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When good girl Haley Tillman is stood up (again), she prays for a dating miracle— and then slams the front door in its face when it appears! Ryder is half angel, half mortal, with powers to do whatever the hell he wants. When he hears Haley's prayers, he is bound and determined to answer every single one of them.

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Karen says

Two and a half stars-- it was better than okay, but I'm not sure it was strong enough to make me want to read more in this series.

In short, Ryder, an incredibly sexy cowboy half-angel, answers Good Girl Haley Tillman's prayer for a really hot guy, and many sexy times ensue (after token prudish Good Girl resistance) as Ryder attempts to act out every one of Haley's secret sexual fantasies with her, in between attempts to cure her of her truly horrid self-perception (which is laid almost entirely at the feet of well-meaning yet cruel friends and family who all, apparently, are sticks with zero fashion sense who have never noticed the curvaceous bombshell in their midst). But there's a hitch-- no matter how he feels about her, Ryder MUST leave when he finishes Haley's life makeover, because being around angels for extended periods of time will eventually do bad things to mortal psyches.

The book doesn't entirely read like a romance (although it has the requisite HEA)-- it's more like motivational chick lit blended with a strong dollop of Mary Sue erotica. The result is scorching yet sweet, but the book is not without problems. Ryder was capital-H Hot, of course, and I really felt for Haley, but she's a little TOO secretly amazing. There are a lot of women who feel as Haley does (tho' perhaps not QUITE so extremely), and frankly, a simple makeover would NOT be enough to reveal their inner sexpot. Haley's not a snappy dresser, but neither is she truly the dumpy, plain woman she's made out to be, so her "transformation" was somewhat lacking in authenticity for me. I felt the supporting characters, too, were kind of cardboardy and stereotyped-- Ryder's "brothers" in particular were a little too "Brooding, Gruff, Yet Heart-Wounded Hero of Another Book in This Series."

The sex therapy angle gets played out a little too far. I mean, COME ON, woman. Haley accuses EVERY SINGLE PERSON who finds her attractive or appealing of lying. The half-angel. The best friend. The clothing designers. The random strangers in the restaurant. EVERYONE is lying to her? Honey, that's not sad, it's downright delusional, and it's frankly insulting to those people who offered you an honest opinion. Learn to accept a compliment, already, whether or NOT you believe it. That said, I really enjoyed some of Ryder's "lessons"; the scene at the strip club, particularly, was unexpectedly moving.

The ending was awfully quick, but it was sweet and put a neat bow on the plot.

Kathy says

Setting: her apartment in Hattersville; bank; ranch in alternate reality;

Theme: giving up inhibitions; giving up immortality; falling in love;

Characters:

Haley Tillman: voluptuous – but very different than petite sister and willowy best friend – both of whom try to help her choose clothes, but just reinforcing her self-image of fat and frumpy; she has a very negative voice in her head; she doesn't connect with men... has one best friend, and a mean spirited neighbor/coworker; she is a loan officer at a bank, who truly wants to help people; she keeps a diary of her

sexual fantasies;

Ryder / Ryder Langtree: nephilim – angel father/ human mother – half angel / immortal; ‘brothers’ with 3 other nephilim – and they have a ranch together; bored after centuries of living, somewhat envious of spirit of humans; answer some of the prayers of humans; he answers Hayley’s prayer;

Chelsea: mean spirited neighbor, who sleeps her way to promotions, who wants Hayley’s job;

Rachel / mother / father: inadvertently hurt Hayley with their criticisms; father stays neutral, and helps as he can;

Chance / Dillon / Hunter: Ryder’s buddies;

Alexa and Brian: her best friend, and her new boyfriend; she actually recognizes the new Hayley easily – seeing right away that they just did not recognize what works best for her;

Summary:

Ryder breaches Hayley’s defenses – teaching her to embrace/enjoy her sexuality, teaching her to see the reality of her beautiful body and talents... seducing her, hanging up naked pictures of her, living out the fantasies in her diary – sex in a place where there is a party, strip tease on stage, etc.

