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From tragedy comes destiny.

Cassidy is a 17-year-old girl being raised by her father in San Diego, California. Her existence is a mixed blessing, full of life but burdened with the knowledge that her mother died while giving birth to her. Her mother's absence constantly weighs on her mind, but she trusts her loving father to protect her like he's always done.

Until the day that she discovers the truth.

Cassidy is a Behesian – born with dark magic and the ability to do extraordinary things – and it was her mother's parting gift to her. She's not the only one out there and her dark gift makes her the strongest one alive. However, her father has kept her talents a secret, but not for her peace of mind. He works for The Brotherhood, a secretive organization that tracks and studies supernatural people... and his daughter is the perfect test subject.

She finally realizes the crucial decision she faces: either stay with her father, the only family she's ever known – or join her new Behesian brethren in the ultimate fight for survival.

Behesian is a thrilling Young Adult novel about the choices we make and who we really are. Author Isaiyan Morrison crafts this compelling tale of self-discovery against a backdrop of magic, wonder and fate. Because when the true meaning of family gets lost between the lines, sometimes the only way forward... is through your heart.

Behesians Details

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Giselle says

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Emily Pennington says

Iris was finding that it was all still new to her as she practiced her powers, learning how to harness the dark gift from the Tree of Life, able to talk to animals through her mind, and even use them as weapons. As a Behesian, they each had different gifts, some more destructive than others.

Cassidy was having dreams of a town that seemed familiar and yet not familiar. There was one main street. People were friendly and waved but didn't talk. There was only fresh smells and a feeling of belonging and not wanting to leave. There was a beautiful woman there too. She never spoke, but they spent time together. She knew somehow that this was her mother, even though she died when Cassidy was a baby. Then, back in her "real" life, her sister Sara banged on the door and woke her to come down for her 17th birthday breakfast celebration. She hated her birthday, but it was a big deal to her father. Later, Sara would be taking Cassidy to a coffee shop she had found -- for her birthday.

At the coffee shop, there were no seats left except for a table with one guy sitting there. There was something odd about him. He felt familiar to her and she thought she had passed him when she walked down the road with her mother in her dream! He kept staring at her. Then the guy in line behind her asked if he had met her before. She seemed familiar to him. She got her latte and bagel order and went to the table where Sara sat with Elijah. Then the guy behind her followed her to the table and asked if he could sit with them! Darrien and Elijah were both from out of town. Strangely, Elijah said there were lots of strange things out in the world, like people with powers. What did that mean?? When Elijah rose to leave and shook hands with Cassidy, her entire palm tingled and Elijah's cup burst into flames! Darrien left also, amazed that he had found the Behesian he had been searching for. He needed to notify the Brotherhood! Cassidy's life will never be the same! Will she survive what's coming? And who can she trust when she had lived a life of lies?

This was a real page-turner! It was difficult to know the good-guys from the bad-guys, or maybe if there were any good-guys at all! The story is fast-paced and intriguing. The characters are fascinating! Grab a copy of this book and immerse yourself in magic! It's an exciting experience!

Deekay says

Honestly, I'm not sure how I feel about this book tho!!! It was great, cool concept involving unique abilities from each characters. The concept of the dark gift alone is unique, but the story doesn't live up to expectation, I was a bit disappointed.

I've never read a book with lots of unlikable characters before this one. Most of the characters are either came off as rude then became good or just plain rude the whole story. Milan and Elijah are the only great

two characters. Cassidy as the female protagonist seriously annoyed me. When someone tell you the truth and warned you about the danger, listened to them! Sina and Naomi are so confident, they thought they're invincible, newsflash they're not, they just think they are. Poor Iris, she just want to live a happy life but had to choose between being free or being the Brotherhood's prisoner. Ava is the rudest honestly, although I feel bad that she's gone.

The bridging thing really made me feel uncomfortable. One guy already bridged with Cassidy, then this girly couldn't control her dark gift and accidentally making her bridged with another guy, then the 3rd guy was asked to bridge with her. This gonna turn into a whole mess. But I'm rooting for Elijah and Cassidy, these two fits perfectly with each other and I'm glad it went that way. Milan belongs to Ava, he doesn't deserve someone as Cassidy, as Ava said "she wouldn't die for you like I would."

