Nettie and her outlook on life is distorted by the haunting realities that lie in the past. Unable to surmount the unknown turmoil the past seems to provide, her struggle for clarity and ability to seek her goals is fought with the grim determination that has allowed her to carry on for so many of her young years. As she begins to learn her past, will she find the strength to commit to a future? PS. This book has several editing errors. portions of text are repeated. Please have the fortitude to push past the errors, as the meat of the story is sound, and the book a good read.

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### **Margaret Krueger says**

#### **Suspenseful**

It's 3:30 am. That should tell you that I had to get to the end and find out about CeCe's secrets....and if Nettie would survive. I can nap tomorrow! I loved the introduction of Tess...who helped Nettie and encouraged her to use her "gifts". I for one like the spirits....evil and good!

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### **Yvonna says**

#### **Tangled yarn is correct**

I wanted to like this book and the characters, but I found both to be rather dreary and somewhat pointless. While Nettie appears to have risen above her upbringing and circumstances, which is admirable, everyday of her life seems to be consumed with her family's past to the point she doesn't really live her life.

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### **Kristine says**

TANGLED. DeCe's secrets are unimaginable! Unthinkable! She has debilitating depression and haunting dreams. No motivation and is withdrawing from everything. Her childhood was dysfunctional, and now her life is erratic. The only way of survival is to put mechanisms in place deflecting all her hurt and pain. What goes around eventually comes back around and the generations of this family have continuously repeated bad

habits. DeCe's daughter Nettie, feels an obligation to care for her mother and family. Yet, all she really wants is find answers to DeCe's horrible past. Nettie is not prepared for all the hurt and pain her mother is carrying. She is trying desperately to develop a connection with her mother before her unstable acts became destructive. Nettie refuses to fall into the dysfunctional patterns of her of her families past. She becomes hopeful about college and moving out of the house, but the hidden secrets her mother holds keeps is holding her back. We find Nettie in a circumstance many young people encounter when caring for a family member or choosing a future. TANGLED includes several different topics of society and personal choices. The characters each have a deep connection and purpose in DeCe's life. The end is not the really the end! These are the only truths spoken! DeCe is left considering rehabilitation for the first time. Nettie is withholds critical information about her family and it's past. Should she squeal, and upset the town? Who knows! The plot continues throughout the storyline to add shocking events. Things you would never imagine. Then it spins again. We are left feeling compassion for DeCe, and her decisions. I joyfully accepted this book in exchange for an honest review. Rating it 4 out of 5 stars. It would be interesting to have a possible sequel, unveiling the hidden secrets. Kris

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### **Melanie Palmer-Friedman says**

This book was ok. Very long in some parts - the beginning was tough to get through - once I got half way done, it was more captivating.

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### **Donna Engler says**

#### **This was not an easy book to read**

This book is about a horribly dysfunctional family--probably the worst I've ever read about. It's good that the author claims it is total fiction. It is well written, but needs a lot of editing. There are several sets of duplicate pages that repeat themselves. In some cases it seems to be close to whole chapters or at least whole sections of chapters. There is also a lot of R-rated language. I can't in all honesty recommend this as a fascinating read.

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### **Mary says**

Well this book had a lot of promise. And old mansion, filled with family secrets and haunted by ghosts. The writing wasn't bad, it just wasn't great. Very very chatty. What could have been a short conversation turned into page after page. So much explaining. It made my head hurt. There were a lot of characters to try and keep straight too. While I appreciate the author's attempt to give Tess personality, her way of speaking got on my nerves, fo sho. I'm not kidding. The ending was what I'd expected. My favorite part of the book was little Gilly, the dog who could communicate with the humans. Not a bad read, but I don't think I'll look for anything else by Ms. Moore.

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### **Linda says**

I give up. Per my kindle I am 30% done with this book and nothing has happened yet. The entire book has thus far been describing the past of each of the characters, none of which have been interesting. It is very rare for me not to finish a book, but I am deleting this tonight. So glad I got it for free.

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### **RJ says**

I finished this book because I can't just stop reading a book.  
It was written as a YA book but rewritten to be an adult book. I don't think it made the cross very well.  
It's confusing and full of so many characters. Plus ghosts.

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### **Kathy Averbeck says**

A strange book about a very disturbing family. I was confused sometimes about references to people--I couldn't remember who that person was. It eventually came together.

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### **PortCityDeDe says**

#### **Amazing**

This is one of the best written books I have read in a long time. Well written, engaging, enthralling, and more. The characters are well fleshed out and the storyline is presented in a way that keeps you tuning the page. I will gladly re-read this book as it has become one of my "favorite classics". Well done!

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### **Johnnye Dehart says**

#### **ToobTangled**

Star 2. Difficult to read because of publishing errors--material repeated many times. The story line was drawn out and then finished quickly. It could have been a good book. Rating 2

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### **Pam Whitman says**

I almost gave up on this book several times due to the poor grammar, confusing text, and frequent duplication of text. That being said, I'm glad I didn't because it was a very entertaining read. Although it was on the dark side with death everywhere, depression, and negativity, it was not very graphic, and there was a positive side to it. In fact, the main character was a beacon of positive energy amidst all of the darkness.

The characters were well-developed, except for the believability of one that I will not name because it would be a spoiler alert. There are many twists and turns that kept my interest.

As for the poor editing, I reached out to the author because, reading that she had an experienced copy editor, it appeared she may have published the unedited version of her book, and I hoped she would be able to publish a revised edition for her sake and that of the future readers. She claimed all responsibility for that as she is in the process of learning the self-publishing process. That being said, I look forward to reading more of Ms. Moore's books.

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### **Chelsea Crockett says**

very good book!! I was so confused at first if I really liked it even thought about not finishing and moving on to another one a couple of times but something about Nettie's story pulled me in and I had to find out what happened to everyone in her family that made them so fcked up (that's honestly the only word i can use to describe it). the editing or the way it was downloaded was a little annoying but well worth finding my spot again and continuing on. because I couldn't put it down 4 stars !!

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