And when push comes to shove, he cannot leave her... and gives up his immortality, without his memories; and his friends – guardian angel friends, put him in the position of new owner of Hayley’s bank, where he promotes her to VP with lots of traveling with her... fulfilling her dream;

Jillian Stein says

<http://darhkportal.com/2012/09/review...>

Haley is a gal in a small town who is stuck in a rut. She has no real social life and absolutely no dating life. She’s got an average 9-5 job, average looks but an above average imagination filled with hidden desires. For years she’s been the good daughter and the good sister but has secretly been keeping a wickedly naughty diary of her true cravings of sexual desires and lust. Unfortunately, with her low self esteem and semi-well-meaning perfect sister keeping that self esteem low, there’s no way she would ever dream of acting on those desires. Besides, there are not many men to choose from in her tiny town, especially ones looking for a plain Jane like Haley. So the only thing left to do is send up a silent prayer for a handsome stranger to be sent to her and help her bring her secret desires to life....but yeah right, prayers are never answered.....or are they?

Ryder is half man/half angel, known as a nephilim. He has been around for hundreds of years and on occasion, listens to and answers people’s prayers. When he hears Haley’s prayer, it seems way too appealing to ignore. So he grabs his Stetson and pops (literally) into Haley’s life with a list of lessons designed to free Haley of her inhibitions and help her discover the far-from-average sexy woman she truly is.

Together, Ryder and Haley explore many of the fantasies she has written about in her diary and learn that together, they have much more between them than the passions they have shared. The only problem is, Ryder can’t stay.... Will he be able to let Haley go once he’s helped her grow into the self assured beauty

she has now become?

The thing I liked most about this book was the humor that went along with the erotic elements. Haley's off handed comments had me laughing out loud at times. Many times she said exactly what any woman would say when Ryder asks her to get into compromising positions. Her lack of self-confidence was easy to relate to, as they are issues that most gals have. She's not a perfectly shaped book heroine, but more of an average, real life woman. I appreciated that. The moments Ryder and Haley share are yummy and burn up the pages. I will never look at chocolate ice cream the same way again! Ultimately, I really enjoyed this book and think it's a great, sexy, lighthearted read that I will definitely recommend. Thank you, Ms. Kelley, for a wonderful story!

Trish says

3.5 Stars

ARC provided by NetGalley.

Where There's A Will had a very weak start for me; one that bordered on the ridiculous and unbelievable at times.

Haley has just prayed to the heavens for a answer to her prayers--specifically a man-regarding the pitiful lack of sex in her life. She wants to get laid. She has been stood up the night before and self esteem has hit rock bottom.

Minutes later, her doorbell rings, and a sexy man sporting a black Stetson with a wicked grin stands on her front porch. He says he is the answer to her prayers.

What follows is ?a jumble of a mess-the unbelievable part-until I almost stopped reading.

Yes, Haley is instantly attracted to this sinfully delicious man. No news there. That's kind of expected in this genre. But the fact that she lets him remain in her house left me with a huge WTF moment. Seriously, who would let a man stay in her house for even a smidge of a second when he states such unbelievable garbage. And yes, she shuts the door in his face. (Smart girl). At first. But there were times when I thought her actions bordered on the stupid side. But this is fiction, so I let it slide.

There's also the predictable plot and the secondary character--Chelsea, the hose beast skank and co-worker that snagged Ben (Haley's supposed date the night before), is mean, catty, and an out right bitch. The reader wants her to get her dose of revenge that we know is coming to her. And boy howdy does it ever. That little scene was the highlight of the book for me. HILARIOUS! I must admit, I loved hating Chelsea. Bad, C.S., Bad.

But at about half way through the book, I realized that I was starting to like these two characters.

I have always been a sucker for the Cinderella kind of story in romance. I love it when the Ugly Duckling turns into the beautiful swan and wins the prince. And that was what made me stick around for as long as I did.

And I love it when some of my dirty little fantasies come true by a hunk of burning love like Ryder. This fallen angel has discovered Haley's hidden diary. A naughty little book where she has penned all of her fantasies that she has never had the courage to act out. Ryder is one determined fallen angel to have these fantasies come to life for Hayden.

But then I started to develop an emotional connection to both Ryder and Haley--I could sympathize with their back stories.

