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The beginning of an incredible journey...

At fifteen, Ramsey Wilder spends every day receiving numerous taunts and insults from those around her because of her strange, exotic looks. With her pale skin and striking features – not to mention the pointy ears – she struggles with self-confidence, often feeling out of place in her small home town of Wisconsin.

One night, Ramsey nearly drowns from what she can only describe as a magical encounter, and when she meets a beautiful pair of siblings who happen to have the same physical features as she, Ramsey learns that she is far more different than she once realized. She is an elf.

Whisked away to a magical Realm with unique beings like her, Ramsey finds herself placed with the duty of finding her long lost sister. Kidnapped by fairies in the middle of a dangerous war between fae and the elf kind, her sister is the key to a secret surrounding Ramsey's past that could potentially affect the outcome of the war. Without her, Ramsey will never know why her parents sent her to live with the humans in the first place, or why threats far deadlier than the war itself seem to be waiting in the wings.

Dangers lie waiting for Ramsey wherever she goes, and as she delves deeper into the world of fantasy, she learns that magic isn't always wondrous and beautiful; it can be cruel and wicked.

Surrounded by mystery, magic...and even a little romance, Ramsey sets out to save her sister, unveil her past, and discover herself.

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Mzzie says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I love worlds like these filled with excitement!! I love that it was about elves. I haven't read anything about elves, so I was greatly surprised how much I enjoyed this story!! The author had a very nice way of guiding us along the journey. Ramsley starts off not really knowing who she is exactly, she just knows and feels completely different from everyone else. Especially her family, not being able to explain the reasons why she has pointed ears. Which I found interesting, how she goes on that journey to discover what she really is. The way the author was able to maneuver the worlds was incredible. It allowed me to feel like I was actually right there along for the ride. Meeting the people and the places first hand. The characters were nicely established and well written. I enjoy them all. I enjoyed the read greatly!!

Jamie says

I wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading this. I had never read about elves before and this was written by a teenager. Let me tell you I was pleasantly surprised. I really enjoyed it! I felt like I was reading a book by an author that had written many great books already.

The story starts out with Ramsey living in the Human Realm and wondering why she has pointy ears and is different than the rest of her family. She finds out when Addison and her brother Stellan tell her and take her back home to the Elf Realm. This is where the story really takes off from I thought. Ramsey gets settled and then starts to figure out how she can rescue her kidnapped sister Zora. What an incredible story this was. It was fantasy but I felt like I was in a small town walking around to the different shops and meeting people.

I loved the main characters as well as most of the others that Ramsey meets along the way. I thought the Queen was a wonderful down to earth person and I liked how she knows things. My other favorite was Mac, he is so cute and funny. I don't like Finn and I'm sure no one does. I don't want to give away any spoilers so I'm just going to say that I loved it. While some questions were answered by the end there are still many unanswered questions left. I'm guessing and hoping that there is a sequel to come soon. I have to know what happens next.

While this was my first book to read about Elves it won't be my last. This is the author's debut book and I am going to keep her on my list of favorite authors. I hope she continues to write, I can't wait to see what she has in store for the future.

This book was given to me by the author for review. This did not in any way affect my review.

K.S. Marsden says

Ramsey has spent her whole life feeling like an outsider; she suddenly realises why when a girl who looks a lot like her, takes her to the Elf Realm, where she discovers her true family and true identity.

I recently signed up for a read and review of The Spell Master (Journey Into The Realm #2), so I figured I best buy and catch up on Ramsey's story thus far. To be very honest, I wish I hadn't. These books were very long-winded, and as I wasn't as enthralled by them as many other reviewers, it was a lot to get through in a relatively short time.

Ok, possibly one of the main reasons that I did not like this book is because I did not like Ramsey. And as this story is from her perspective, there's no getting away from her.

She is the most selfish, attention-seeking little hermit I've come across. She's constantly being bullied at school for her pointy ears, perfect and pale complexion, and bone-straight silvery-blonde hair. Her figure is tall and graceful (although she has the token clumsy gene). Despite swearing that she's a reclusive freak, Ramsey is constantly being described in a way that you know she's beautiful.

Ok, yes, I realise that girls can bully pretty girls they find a threat. But seldom does the bullied party ever feel pretty.

Then Addison comes along, reveals that Ramsey is an elf, given to be raised by humans when she was a baby because of The Secret. Addison needs Ramsey to come home because her real sister, Zora, has been kidnapped and only Ramsey can find her. Then Ramsey, despite saying how heartbroken she is over the whole situation, abandons her human family, follows Addison into another world, then doesn't give them another thought.

Cue the elf realm. Ramsey spends her time with Addison's family, flirting with the swoon-worthy Stellan, and generally being introduced to elf life. When she is away from these strangers that treat her with such reverence, she is exploring her family's old house. She is checking out her sister's wardrobe and getting an idea of what Zora is like by reading a how-to-be-an-elf guide Zora wrote and left especially for her. Oh, it turns out that her family is also really really rich. And the town is super-friendly, and all these cute elf guys work in shops, and such nice jewelry and books for her to peruse at her leisure - where's the urgency?

