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Three things run through my mind at this very moment...

ONE, my life as I once knew it will never be the same.

TWO, the person I'm in love with might not even exist.

THREE, the deception that has unfolded before me has the power of life and death.

Sixteen year old, Breanna Davis, has heard the saying; life isn't always what it seems...well, that saying rings true now more than ever. As horrifying visions appear before her, revealing tragedies that will forever change the fate of those she loves, she realizes that she may be the only person who can stop them from becoming reality.

Amongst the chaos of this new discovery, Bre is faced with a stranger, Eve, who moves in on Bre's friends and begins to follow her every move. As Eve's true motives begin to surface, Bre must fight against, not only the visions, but the dangers Eve holds close.

There is another secret kept- Collin, a boy held captive in Bre's dreams, the boy she is secretly falling in love with but isn't sure he even exists. As she tries to make it work with Austin, an old friend who could possibly be more, Bre battles against her feelings for Collin.

Bre is faced with an almost impossible decision, to choose her life or follow her destiny. If she doesn't intercede, people will certainly die. If she does, her own life could be at stake. In the end, if she fails, she'll lose everything.

Awaken Details

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From Reader Review Awaken for online ebook

Michelle says

Awaken was a really intense and kind of powerful read. There is a lot going on. There is mystery mixed with paranormal mixed with romance and action, plus characters you love and characters you want to die a slow and painful death. I haven't read a book that had this much going on and where it worked so well in a long time. Sometimes it can feel like a cluster you know what when a book tries to do too much, but not with Awaken. I can already tell that this is bound to be a favorite series of mine.

Bre is unique because she isn't just a straight tough girl kitt butt character but she isn't overly weak either. She is a mixture of both, and because of this she was very realistic. People aren't just tough all the time or wimpy all the time. Bre had a hard time letting go of her D-bag boyfriend Josh. Who, by the way I wanted to stab in the eye every single time he opened his jerky mouth. I couldn't stand him. But eventually she kicked him to the curb and I may have cheered in my head when that happened. Ok, fine, I totally did let out some woot woots! (I really hated josh)

But who needs Josh when there are also Austin and Collin around, who are actually great guys. I thought for sure that I would be team Austin because he was just so nice to Bre and he was so there for her and compared to Josh, Austin is guy gold! But then Collin showed up. And he didn't show up until at least half way through the book, which was a little strange to me, but as soon as he was there I couldn't look at anyone else. Collin just seems so right for Bre. Austin is a great friend to her but I had a hard time seeing him as anything else.

What was great about Awaken is that there is always something going on. Between the paranormal premonitions, which was done really cool by the way, there was also this mystery that kind of surrounded everything. And at the heart of the mystery for me was Eve. I just wanted to figure out what was going on with that girl. The next book is going to be just as epic as this one was, I can just tell. Sometimes you just know when a book is going to work for you, and Awaken just clicked for me. The writing is awesomely detailed and flows perfectly. I never thought the pacing was too fast or too slow, the characters were all developed and the plot was so intriguing. I need the second book right now.

Ben Alderson says

I took my time reading this book. Really enjoyed the progression and paranormal elements! The ending has left the biggest cliff hanger ever so I am pretty desperate for book two already. Cant wait to read book two and hopefully it has even more paranormal elements to it!

Darth Vix says

This review was originally posted to my blog at msnoseinabook.com.

I loved Awaken! I was really excited to read it because the synopsis just sounded so different from anything I've read lately (plus I love me some good YA books!).

One of the things that first captured me about the story was the main character Bre (super cute name by the way). I really liked her as a character right from the start. She is one of those great characters that you instantly like and is very relatable and real. I think this is really great because it made me feel like I was experiencing this story as Breanna and not just reading it from the outside looking in which is something that not every author can do so it's great when I find a book that is like that.

The story itself was awesome. There is so much going on and so many different aspects to the story that it never fails to be interesting. I was on the edge of my seat for most of this book and once I got reading it was really hard to put this book down because I just had to know what happened next. Another thing that I really enjoyed about this book that makes it really stand out in a crowd is that it is NEVER predictable which is awesome!