And the way Ryder shows Haley just how beautiful she is was such a tender, heart felt moment. With his words, with his eyes, with his actions, he shows Haley what it is to be loved, to be cherished, and to embrace her inner desires and --- as a result, she not only feels beautiful, but she realizes just what true beauty means.

The lies mortals told, all in the name of what they thought was right or wrong. It always amazed him. "The body is a beautiful thing to look at, to touch." He brushed his fingers across her nipples. She jumped, like a nervous filly taking her first steps. But Haley's nipples betrayed her desire when they turned to hard nubs. "See how easily you respond to my touch."

And my favroite quote?

"All women are beautiful if they have a good heart. Every woman has something special about her. Her scent, the way she laughs, each nuance is hers and hers along."

So, yeah. I fell hard for Ryder. He knows just what to do to a woman and speaks from his heart. What a one-two combo that left me weak in the knees.

Shelley says

2.5 Stars

While this was at present, a departure of sorts for me because I used to read this type of paranormal genre a lot. So I was excited to jump back into sexy fantasy land of Angels and Immortals.

Haley our heroine is tired of her life. She is fat, frumpy, depressed, stood up and sex-starved when she decides to pray for a miracle. And much to her surprise her prayers are answered.

Tah-dah!

Cue Ryder, half human half angel. He's a Nephilim, and he is here to help her see the beautiful sensual woman within and transform her into the gorgeous self confident person only he can see. So when Ryder discovers a journal filled with Haley's sexual fantasies he is determined to carry out everyone of them in order for her to believe in herself and uncover her suppressed sensuality. Let the games begin...

It takes a very generous part of the book for Haley to get over her insecurities and she constantly, painfully continues to see herself negatively.

Personally if I am reading adult fiction then I want the experience without the **constant** negative self doubt. For a reader it makes the visual aspect of *those* scenes kind of ...erm ...uninspiring?

Finally, finally the real Haley is uncovered after a miraculous make-over where not even her parents or best friend recognize her. Really? *eye roll* Surely you know your own child, it's only highlights and clothes that fit for god sake!

Why at the age of 26 did this woman never decide to do this on her own? I have no idea! There's a lot to be said for self help.

I can honestly say I felt like I was reading a Cinderella type fairy tale, but with sex. The little girl in me who still loves the fairy tale romance was rejoicing in the story, but the grown woman was rolling her eyes. There are parts that amused me and I did understand the insecurities Haley was living with. But honey, you have an Angel telling you how gorgeous you are, urgh... come on already!

Overall it is a well constructed novel, amusing characters, steamy, and fairly entertaining. But just not my type of thing, not anymore.

Thank you to the publisher and Netgalley for sending this to me.

?∞Literary Follies∞? says

I enjoyed this story. The author had just the right mix of sweet and sensual to keep it romantic and not raunchy. I enjoyed Haley's character transformation, but at times she was irritating. I got a tad annoyed with the "I am so ugly and worthless" song and dance. When it's made obvious the MC is NOT ugly I do not want to read her bemoaning her ugliness non stop.

Haley has the self worth of a flea about to be squashed. A lifetime of self esteem beat downs, and being compared to a fairer, younger, sister took a huge toll on her. She is surrounded by well meaning, but misguided loved ones. There is even a pretty but totally nasty "frenemy" to round out the cast in this story.

Ryder confused me as well, his "crew" of 3 fellow Nephilim's do NOT act as promiscuous as he does. To risk near immortality to get nookie from mortals was a head scratcher. His character starts out a certain way and it was nice to see where he ended up too. The author redeemed him in my eyes.

To sum it up there is a lot of sex: romantic and erotic. Valuable lessons learned by Haley, her family and friends. Ryder's transformation added that extra "oomph" to push the story from fair to good. The story is not one of those deep life changers, but it's a good way to wile away a lazy afternoon. As far as romance/erotica stories go this one was more than decent. I was happy with the ending. It was totally romantic, expected but unexpected, and satisfying. I am hoping there will be another story with Ryder's 3 Nephilim cohorts. They

play good role in this story and it's ending.