The Brotherhood really think they can control a group of teenagers with dark gifts huh! How sweet, Cassidy can wipe them in seconds if she wants to. Ugh, I wished she ended her father's life since her father was the one who killed her mother and hunted down people like her.

I liked the whole family betrayal thing, it really was a surprised and the whole explanation of the Tree of Life and what connection it had to Deamhan and Behesians. But then again, the whole storyline felt weak. And props to the author for being brave enough on killing the main characters. I wonder what's gonna happen to the rest next, and hope the Brotherhood won't find them even tho they will, just don't let them win.

Scarolet Ellis says

Behesians by Isaiyan Morrison is a wonderful story to read. This is a brand new author for me I never read anything till this story. This story is a good teen and young adult fantasy story to read. This story has wonderful strong characters and a wonderful story line and I am glad I read it.

I received a free copy of this book via Booksprout and am voluntarily leaving a review.

Mary Margaret Devine says

I completely enjoyed this story of magic and mayhem. The main characters were believable and tugged at my heart on occasion. The journey of a young girl discovering her heritage and the difficulties she encounters made for an interesting and I read this book in one sitting. Can't wait for the next book.

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Donna says

Behesians is a spin off of the Deamhan series. I found it to be exceptionally well written with well developed and believable characters who are also interesting. Cassidy (LFC) has all her life believed she is different somehow. She has dreams of her mother who died giving her birth (so she has been told). On her seventeen birthday her world is turned upside down and will never be the same again. This is a real page-turner which is action packed, intriguing, with twists and turns. Highly recommend. Received a copy from Booksprout

and this is my voluntary and honest review.

Michelle Westman says

This is a great book with great characters and story. While it is classified as a book for young adults, it is also good for adults as well. I enjoyed it immensely. There are so many plot twists in this book, I didn't find the story predictable at all. This is a coming of age story, with suspense, danger and a little romance mixed in. I don't want to say too much and give away the plot, but I highly recommend this book! The only complaint that I have is that there are a lot of typos. Misspelled words and completely different words than the author obviously meant to use. Mistakes like that are easily made when writing, but it needs to be proofread and edited for those mistakes.

Karlee says

Cassidy has been living a lie that she has no knowledge of. Is her father really her father and her sister really her sister? New people come into her life making it seem everything she's ever known was a lie but who can she really trust. The people she's known her whole life or the newcomers claiming its a lie? Love that this story is a take on the Behesians in the Deamhan world.

Cristina says

(Review with spoilers - I haven't read the other books in the series)

I liked it.

Cassidy had felt, her entire life, that she was different. She had dreams about a city, about her mother, that died giving birth to her. Or so she was told. She met a boy who told her the truth about her mother and about her. She was a Behesian, a person with magic, and her father, who she loved and respected all her life, only wanted to use her power.

I loved the worldbuilding.

I loved Darrien and Milan. They were friends and they grew apart because they didn't want the same, but at the end they both wanted to do the right thing.

I loved Iris.

I liked Elijah and Ava. But I didn't like he was so possessive sometimes with Cassidy. I didn't like that Ava had to die. And I disliked the romantic triangle.

I didn't like Cassidy. She found it hard to accept the truth, and I understand it. After all, she barely knew Elijah when he turned her world upside down. She didn't trust him at first and she talked with her sister, who denied everything he told her. But after seeing what he and others could do, she still turned to her sister.

I recommend it.

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Kaye says

ONE INCREDIBLE READ!!!

Wow! Oh man, talk about ripping your heart in two. If you're looking for an action packed, fast paced, hard hitting, smooth flowing, heart pounding, pulse racing, nailbiting, page turning bombshell that's as riveting as it is captivating. Congrats my friends you've found it. A whirlwind of emotions and events that really pulls those heartstrings. Twists and turns, unexpected circumstances and unpredictable surprises you never see coming until it slaps you in the face. **HARD!** All the drama, fear, heartache, uncertainty, mystery, danger and suspense increases steadily as the tension spirals while the plot thickens. The characters are complex and believable with such depth and individuality it's easy to relate. The characters and scenes are written with such realism it really pulls this little gem together beautifully. The scenes are so graphic and detailed it's easy to picture each scenario as they play off one another in perfect balance. Isaiyan did an excellent job bringing this read to life flawlessly. Remarkable job Isaiyan, thanks for sharing this little guy with us.