I love also the romantic elements in the story and how well they are worked into the main plot. As a reader, I just felt so torn along with Bre. Sometimes when there is a love triangle I am just so sure of who I want the character to pick and I think Bre has some really great choices so I hurt alongside her which is really surprising in a good way! One thing I liked looking into during my read of this book were the relationships. I think the relationship dynamics between characters are so interesting in this book! Not only the love triangle aspect of it (which is super interesting and had me just swooning, heartbroken and happy at different moments of the story) but also to the mother/daughter, father/daughter, best friends and frenemy relationships too it was all so interesting.

The story just flows really nicely and the timing of it is perfect. It's not a light read, I consider a light read to be under 200ish pages and Awaken sits at over 300 which is great for this book. It's definitely a good thing because it's so interesting and once again, the pacing is perfect. Sometimes when I am reading a long book that I'm not super invested in I catch myself looking forward to the ending (which is not too often but it does happen) and I NEVER once caught myself doing this during Awaken.

I have some unanswered questions about the story but I'm sure it was designed this way because yes everyone this is the first book in a series, yay! This is one of the books where I don't mind at all about having unresolved questions because the story is so good and we are promised more story especially with that awesome ending! The ending is a total cliffhanger which if you're already at the edge of your seat you will absolutely fall over! It was brilliant and the ending was crazy!!!

Lastly, I did want to mention the cover because I love the cover to Awaken. I think this cover is just so perfect for the book. I especially love that it shows the roman numerals around her pupil illustrating the race against time which is so exciting and heart pumping in the book. The color scheme is really beautiful as well with the contrast of colors, the brightness of the yellow against the muted colors is shocking and breathtaking. Definitely an attention catcher!

Stephanie Titus says

If you are looking for a story that will keep you on the edge of your seat, constantly wondering what is going to happen next, THIS is the book for you! Jaimie Guerard does an amazing job crafting together a nail-biting story that keeps readers guessing the entire novel! Her character development and intricately woven plot is unlike any I've read. I cannot wait for book number 2! A must read!!!

Melanie Markley says

Best BOOK I've read ever!!!! I literally felt I was in this story. My emotions were all over the place and I was HOOKED from page to page, I couldn't put it down. I'm so depressed now that I've finished reading Awaken & I'm now eagerly waiting for Awaken 2. This author is AMAZING!!!!

T.L. Coulter says

There were two reasons I picked up this book. First, I had heard a lot of great things about it. Secondly, I heard that it had a cliff hanger. Any author who writes a cliff hanger, is an author that has my attention. I do not want to give any spoilers away. I just want to say two things. First, I am really pulling for Austin, and Second, I cannot wait to find out the back story of how Bre came into her visions. This storyline was different from anything else I have read. I challenge you to give this story a chance. I know you will not be disappointed. When I finished the first book, I immediately looked for the second one. To my disappointment it is not out yet, but should be soon. I look forward to seeing what this author has to offer us in book 2. The ending was well played Jaime Guerard, well played...

Tina Klinesmith says

I would actually rate this book 4.5 stars if it let me!

First, I must preface this review with making it clear that I KNOW THIS AUTHOR! You might think that means I will be kinder, more gentle, in my review. You don't know our writer's group or how we operate! That being said –

Since Young Adult or, as it's often called now, "New" Adult fiction isn't my first choice, I was wondering what I might find in Awaken to tease my sensibilities. Because I know Jaime from our chats online and our writing group on Facebook, I didn't even read what the book might be about (until after I read it). Grabbing my tablet, I sat back expecting to enjoy a sweet ride through teen angst that had a happy ending. What I got instead was a rollercoaster ride that I don't remember signing up for!

I will admit that the first chapter left me a bit confused. As I read, I found myself thinking, "What is going on?" and, while part of that seemed to be Jaime's intent, part of it just felt awkward. The second chapter seemed to smooth out and by the third chapter, we were off and running. It reminded me of when a deer (or horse) takes their first steps. It's a bit disjointed until they get a feel for it. Jamie got a feel for it quickly. Other than that one criticism, I have NONE about this book.

