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Descend (Awakened Fate Book 2)



Synopsis

Chloe always dreamed of visiting the ocean, and now the ocean is the only place she has left to go. Trapped in the form of a mermaid and on the run from the Sylphaen, her best chance for safety lies in traveling with Zeke to his underwater home and staying under his protection there. Leaving isn't easy, however. Her best friend doesn't know where she's gone, and her family doesn't either. She's been forced to abandon Noah, the boy she's liked for years and who she's just discovered likes her too. She only hopes Zeke's people will help her so she can return soon. But when conspiracies follow her and people start to die, safety becomes harder to find than ever. The Sylphaen are coming. They're more powerful than she could have imagined. And they're not through with Chloe yet.

~ Book Two of the Awakened Fate Series ~

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Customer Reviews

Recently I read (and reviewed) *Awaken*, the first in this series, and really liked it. When I realized the second book was out, I snapped it up and read it soon after. It's a young adult and it has to be said, it's about Mer-people, only they are known as Dehaians. And so far, it's the only mermaid series that I have ever liked. The story starts when the last book ends. Chloe is in the ocean with Dahaian, Zeke, and his brother Niall and they are on their way to the Dahaian city, where the rest of Zeke's family lives. She has changed to her mermaid form for the first time, after being drugged, and the only thing that will help her, is the physicians in Nyciena. Of course the journey is fraught with danger, but actually it gets even worse once in Nyciena. This time around, the story is told from Chloe's, Zeke's, and Chloe's crush, Noah's perspectives. It was kinda nice getting everyone's point of view, Noah's especially, since he isn't a Dahaian, so we get more information about Noah's family, and about what Noah really is. Turns out, Noah and his brother are the nicest members of his extended family. His extended family-uncle and cousins, are just some of the villains this time around, although that was just a small part of the book. While the previous book took place mainly on land, this time around, most of it takes place in the ocean. The author's view of life in the ocean for the Dahaian was pretty fascinating. Over and above the huge walled city of Nyciena, the ocean itself is full of all sorts of bad elements. The Dahaian's aren't the only intelligent creatures in the ocean, and war seems pretty imminent. Chloe is right in the middle of a major power struggle, and things don't exactly go well for her. I remember saying in the last review, that I wanted more of the under the ocean story with book one, but now with this one, I missed having a bit more of the story take place on land. I think I wanted to see more of Noah and Chloe's romance. So in that respect, I think I liked the first book a bit better, and I think if the story was mostly going to happen under the ocean, then more of it should have happened at the city. It just seemed like it was mostly traveling in the ocean, and fighting off bad guys, although a lot of that was pretty exciting. I did enjoy the magic in the story, the ways the Dahaian's utilize things in the ocean, and of course the description of the city. I do really like Zeke's character, but I am hoping that we get more of Noah next time around, because he and Chloe's friendship/romance was a big part of what drew me into the story in the first place. I also thought the cliffhanger ending was a bit too abrupt this time around. There really is something to be said about series books with no real cliffhangers, and I know from other authors

that it really can be done. If you have read the first book, you really need to read this one. It was full of dangerous situations, Dahaian politics, betrayals, and an interestingly described under the ocean world. If you haven't read the first one, you really should before reading this one, as it is not a stand alone. All in all, a pretty good read! (RabidReads.com)

My Rating: 4.5 Stars (I suggest not reading unless you've read the first book or may contain minor spoilers) You would think that learning that your were a mermaid that you would meet some mermaid friends, turn your legs in to a fin, and maybe learn the tricks and trade of your true nature. It would seem like a real fun experience for some but in this case it was anything but. Book 1, Awaken, left us with Chloe being forced into mermaid form by a drug some madman injected her with and having to leave her friend's home to flee to some mer-prince's palace, only to leave the boy she just kissed for the first time behind in a huff. Descend leaves nothing in between, setting us on the journey Chloe must make now continuing the suspenseful fantasy tale. "She's gone now. She can't come back." "You better hope not." I'd hate to have to kill her for you. Descend, Skye Malone Going into this book I was a tad bit hesitant because it had been awhile since I read the first book and I wasn't sure if it was going to live up to my expectations but I was totally wrong and blown away. I only read it in two days, taking it in my purse everywhere, and I took every advantage I could to keep reading on and on. The story is much shorter than that of Awaken but the plot thickened and kept me on my toes. With Chloe on her way to the seas to seek shelter among the other merfolk alongside Zeke, I got to know more of the prince claiming Chloe doing weird things to the ocean. Meeting him in this sequel was so much fun. He's kind and thoughtful and always and foremost wants to do the right thing. His connection and growing attraction to Chloe is not something anyone can miss and I have to say I'm here for it. "I didn't want him to go. It felt good to have him here. Comforting. Safe. And more than that." (Mini-Spoilers) I am the kind of reader that is not a oppose to a love triangle but in all my years of reading of love I've never been on two teams at once. One of the most epic and most talked about love triangles is from Twilight by Stephenie Meyer and I have been on Team Edward for years. It wasn't until I read Descend and have completely lost my mind because I am unable to pick a guy that I want Chloe to end up with at this point I'm just hoping neither of them die. Love interest aside, seeing more of Zeke and meeting his royal family, this book is not short of betrayal.

All the characters intertwined in the story were satisfying. For the short time that Chloe spent in the mermaid palace all the characters were fully developed in the tone they were set in this story. We all read stories of fae and vampires, even werewolves and witches but I don't know where this stigma for fantasy books not to explore more of the world of mermaids came about. There's something magical and whimsical about a creature that can live under water and walk on land and this book gives that to you. I can definitely say this is a great read and it would be good for readers of fantasy to dive into and if I were to compare it to anything it would probably be *Of Poseidon* by Anna Banks, a book of a girl who found out from a merman prince she's half mermaid only to change life as she knows it. I had so much fun reading this book what with laughing, gasping, and having my face locked in utter shock for a few minutes. I had no choice but to share this beauty with you all. Just remember this is book 2 out of 6, plus a novella.

Let me start off by saying I love the cover of this book and yes I do gravitate towards books based on their cover. I want to give more stars but I just can't. Chloe's been drugged and has to go with Zeke to his home deep in the ocean for help. She longs for Noah although I can't figure out why as there didn't seem to be any depth to their relationship. The same can be said for her connection with Zeke. You'd think with the different POV's you'd get a better sense of the emotions of each character but not really. All it really does is give you information about what is happening in places Chloe isn't present. There continues to be overuse of the same language used in the first book (grimaced, heartbeat, etc...) and a serious lack of world building. There needed to be many more similes and metaphors to draw the reader into the world Chloe was experiencing. Despite the author's shortcomings I continue to read. Mostly because I really want to know what the Sylphaen are after and how Chloe fits into their plans. The plot is interesting enough for me. There are things that happen that I don't expect so I like that part of it. Overall, the book is ok and I plan to continue to read the series.

This is a really good read. I am someone that is picky with her books and to find a good one like this is amazing. Keep it up :) I will keep reading but I hope to see the pace fasten just a little :) it is still good but in a couple of places like when Niall is talking about Chloe to Zeke in the last cave I found myself rereading what happened because I had skimmed over the character switch :) but otherwise I cannot emphasize how good this sequel is and I am now going to test out the third book in the series XD *fingers crossed*

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