Its a typical story of its kind and yet it had a lil something xtra that made it pop. I will say str8 out I was not overly enthralled with it and considered putting it down a few times. The world and character building were fine, the author is creative as well, its just that when it comes to paranormal/romance type tales it takes a lot to keep me interested. Very few are my type so dont take my word for it :)

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ReadingDiva Book Reviews says

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REVIEW: Where There Is A Will is a paranormal romance/ erotica story that brings us the sad story of a beautiful woman trapped between her insecurities and sexual taboo.

It all starts with a wish. Ever heard the saying, be careful what you wish for? Well that's what happened to Haley. She lives a dull life, no boyfriend, one friend, a protective sister and overbearing parents. The fun starts once Haley's wish comes true and it comes knocking on her door. The story then turns into an extreme make over for Haley, not just on how she looks but also on how she feels and experience her sexuality. She has desires, she has needs but they are all bundled up in her diary. She refuses to she is beautiful and that there is more to her than her appearance.

It was difficult for me to relate to Haley, I guess because I do not have a small town mentality nor I lack of confidence. I didn't get her inhibitions and though women experience insecurities, Haley's case was almost extreme. The author went into details of how poorly Haley saw herself and how others saw her. The self imposed pity was sad to say the least. The author however did a good job developing her character. Haley is a young woman from a very small town where everyone knows each others name and secrets. Her inhibitions and low self esteem have made her doubt herself as a woman. She lacks the enthusiasm of changing her life, until she meets Ryder. Ryder is a half angel half human. He is the solution Haley needs but the solution may be also her end.

Haley is a hidden gem in Ryder's eyes. He sees her as the beautiful, sensual and sexual being she, but that may not be enough to help Haley. Both characters were charming, their dialog and interaction flowed smoothly and natural. Their attraction was energetic and quite sexual. Haley's sexuality is put on display in more than one way, the story had fantastic erotic moments, others were sweet and tender and others pure carnal.

I liked how enthusiastic Ryder was on showing Haley how pleasurable life can be. I liked how she let herself enjoy the experiences that would soon mark the woman she would become. The story was nicely but predictable at times, however the author compensated by giving readers quite a few nicely detailed and erotic

sex scene. Ryder is sexual, considerate, sensitive and caring. Haley is innocent, inhibited but not afraid of learning once her desires and need took her to the edge. Her innocence added a needed balance to the hot and steamy scenes but didn't take away from the sensual and erotic relationship that developed between her and Ryder.

Do I recommend this book? Yes - if you love sinful angels that is

Jeannine Emmelot says

Such an amazing book, I couldn't put it down!!!

Lisa Jo says

WHERE THERE'S A WILL by Karen Kelley is overloaded with sex appeal, but lacking the emotional involvement. Readers looking for a super sexy read may love this erotic romance, but may not be completely satisfied with the journey.

Haley Tillman needs a man. Her quiet, timid life has gotten the best of her, and now all she craves is a nice roll in the sheets with a gorgeous man. Just as soon as that thought crosses her mind, her doorbell rings and on the other side of the door is a sexy cowboy. Ryder is a nephilim—half angel, half human—and ready to answer her very dirty prayer. Yet after a few scorching encounters, Ryder is pushing Haley to expose a side of herself the world has never seen. Mortals have always fascinated Ryder, but Haley is exceptionally captivating and he wants nothing more than to convince her what a beautiful goddess she is. Answering Haley's prayer may be more than Ryder bargained for, because he's beginning to realize he wants more from her than he can ever have.

This novel really left me speechless. It started out really strong but somewhere along the way became very confusing. This wasn't really a journey about finding romance, but Haley's journey of obtaining self-confidence. It certainly is an interesting ride because I didn't exactly agree with all of Ryder's methods to bring out this self-confidence. Haley was forced to do some really outrageous things to please Ryder. In the end, it was all supposed to make her feel like a more beautiful person. Yet all the changes on the outside made her unrecognizable to her family and friends and I was disappointed that this journey to self-discovery resulted in such a physical change.

I had no doubt in my mind that these two characters were strongly attracted to each other. Yet what I could not conclude by the end was whether these two felt anything else for each other beyond the lust. That particular detail was very frustrating for me as a romance reader. A lot of questions were left unanswered or else you were supposed to make your own conclusions. The novel is sexy, and there are plenty of scenes to prove that point. If you are looking for a sexy read, this may scratch the itch. But if you want a tad bit more emotional involvement, this may not be everything you are expecting. Sex? Yes. Romance? Not really. I wouldn't judge this aspect of WHEN THERE'S A WILL if it wasn't vaguely implied. I was expecting a happily ever after because the author implied the need for one. I don't feel that this novel provides it...in more than one way.

