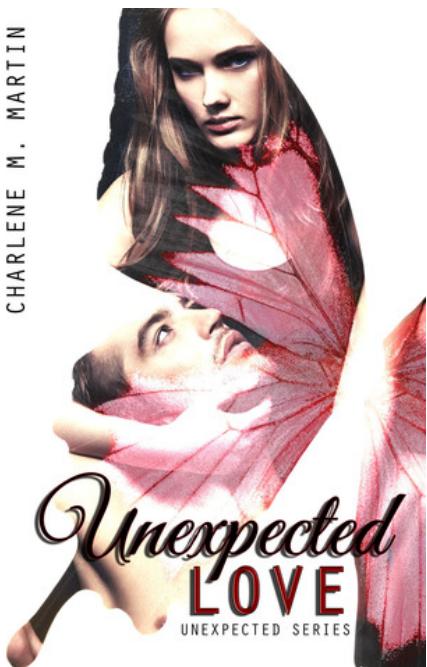


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It is a new adult book, second and third book are paranormal/Erotica. (I ended up turning it into a series)

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Book Worms Received this book as an ARC for an honest review.

We gave this book 5 stars.

This review was left by Lindsay a Book Worms reviewer.

Thank you Lindsay.

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pinK says

This book is really hard to explain, but it was extremely interesting. I really liked the idea that she could feel someone watching her from even a young age. I found the prologue adorable. I loved the imagery with Arissa and the butterflies.

This book is a very quick read, I was able to complete it in one setting. I found some aspects of the story a little unrealistic. Her life seemed to be moving too smoothly, and things were so easily given to her. Even with this, I did like the story. It is a unique story that was a fun way to spend my evening.

The only part that really threw me off was just the writing style. It didn't seem to mesh perfectly with me. I'm only one of billions of people in the world though, so I don't really judge a book that way. Personally, when I read a book that's written in the first person, I expect to be able to immerse myself in the main character. This story seemed more like the first person telling the story than someone living the story. It put me off at first, but I quickly became accustomed to it, and enjoyed it.

The ending (no worries, no spoilers!) really seemed to be the final hook for me. I'm really looking forward to the next instalment. The ending left me wanting so much more!

It's a fun read! Be sure to check it out.

Note: I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Review first posted at <http://mamasreadingbreak.blogspot.com/>

Angel Steel says

What can i say about this book! IT IS AMAZING!!!! If I could give it 10 ***** stars i would. Love Arissa and Damon, but at times i hated him. I won't give to much away, he can be a sweetheart, then a complete asshole :). The dreams that Arissa has about this mystery man are hot at first, them are sexy as hell, what girl wouldn't have dreams like that :). What she has with her parents, is amazing, she can talk to her mother about anything, and joke with her father, but still be stern with her. I wasn't expecting the book to end the way it did, it was a big shocker, the ending, loved it, but hated it, now i have to wait to read the next one. 'Unexpected love,' is at the top of my list, and one of my favorites, can't wait to read more from this amazing author, recommend this book to anyone, Woman hurry up and write so i know what happens, please, ur killing me here :)<3

Barbara says

I have a mixed feelings about this book . After so many good reviews I expected it to be much better, but still it wasn't so bad and I wonder how things will develop further between Arissa and her mysterious guardian angel . According to the book 's prologue this is a paranormal story, but to me it seemed quite normal while I was reading it, just a couple of unusual things happened when Arissa needed rescuing. There were some unexpected turns in the plot that I totally saw coming, although I must admit that I was quite shocked at the end and now I'm dying to see what will happen next.

The story is written from Arissa's POV although here and there we get POV of her mysterious guardian angel , mainly while Arissa is in danger or with a boyfriend , and her guardian always has a panick or jealous attack . I felt sorry for him, to look everyday what you can't have . But it was never easy for Arissa too with that constant feeling that she is being watched . Really creepy.

She is really mischievous girl and it was fun to be in her head , the only thing I do not like about her is her need to please her parents in everything. It was easy to connect with her. Arissa is a character that is really easy to love. I'm sorry for everything that she has endured because of a jealous boyfriend . She is very young and naive . Luckily she has a hot guardian who watches over her non-stop . I wish I could have one.

Unfortunately , in this book, their relationship comes down largely to her erotic dreams in which he plays a major role. I'm truly looking forward to continuation of their story.

All in all it was an easy read to relax and let your mind wander.

Gina Cantwell says

I absolutely loved this new authors fresh approach to the paranormal/erotica books that I enjoy! It was so exciting I could not put it down until I was done! I fell in love with the characters and am hoping that Charlene Martin makes this a series!!! Thank you for the wonderful book I think I will go read it again!!!!

