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Veronica Adler had dreamt of visiting Greece since she was a child and it seems that her dream is finally coming true. She is all set to spend the summer in Athens with Garland Malloy when the relationship abruptly comes to an end. With no desire to change her plans, she decides to travel to Greece alone. As fate would have it, a life changing event takes her away from Greece and leads her to a beautiful uncharted valley. While she uncovers the secrets of this mysterious place and its inhabitants, she also learns what is most important in her life.

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Jan says

I enjoyed this book more than I thought I would as I am not big into fantasy. My only problem is that with it being a duet book I felt as though I was left hanging. I hope to someday read the other half. The characters were well defined. A nice change of pace.

Joy says

I was taken with him instantly.

If that doesn't scream insta-love, I don't know what will.

The story idea behind this novel is actually quite interesting. Ronnie Adler is currently down in the dumps regarding both her job and her love life. She goes on her dream trip to Athens, Greece in hopes of lifting her mood, but after a horrible accident, she finds herself on a mysterious island called Seulmonde that has many unexplained secrets. Slowly, Ronnie begins to understand what friendship, family and romance really mean to her, as she interacts with the people of Seulmonde.

The above description is solely based on the 30% of this novel that I did read. Contrary to the interesting synopsis on the back of this book, I thought this novel's characters and plot were seriously lacking in the depth and development department. Even without the cringe-worthy insta-love between Ronnie and almost every male character she meets, many parts of this novel were just too slow and undeveloped. There were many scenes starring Ronnie simply eating or sleeping or talking about topics unrelated to the plot as a whole that left me more than a bit disappointed. Also, there were a few long, awkward blocks of quotes (almost a full page) between characters without any sign of who was speaking. It was confusing and not very enjoyable to go through. But I think the most important part is that the characters weren't very relatable. I honestly cannot say I felt that many of Ronnie's, her ex-boyfriend's or Shelby's actions and reactions were realistic or even emotionally possible.

I'm really not trying to trash this novel though. There were some enjoyable parts. The whole idea of a mysterious island called Seulmonde that practically radiates beauty and togetherness was wonderful. And I really liked the fact that Ronnie didn't want to settle for a hush-hush relationship when she could go out and find a great guy that could be completely open and unashamed about their relationship. Also, I was pretty surprised by how quickly the story dove right into Seulmonde and Ronnie's problems, so there are no complaints at first about the pace of the book. In fact, I generally like novels that get down and dirty right off the bat, so I was a pretty happy camper.

And so I'm really really sorry that I couldn't get through this book, especially since it's a giveaway. But I just couldn't stand it anymore and had to put it down.

I received a paperback copy in exchange for an honest review.

Carrie says

This book was exactly what I needed for a dreamy escape to a far away land. The author's detailed descriptions of the island of Seulmonde were so perfect that I felt like I was standing right there with the main character while she took in every sight and smell. I adored all of the characters (even the one you love to hate) and all of the twists and turns encountered along this journey. This is an amazing first book by this young author. I can't wait to see what she has in store in the second book of this series!

Darla says

at first i found the story a little hard to comprehend but after a few chapters the story was awesome i was a little confused as to the ending so i will assume that another book will be soon....now as far as the story goes I loved the the theme especially the lake with the magic basically the fountain of youth. it was amazing that the people lived so long. i hope that the next book will end in two marriage as the first has not happened yet...it was sad though when Garland came after her he was a douch bag who was spoiled rotten that was another part that i wondered about was he her boss' husband that part wasnt clear ...it was said when her father had the stroke at the end...i do not want to give much of story away as i do not know who has read this or is waiting to read it....however I would recommend the story as it gets so interestingit is a very good love story so i cant wait to see how it ends..

Sharon says

The story line was a good start but I felt it was a little underdeveloped. There was a great deal of sleeping and eating which didn't really do much for the story. Much of this could have been omitted and story development or details would have been better. Just my opinion.

This was a goodreads giveaway so I am thankful for the book. IT had me step out of my usual book genre and reads something with a twist.