I also never truly fell in love with the characters. Haley's emotions were a dangerous roller coaster ride. One

page she would be ready to strut her new sexy side, yet the next page would describe her crawling back into her shell. Her thoughts were repetitive...she would make the exact same comments (word for word) about one of her attributes two or three times throughout the story. A few times the sympathy you were supposed to extend to her character would walk that fine line towards pity and that was a hard pill for me to swallow.

Ryder was always, and I mean always, thinking about sex. Yes, I know it's an erotic novel but it was rare he thought about anything else involving Haley which in turn meant he rarely had any time to think about any romantic feelings towards her. This fact didn't really help the romance and didn't make the tricky ending very clear. Another point was that I really wanted to learn more about his character, but the novel ended before it could go very far. I haven't read the first book in this series, so that could have made a difference if I had read it before *WHERE THERE'S A WILL*.

As *WHERE THERE'S A WILL* progressed, there was always some detachment that I felt from their story. The sexy parts were too soon and everything else after that seemed out of place. It wasn't all bad though. Karen Kelley writes some excellent and scorching hot love scenes that cater to many different fantasies. Her paranormal twists were unique and many lines were laugh out loud funny. Ms Kelley has a great talent for writing light, comical dialogue. The writing itself was solid and enjoyable to read; it's just that some parts of the story development left more to be desired. The point is, even though this particular story didn't hit the mark with me, I would not hesitate to try another of Ms Kelley's stories.

Lisa Jo @ The Romance Reviews

Renee Booth (Sassy Book Lovers) says

So I had a look at what other people have been rating this book at and the majority of what I saw was pretty average. I'm not sure why, but each to their own. I have nothing but high praises for Karen Kelley and this fantastic book!

So where do I start?!?!?!?

I absolutely adored this book. It touched base with so many issues that women internally battle with every day. The only difference with this is that Haley's prayers were answered by one smoking hot angel who's soul purpose for meeting her was to make her believe she was beautiful and sexy and not the frump that she thinks she is. Can I get one of those? Because the journey to self love that Ryder took Haley on was just amazing. Beautiful, sexy, erotic, loving, humorous and intense all at the same time. I don't even think I have ever been as animated while reading a book as I was while reading *Where There's a Will*. I giggled, laughed, got teary eyed, got anxious, wiggled my toes in anticipation, I swear my heart even skipped a beat a few times. There is nothing a woman wants more than having the man of their dreams adore every part of their body, to feel sexy and powerful even with all of those little imperfections.

The journey doesn't go without a few hiccups though, which makes for one exciting roller-coaster ride of drama and emotions.

My final word?

I closed this book with the biggest grin on my face.

And I think you will too!

If not, shoot me! (Not literally)

Sarah says

6/12 - This could have been a five star book, except for two things - a complete lack of characterisation of Ryder and, after numerous sex scenes Hayley's constant refrain of "this is sinful, this is wrong, what would mother/Rachel think" got pretty tedious.

We learn almost nothing about Ryder except his name, the fact that he's not as good a fighter as his 'brother' Dillon and he's never met his father. We know everything about Hayley's life, family, likes and dislikes, but Ryder just feels like a one-dimensional, just passing through a scene in the background character, he doesn't feel like a hero to Hayley's heroine at all.

Hayley has no self-esteem or confidence, and while her feelings of inadequacy spoke to me, they also got on my nerves. I have my own problems with the same feelings, so I could empathise with her, but it was like a cd on repeat - saying the same things after each sex scene all the way up until her performance at the strip club, when she finally began enjoying herself without the Catholic-like guilt trip. There was one scene where Ryder is enacting her fantasy of having sex at a party (originally in a closet, changed to a balcony for extra privacy) during which a couple come out on to the balcony where Hayley and Ryder are wrapped around each other, screened by some potted plants. The couple are mostly invisible to Ryder and Hayley, so all they can do is keep quiet and listen while the couple engage in some dirty talk. All through the scene I was hoping that the woman would turn out to be Hayley's sister Rachel, who is part of the reason for Hayley's low self-esteem, showing Hayley that Rachel, and presumably others out there, aren't as uptight and regimented as she thinks they are - that she's not going to have her mouth washed out with soap if she swears or go to hell for her salacious activities. Unfortunately for the story (I think it would have added a lot for Hayley to realise not even Rachel's perfect, so she doesn't have to keep striving for what she sees as perfection) the woman is just a walk-on with no name.

