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Eden Morgan makes a list of six goals to accomplish in order to have the best summer ever. Getting a boyfriend, which is perhaps the most important goal, becomes complicated when she and her best friend, Lexi, fall for the same guy. Since Lexi is popular, gorgeous, and always gets her guy, Eden thinks she doesn't have a chance.

Channing Johnson is everything Eden's ever dreamed of and she can't believe he just moved in next door. When he starts showing interest in her, she's overjoyed...until she sees him out on a date with Lexi. He says Lexi talked him into it to repay her for tutoring him. Lexi says they're in love.

Eden doesn't know who to believe and is forced to choose between her best friend and the guy of her dreams. Nothing is as it seems and no matter who she chooses, someone will get hurt.

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Michelle says

Wow! I loved this story because it brought me back to my high school years and all of the dating drama that went with it. Sometimes I really miss those days. Not! Seriously, this story appealed to me so much that I read it straight through. I couldn't put it down, and because of that it's making my favorites list for 2011.

Mistaken Identity has the heart-warming feel of an inspirational novel, but with a heap of delicious YA drama from real life situations stacked on top. The romantic elements in the story were a real draw for me. I totally loved the tension between the characters. I was falling in love with the hero right along with her. That's great writing.

I really liked Eden and wanted to see her happy because her heart was so good. She wasn't fake at all, but a genuine person, which is why I think Channing was so intrigued by her. She was a good Christian girl and so typical of the teen girls I know from my church and other places. I loved her family, too. And that two-faced friend of hers, Lexi, was just like my "best" friend that I had in high school. She was always seeing my boyfriends behind my back, too. Grrr... And lying about it to my face. But that's an aside.

Seriously, this novel was swoon-worthy, top-notch fiction. In fact, it's the best YA Inspirational Romance I've read in the past few years, hands down...and I've read a good number of them. If you read the story you'll see what I mean. Your heart will flutter from the tender romance and you'll enjoy every minute. I was so lost in this novel that I felt like I was living the character's life. I forgot about everything else going on around me. What a great escape for the weekend! Now I want to go find a romantic chick flick to watch to keep the yummy mood going. Sigh. Great read. Very inspiring. Perfect beach novel. Great message for teens. All-around fantastic book. Can you tell I loved it?

Deni says

Can't wait to read it!

Judy & Marianne from Long and Short Reviews says

Originally posted at: <http://longandshortreviews.blogspot.com>

This is an inspirational – with bite. Mistaken Identity deals with faith and friendship. Add in a new boy in town and the faith and friendships becomes sorely tested. In this first effort of genre switch from adult to teen Inspirational the author maintains her fluent writing style, depth of characterisation, and on the edge-of-your-seat action.

By writing in the first person, Ms Byrd allows her readers to get right into her heroine Eden's head and there you find all the angst and insecurities of the average teen. That said, Eden is no wimp.

When she discovers Lexi, her 'best' friend, is nothing of the kind, Eden has choices to make. Does she remain in character or does she make a push beyond her comfort zone and go for what she wants? In Lexi

Ms Byrd dramatically highlights the dilemma Christian teens face in today's 'because I want it, I can have it' culture. The tension between Eden and Lexi takes off into the stratosphere when Channing, the new boy, arrives in town.

From a writer as visual as Ms Byrd, it is hard not to imagine yourself there beside Eden, Lexi and Channing. She creates realistic characters and then places them in situations most people can relate to in some form or other, and bingo, the empathy is there between reader and the characters and kept me engaged to the end.

Despite being unfamiliar as I am with the American school culture and atmosphere, I had no problem engaging with her cast.

I'd be surprised if Ms Byrd's transition to the YA genre does not create a whole new raft of reader/fans for her books. A very good read.

Gail Pallotta says

Just as Eden Morgan reaches her sixteenth birthday a good-looking guy, Channing, moves across the street. Eden falls for him, but thinks he probably would prefer her wilder, gorgeous friend, Lexi Bronson. Sure enough, Lexi drops her current boyfriend, Jeremy, and makes a play for Channing.

Channing prefers Eden, but Lexi leads Eden to believe Channing's in love with her. Jeremy, hurt over Lexi, turns to Eden, who agrees to go out with him. Thus, there are two love triangles, Lexi, Channing and Eden and Eden, Jeremy and Lexi. One day on the cheerleading squad during a cheer, Lexi moves over on purpose, causing Eden to take a nasty fall. Eden ends up in the hospital. Only then do events begin to unravel the love triangles and deep rooted hurts from the past surface.

Not only does *Mistaken Identity* have a great plot with characters middle grade girls can relate to, but author K Dawn Byrd successfully gets into the mindset of four characters. She shows how a dysfunctional family can ruin a middle grader's life when Lexi tries to cope with her mom's alcoholism. She portrays the hurt of Channing, who's lost his father while she explores the insecurities of Eden, who feels different because of her Christian beliefs. She also details the vulnerability of Jeremy, who's madly in love with Lexi. I highly recommend this enjoyable and insightful book.

Emily says

Young adult

Cassi says

While reading *Mistaken Identity*, I constantly found myself understanding Eden's exact predicament. Although my life isn't really that similar to Eden's, I can still relate very well to her issues: not knowing who

to trust, spurts of feeling helpless and alone, and most importantly trying to hang on to your values while trying to fit in.

Mistaken Identity covers both common family and friendship problems as well as a very unique scenario. The novel is very well written and I couldn't help but read it all in one sitting :)

Holly Weiss says

Marry a talented Christian author and the popular genre of young adult fiction and you have a winning partnership. K. Dawn Byrd sensitively portrays the trauma of adolescent dating. She also has a knack for the voice of a teenager. Teens will relate to Eden and Lexi, two girls who fall for the same guy, but aren't aware of the other's feelings. Pertinent issues like GPA's, driving tests, broken families, under-age drinking and sibling rivalry will capture the audience of young readers who live close to home with these real-life problems.

Christian young people will admire Eden for her determination to follow God's path, despite the peer pressure surrounding her. We identify with Eden's list of six goals for the summer and feel for her when she realizes the fallacy of "everything will be fine if I just had a boyfriend" thinking.

K. Dawn Byrd is a prolific author of Christian historical romantic suspense, contemporary romantic suspense, young adult, and romance. She holds a master's degree in professional counseling from Liberty University. That education gives her insight into the minds and feelings of people of her characters. This Time for Keeps, an inspirational WWII romance, will release on October 15, 2011. K. Dawn Byrd's young adult Zoe Mack romance mystery will debut in January.

The author graciously provided a copy of Mistaken Identity for my unbiased review.

Reviewed by Holly Weiss, author of Crestmont