Christine Antosca says

Morrison begins the book filled with a scene that is nothing but action. You can almost sense the people running for their lives, knowing that the end is near. The fear was real that you want to continue reading the book to know how those who survived manage to live out their lives knowing they lost loved ones.

Cassidy was the only character I liked in this novel. Morrison wrote her well as a teenager who just discovered a secret about her life. Confusion, fearfulness, betrayal. All feelings Cassidy was faced with the minute she turned 17 and as quickly as those feelings came to her, the reader felt it hit them. You sympathized with her, knowing how people she thought were family (her father and sister) were the reason she never truth about her mother. I felt that no one but Elijah cared about Cassidy, making those who tried to keep them apart the most annoying characters.

Dislikes:

I don't quite understand what kind of style Morrison was going for with this novel. There was so much potential in the beginning and I was enjoying the book. Halfway through, too many characters were introduced that he started to lose my interest. In fact, Cassidy and Elijah are the only character I can say I actually remember. The others, I feel they were thrown in out of nowhere. I further I got into the book, the more confused I was and couldn't wait to finish.

I would recommend this book for Young Adults, maybe it's more their style to read. It just really wasn't something I could completely enjoy, which is upsetting.

I give this book #★★★★?? because it was going well at the beginning. I just wish Morrison had kept it up through the entirety.

Tanya says

She has always been close to her father although she misses having a mother who died when she was born. Her father has been hiding what she can do from her not because of protecting her but to experiment on her. She now knows the truth. What will she do now?.Will she leave her father behind? Will she find a safer place to be? Follow her journey

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Dianne says

From tragedy comes destiny...the unveiling of hidden truths...the pain of deceit and finally the awakening of Cassidy, a girl who has seen and questioned more in her short lifetime than most. Will she come out on top or be crushed by the weight of the unknown?

Enter Isaiyan Morrison's world of the supernatural in her latest, **BEHESIANS**, the perfect answer to what fantasy to read when you only want the most intriguing! Three cheers for age appropriate young adult reading with a strong role model, a fascinating plot filled with dramatic twists and gut-clenching turns as one teen discovers her life has been a lie and the monsters that go bump in the night are closer than she thinks.

Not as dark as Isaiyan Morrison's Deamhan series, there is till that brittle edge that is signature in her work.

Wonderful characters, some to be trusted, some not, as Cassidy comes into her own and assumes the role destiny had meant for her.

This author knows how to write! Meet beings unlike those that sparkle, feel the unrest between them all and get ready for a series that knows no age limits that is filled with imagination and the unexpected! Another hidden gem that shines with the promise of a series with grit and heart to come!

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Alexandra says

Once again a story where you never know what happens next, whom to trust, who to like or dislike because everyone has so many facets and is so intriguing, everything is so cleverly interwoven, that you hold your breath and read it in one go because you just need to see where it all goes. And now I need more!

angela says

I found this book very addictive, it easily kept my attention. The characters were interesting, unique and most had suffered great loss. Some of the characters are Behesians, they have dark magic, which gives them powers and they all have different powers.

The Behesians are on the run, from a sinister group called the brotherhood that tries to catch them and then does unimaginable things to them. Some of the Behesians actually work with this group, against their own people.

The main character is Cassie who lived most her life not knowing she is Behesian. Little did she know, nothing about the life she was living was true, it was all a lie. She's sweet and kind of innocent, at least for a while. Everyone wants her the evil group her fellow Behesians and she is confused.

This book moves right along, has plenty of action, loss, a lot of cool powers and fighting, people double crossing each other and a hint of a relationship?

The world building was amazing and these characters really stand out, they're relatable, all have their own unique personalities and I truly enjoyed them. The story line drew me in and kept me completely engrossed. I'm definitely glad I read this book and highly recommend it.

I voluntarily read this book from booksprout and am leaving my honest review.