I didn't like the story was wrapped up, I mean what are Dillon, Chance and Hunter going to do without their brother; they're going to be much busier answering prayers a man/angel down. Plus, what if Hayley discovers a personality trait about Ryder the mortal that she doesn't like - she didn't know any more about Ryder the nephilim than we did so she didn't get a chance to like or dislike his full personality, you never know he might turn out to be a toilet seat leaver-upper, toothpaste cap leaver-offer, book page folder-downer who doesn't cook or clean. Because Hayley never saw those aspects of his character, she might be falling in love with a disaster, but that's ok because he has lots of money. Anyway, this was worth reading, even if it wasn't quite as good as its predecessor.

Wordsworth says

Real talk: this is the story of my relationship with my body, only sans hot immortal boy toy, ultimate makeover, and stripper debut. At 30, when my body looks no better than it did at 20 and arguably worse, I feel SO much better about it that it's like I'm seeing and dressing another person. Body and sexual shame followed me well into marriage and I'm just now shaking them with a LOT of conscious effort. What that 37-year-old stripper says about wishing she'd started way earlier... it's no stretch to apply that to real life. Swimsuits, shorts, flirty smiles, you name it. So, I think the message of this book is really important-- it IS all about self confidence and trusting your (positive) instincts and your own tastes. Constructive advice can help, but you have to learn to tune out all the deriding advertisements and well-meaning relatives--and your own thoughts--when they drag you down with their critical comments. (But will anyone who hasn't crossed

that bridge internalize the story's message?)

That said, the delivery is flawed. Haley is pathetically aggravating, stubbornly clinging to her self-worthlessness to the point that she comes across as a bit stupid. At times the idea of a divine presence answering prayers as frivolous and petty as an extreme makeover and wicked body-shaming revenge on some jerks was upsetting, I'm a world where prayers for relief from unceasing atrocities like genocide go unanswered. I was also disappointed that the character actually underwent physical alterations to get to that point, with all the makeup and hair and glam. Heck, I'm disappointed that the message of the story wasn't check out this sexy angel falling for a homely girl because he can see into her kind soul and thinks she needs to feel better about herself.

On the other hand, though, why not? Why can't it be vitally important to help a sad, lonely, meek woman find joy in herself and her life by giving her a new perspective? It certainly took outside help in the form of the occasional new haircut, nice compliments, learning how to get a moderate workout that gives results without exhaustion or asthma, new glimpses in the mirror after toning up my arms a bit at the no-judgement gym, asking people to refrain from criticizing you-- you can't get there just from within your own mind. I can't say much about the ending without spoilers, but it wasn't the flawed apotheosis ending I expected, and I was quite satisfied with this conclusion, which reaffirms her worth independent of any man.

Stephanie Collins says

Cute premise but at times you will want to hurt the heroine.

Haley is the perpetual wall-flower who has been basically bullied her entire life. She's not too tall and is very curvy but not fat. Unfortunately she believes herself to be frumpy, ugly, fat, oh heck she just believes anything negative she can about herself. She is sooooo meek and suppressed that even the few times she has had sex it was in the dark with little to no playing. She gets embarrassed by anything and everything even saying curse words or hmmm cock. LOL This will get on your nerves as the story progresses but this is a good story even with that annoyance. She has a great friend who supports her but in her own way has held Haley back from becoming who she is meant to be. She gets stood up, again, and in a moment of desperation prays for something she never thought she could get... a dating miracle.