Her plot was so well thought out, with so many twists and turns, it left me wanting more (from chapter three) until an ending that, literally, had me sitting up in bed at 11 p.m. ready to scream. I actually had to email her and yell at her at 11 p.m.! I loved the characters of Bre, Collin and Austin, wanted to find out more about Eve and even felt irritated by Josh – all the feelings that you should feel about these characters. Jaime's characters seemed so real and pulled right out of any high school, with problems that kids might face – parties, drinking, love, breakups – and a few that most don't have to face.

While there might be some readers who this book might not be for (um, like those still looking at picture

books), it was great to see a young adult book without sex (it was all clean, PG romance), little if any cursing (maybe twice?) and still facing issues in realistic ways. The best way to describe this book? Twilight-esque with FAR better writing. It's a young adult-paranormal-romance-thriller that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page and I am DYING for the next in the series to be released!

Jerri Bentley says

As a mom, I don't have a lot of time to read. I started reading this book and could not stop! I got my husband to watch the baby so I didn't have to put it down! This author does a good job of keeping the story moving and dragging you in. I can't wait to read what happens next!! READ THIS BOOK! As a matter of fact, I think I will read it again!

Jennifer Smith says

I was given the wonderful opportunity to receive and ARC preview of Jaime's debut novel Awaken ... WOW!!!! A perfect title for a perfectly suspenseful page turning, edge of your seat novel that has you guessing what is going on from page to page. The journey you follow with Breanna has you dealing with normal teenage drama, family issues, falling in love, falling out of love and trying not to hurt those that are closest to her all while trying to understand this amazing gift she has been given and live a "normal" life. Jaime Guerard's ability to make you feel and want everything from Breanna, Collin, Austin and Eve is a true gift. Seriously this book is just WOW!!! I really did love every page turning minute of it and I cannot wait to see if what I "see" happening will happen in Book 2!!! A must read everyone!!!!

Maria's Book Blog says

My only complaint about this book is that it ended. Which leads me to ask, when can I expect book #2?! The suspense was literally killing me from the very beginning to the very end. I was on the edge of my seat the whole time! I can't remember the last book I read that actually creeped me out (in a good way). The story building was just plain amazing and super intense. When I got to the last page all I could think was, "Wow." This novel had the perfect blend of mystery/suspense, some paranormal activity, drama and a wee bit of romance.

Breanna Davis is changing. All of a sudden she's having weird sensations followed by strange visions and dreams. She can't figure out what it all means. When new girl Eve shows up and starts working her way into Bre's circle of friends, she becomes suspicious especially since Eve happens to be everywhere Bre is. The big question is, Who is Eve? And what does she want with Bre? As if dealing with all this drama isn't enough Bre begins have recurring dreams about an unknown hottie named Collin and finds herself falling in love with this mystery man even though she's trying to give things with Austin, her childhood best friend, a chance. Throw in a controlling ex-boyfriend (Josh) and the most vicious girls a high schooler could imagine and you've got one crazy-messed up life!

Even though the story was about a bunch of high school juniors and seniors, it felt more like they were college students. They had a lot of freedoms that typical 16 year olds do not, but it definitely worked within the story. They dealt with serious situations like adults, which is commendable, and seemed to take care of themselves just fine. All I can say is I'm glad I didn't go to the same high school as Bre, b/c those girls (Megan & Katie) were absolute predators! And the guys were just plain oblivious half of the time. Bre had so much to deal with between her visions/dreams, rumors, high school life, family life & work. I don't know how she managed, but she did. And she was awesome! I really enjoyed this book, and Ms. Guerard's writing style. The characters were well developed, the story line flowed perfectly and no annoying typos or grammatical errors (which is hard to come by lately). I actually felt myself being pulled into the story as it was happening. When a book can transport you to another place & time without leaving the comfort of your home, that to me speaks volumes about the author and their writing ability. I would highly recommend this book to others in search of an action packed, super intense novel to read.

Sorcha O'Dowd says

Wow! What an incredible read! The storyline was fascinating and I really connected to the characters (especially Collin #TeamCollin fangirl right here).