Pamela Foreman says

Have you ever thought you were being watched? Ever had unexplained dreams keeping you awake at night? For Arissa, this has been happening all her life and it's something she can't quite explain similar to us not being able to explain why we are always looking over our shoulders for someone who isn't there.

“Unexpected Love” is a well-written, fun read, following the senior year of Arissa as she deals with boy issues, college choices and more. But we see from afar, the person following her, worshiping her, wanting her, yet for whatever reason – he — can’t have her.

I really liked this book! It was easy to read, kept me interested and brought me to tears in certain spots. I laughed, I felt pain and when I read the final words of the book – I was stunned! I wanted more! I loved how the book was a nice, good romance without going over and above as some books I read have. It’s one where I would love to find out what happens in a follow-up book!

** This book receives 4 out of 5 stars! **

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My Review

First let me start by saying I normally do not read paranormal/ erotica, with that being said I was a little apprehensive going into this book. I soon realized it was a nice change from what I'm use to reading. Arise is a young women in her senior of high school. She is very close with both her parents. Throughout her life she has always had this strange feeling that someone is watching her. No matter what she cannot shake this feeling.

She has a very over jealous boyfriend Damon. She tells him she loves him, but deep down she questions what they have especially when she thinks about their future and collage and she just doesn't see him in it. After a bad break up she is ready to move forward.

Arissa has dreams at night of a tall blonde man with the most amazing green eyes. They are very sexual dreams, but she wakes up wondering who this mysterious man she dreams about most nights is.

He has been watching over her since she was a little girl. Seeing what a lovely young woman she is turned out to be he cannot help but fall in love with her. He has to sit back and watch her with that jerk Damon when he feels like she should belong to him. He tries not to intervene in her life unless he has to.

Now in a new city waiting for her classes to start Arissa gets a lovely summer job at a local book store. She meets her neighbor Tim who happens to be hot. She starts to attend his parties and life is going well until...

WARNING CIFFHANGER

At the last party of the summer Arissa is drugged and is being sexually assaulted when in comes a man to her rescue. When she finally gets a good look at the man who saves her she suddenly realizes it the man from her dreams. That's how the story ends.

I was very pleased with the store line and the way this book was written. I would give Unexpected Love 4 out of 5 stars.

Stephanie says

This had the potential to be a decent book. To start off, it drove me INSANE that the author was so stilted in the dialouge. "I did not, I cannot, I am, I will, i have." Come on, peole speak in contractions. It was extremely distracting. I did finish the book only to find out there is a sequel. I highly doubt I will be purchasing it, not because the story won't be good, but because the author more than likely could have put it all into one book. There was so much unnecessary information and happenings in this book, I kept waiting for the point and the point did not come until the last page. Literally, the very last page. If the author went back, edited out some unnecessary events, and changed to dialogue to reflect how people actually speak, I think the book would be much better. The overall idea of the book is good. The story itself just needed to be less boring.

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Kristen Geist says

This was a very interesting read, different from books I typically read but I really liked it. I was drawn in from the very beginning and ended up finishing it the same day. Arissa is a normal high school senior, just dealing with all the typical high school senior stuff: college applications, homework, parents, friends, boyfriends. She's a very intelligent girl, she has her life mapped out: college, career, marriage, kids. She knows better than to let a high school boyfriend drag her down. I loved how it dipped just a little into paranormal and I look forward to reading about what comes next with this mysterious man in her dreams who has been watching her all these years.

Lost in Romance Books says

This was a short, easy read story of a young woman as she finishes high school and heads to college. The story is unique, with an unusual twist throughout it; one that keeps the reader reading to see where the story will take us. The story was well written although the dialog was a little stilted (while the grammar was good, the dialog did not sound as though teens were speaking). This story leads into the next of the Unexpected Series, called Unexpected Destiny. The author was able to write the ending in a way that makes the reader want to get to the next book – I am looking forward to it. I liked this author's "voice" and I think that she is just going to keep getting better and better.

Ruthie Taylor says

The story concentrates on Arissa's journey to adulthood whilst also giving us another's perspective in italics. Her life is pretty good, and the choices she makes seem to improve. She clearly has a good home life and plenty of money, but also has a caring, entrepreneurial spirit. Her dreams and the character who speaks in

italics are where the mystery lies...

Definitely make sure you either have book two on your device, or you are in a wifi zone, because when this ends you need to move straight on ...

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