Ryder... sigh... I want a Guardian Angel like him.. although I should say nephilim. He answers her prayer and starts working on building her confidence and giving her the most amazing makeover in both looks but also personality. He shouldn't get involved with her but he just can't seem to resist her pleas and her looks. He gets in a lot of trouble as he becomes more and more involved with her until the showdown near the end of the book. He's sexy.. naughty.. sweet... Alpha... and oh dear god if I could have him I'd jump at the chance. I mean come on wouldn't you love your own naughty sex god... LOL

Anyway... read this for the chance to see some hot times but it is also nice to see a good girl with naughty thoughts get the man of her dreams. I wish we could see more of this pair and maybe in a future book we will.

Thanks to NetGalley.com and Sourcebooks Casablanca for giving me the chance to read this in exchange for my honest review.

Passion For Pages says

3.5 stars

<http://passionforpages.blogspot.ca/20...>

I have been sitting here for several minutes having just finished *Where There's A Will*, trying to decide how I really feel about it. I read the book in one sitting so that has to count for something. I didn't hate it, but I didn't love it either. I thought there were some really great parts, but there were also parts that I just thought were completely...lacking.

I think the plot is fairly unique – at least to me since I rarely read anything involving angels. But dirty angels who answer prayers to get laid? Yes, please. Ryder had me wanting to get down on my knees and, uh....pray. Well, not pray at all actually, but if that's what will get a hot cowboy ringing my doorbell I'll pretend to pray to any God he wants! Loved me some Ryder in his black Stetson.

Haley was one of those characters who I'm sure most women could relate to when it came to her confidence and insecurities with her looks - but the thing that I didn't like about that was the author made her pretty near perfect. There was no reason for her to feel the way she did. She had the "perfect" body. Yes, I know that even women with the great figure can have hang ups, but it would have made a difference if the author had made Haley have some kind of flaw. Cellulite on her thighs. A pooch. Flabby arms. A toe that was half the size it should have been. Anything to make the character have a "reason" to feel the way she did about herself – besides her family which pissed me off and I hated right from the start. Ugh! I hate interfering, controlling families almost as much as I hate dominating, controlling men. The way she kept putting herself down and repeating the same things over and over again made me want to scream, but yet you can't help but sympathize with her because you know exactly how she's feeling.

I think I'm so conflicted about how I feel about this book and what to rate it because it took me a while to really get to a place where I thought the book found its groove, but once it did it took off from there I really enjoyed it. The sex was hot and when reading erotica that's what I'm looking for. But there was also a great plot line that made the book more than just about getting laid by a hot half human/half angel.

I guess it comes down to the bottom line: it makes me want to read more by the author. When a book does that, even when I'm confused by how to feel about it, you know it's a winner – maybe not a first place winner, but a winner nonetheless.

Stephanie says

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This new erotic romance series features half-angel, half-human hybrids known as the Nephilim. They have all the powers of angels, but also the frailties of man.

When good girl Haley Tillman is stood up (again), she prays for a dating miracle— and then slams the front door in its face when it appears! Ryder is half angel, half mortal, with powers to do whatever the hell he wants. When he hears Haley's prayers, he is bound and determined to answer every single one of them. (NetGalley.com)

If they sold angels this way at church, attendance would skyrocket!

I didn't find the first book in this series especially exciting, and I didn't even realize this was part of the same series for quite a bit of the book. Then something struck me and I looked it up. Here is my review **WHERE THERE'S SMOKE**.

This story has fun balanced with the both intended and unintended soul-destroying cruelty. There are lots of hot and sexy scenes that serve a purpose of freeing Haley from her self-imposed passionless life. She is a true doormat of a person; she has absolutely no backbone, dresses and styles herself terribly and thinks she is fat and unsexy. While I have known some women with confidence issues, I have never met anyone who was quite this beaten down. So, Haley's Character wasn't hugely believable but she was sympathetic. Her friends, co-workers and family are also caricatures of those roles. All her "support" characters made me feel that I would like to throttle them.

The question is how far the fantasy aspect can go. If you are willing to entertain a Nephilim as a character why not push the human characters to the point of caricature?

If the book were any longer, or was an attempt at more than feel good erotic fiction then you couldn't use so much hyperbole and have it work at all. While this is a bit sappy, I enjoyed reading it. I thought the Nephilim's lesson plan a bit lacking as a psychiatric protocol to cure door mat-itis. But it's fantasy--it can be ridiculous and still be fun.