Jaime Guerard's writing style was electric and I found myself reading for hours at a time before realising it was about 3am. Bre was a wonderfully complex character, and from the start I found myself wanting the best for her, first when it came to her relationship with Josh and then when it came down to her wanting to spare the feelings of Austin when she fell in love with his brother.

The characters had amazing depth and I loved seeing how their relationships with each other formed. The relationship that Bre had with Austin was beautifully written and I felt so heartbroken for Bre that she was caught in the middle of two men who she really loved. Austin had been there for her after she'd broken up with her boyfriend, and showed her that she deserved to be treated better in life, and their friendship was so strong that I felt bereft knowing I don't have a friend who I am so close to. That Austin believed Bre, even when any sane person probably wouldn't believe that she could see the future before it happened, was something that really strengthened their bond. However, when the story began to suggest that Austin and Bre should be together, I couldn't identify why that made me feel awkward. When Collin arrived however, I really began to see that whilst I love Austin, and his relationship to Bre, I saw him more as a brother, and I couldn't see the two of them in a romantic relationship.

Collin was a great character and when he first arrived in the book I immediately felt that with him Bre could reach her full potential. Whilst with Austin she would be safe and happy, with Collin she could reach for the stars so to speak.

The character of Eve was one that really drew me in. I loved the way her storyline added in a psychological thrill to the mystery Bre was trying to unravel, and I can't wait to see more of her character in the next book.

The last book that I became so engrossed in the drama action scenes was 'The Hunger Games' and I can only compare my feelings when reading a car-chase type scene with the thrill and adrenaline that I had reading 'The Hunger Games' action sequences. I was literally on the edge of my seat, and everytime the car bumped, I'd tense up as though I was in the car. Extraordinary story telling!

Overall, this was a fantastic debut, and I can't wait until the next book is released as 'Awaken' had an evil

cliffhanger!

5 stars and a definite recommended read.

Melanie Dawn says

I was hooked by the end of the first chapter! I devoured this book! Awaken kept me at the edge of my seat, biting my nails and wondering what would happen next! Bre is just an average kid with an unusual gift. I couldn't help but love her and root for her as she went through some tough situations. The twists and turns in this story kept me wanting more! I couldn't wait to see what happened in the end! Trust me, if you want a suspenseful, paranormal romance then this is book for you!!! I loved every minute of it! Jaime did an amazing job! I can't wait for book 2!

JenniferReads says

I loved it! So intriguing! Can't wait for Lost!

Justin says

I'm going to go ahead and warn you that this review is going to be a little on the vague size. It isn't because I didn't like the book, I actually really enjoyed it. It was just so different, when compared to a lot of the books that I have read in the past that it is a lot to try and process. Jaime does tie in some popular ideas within the YA in her book, but the way she approaches it all really feels quite unique.

The story is excellent. The idea of the premonitions, and other things that you run into throughout the book makes for an extremely interesting read. It is incredibly difficult to explain in detail exactly what this book is about, due to how crazy (in a really awesome way) it is. The mystery, suspense, and everything else that is thrown at you as you're reading through this book really helps to make for quite an enjoyable ride. I am really curious to see how Jaime will continue this story, and I can't wait to read more of this awesome story.

The characters are honestly just as great as the overall story. Breanna has climbed into the ranks of favorite characters after finishing this book. There is a ton of emphasis on the characters in this story, all of them. I know that is weird to say, but in a lot of stories I feel like some characters end up being left out as a story progresses. That isn't the case with Awaken. Breanna, Collin, Austin, Eve and so on had huge roles in this book. And even Josh who I really didn't like (I don't anyone really did, and I know that you will see why) played somewhat of a role. Overall these characters were very well rounded, and great attributes to an already sound story.

If you're looking for a crazy, yet really enjoyable and fascinating Paranormal to read, than I would highly suggest that you go and pick up a copy of Awaken whenever you get the chance! I will eagerly be awaiting the chance to read the second book in this series, to see how everything continues and I hope you will join me once you have read book one.

Katie Lund says

This book has it all! The story is full of unexpected twists & turns! This book has a little of everything: teen drama, relationship ups & downs, supernatural events...I can't wait until I get my hands on the 2nd novel in the series...I need to know what happens!!! This book will leave you wanting more!