Ramsey's sister has been kidnapped by violent elemental fairies? She could be getting tortured as we speak?! Likewise, I was appalled with Addison and Stellan - they were both close to Zora in their own way. Why aren't they doing something? Why aren't they pushing this so-called saviour to go and actually save her sister?

It's not just the content that keeps things slow - the writing is... correct in terms of grammar and spelling and all that; but there is so much exposition and description of the mundane. It hits pause so many times to analyse and assess one particular point or another. It's almost like Grabo is scared someone's going to come along and start pointing out plotholes with a neon finger, so she completely overdoes tying up every last little loose end.

I find it very frustrating when someone creates a world and then has to show you every last inch of it, you have to trust readers to understand the world before them.

So why 2 stars, instead of 1? Ok, I'll admit that the world Grabo has created is very imaginative, and caught my interest.

Nay Denise says

Received book from the author in exchange for an honest review

****Beware! Does contain some spoilers!****

I have never read a book about elves and fairies before (*I have not read any of The Hobbit or Lord of the Ring books*), so for me this was a first time trying one out and I was highly impressed and thoroughly enjoyed reading this. Markelle Grabo did an excellent job in building a world where three realms collide: Human, Elf and Fairy. The world building throughout this book is detailed, intense and captivating. You will surely get sucked into the world. The writing was purely gold for me. It was an intense read because of all the details, but it definitely was smooth and easy to read.

This story follows fifteen year old Ramsey. She lives in the Human Realm in Wisconsin, with her family. She gets teased for having pointy ears and she doesn't understand why? She also realizes that she is extremely different from her family in looks. Things start to go strange when she meets a young lady by the name of Addison, she gets attacked by water, saved by a random person and meets a handsome guy with the same ears. She soon learns she is different because she is in fact an elf or rather an elven (*female elf*).

When she finds out her true identity and her real life, thanks to Addison, she decides to go to the Elf Realm in which she ventures out to save her real sister Zora from the Elemental Fairies (*currently war between the Elves and Elemental Fairies*), find out what her secret is and why the fairies want her dead over her secret that she knows nothing about. Along the way she makes new friends, falls in love and learns that she is finally home.

Throughout the book you have a bit of everything: romance, action, comedy, friendship, finding ones self and family struggles.

This book is definitely one of a kind!

Time for some information on what I enjoyed and didn't enjoy...***beware of spoilers...continue at own risk***

(view spoiler)

Highly suggest anyone looking for a good elf novel to check this book and the whole series out!

Krystal Hickam says

I would like to thank the author, the publisher and goodreads for allowing me to read The Elf Girl. I was surprised in a good way after finishing the first few chapters. I was expecting another teen fantasy romance and was happy to find a fleshed out story with a compelling cast of characters and a new take on the fantasy realms. There is a little more puppy love romance than I care for but it is far in between the rest of the story. The protagonist is someone who is easily understandable and someone you want to see succeed. The surrounding characters make you feel like you are apart of the story and I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a good read and enjoys fantasy.

Five stars because it will stick with me and not to many books can do that.

Janet says

The Elf Girl is a wonderful story about an elfin raised in the human realm. She learns that she has a sister Zara, who has been kidnapped by the Elemental fairies. It is up to her and her new friends to find and rescue Zara. In order to do so, Ramsey has to leave the only realm she has ever known to return to the Elf realm. There, she learns about the elves, fairies, and fae. She learns their customs, religion, and history. She does not, however, learn the BIG secret about herself and why she is so important to both the fairies and the elves.

Grabo does an excellent job of relaying elfin beliefs and culture to the reader. She paints beautiful images with her words. I could picture the beautiful scenery and unusual dress as I read. The characters are warm and extremely likeable. I look forward to reading Book 2. I am eager to find out what happens next.

Karen says

I want to thank the author for a copy of this book for my honest review.

This book was amazing. I was drawn into the story because of Ramsey's flash back to how her life as "Elf Girl " started. Yes kids can be cruel. This high fantasy was compelling and intense. Ramsey was a great character. Being thrown into the life she was Ramsey acted as you would expect a 15 year old to react lending her believability. Ramsey faced the changes in her life with courage. The supporting characters are well written and help the stories flow. The challenges that face Ramsey are both mysterious and adventurous.

Markelle Grabo is a young writer that grasps the genre with great energy. I felt the worlds she created was outstanding and I want and will read more. I felt like I was in the world created and I did not want to leave.

This writer is compelling and amazing to read. I loved this story I can not praise this story enough.

Nereid says

An interesting read as I have not come across any books mainly about elves before. Being the first in a series, this book set up the world building and relationships and whilst it was not riveting at times, it was necessary. Sometimes I felt this did not flow in places but towards the end I was looking forward to finding out if Stellan had a chance or the gorgeous stranger was her number one pick. I will definitely pick up the next book to see who wins her hand.

Sylvia says

The Elf Girl was given to me by the author in exchange for my honest review and I want to take the opportunity to thank the author for providing me with a copy. I must say I that the blurb had me intrigued. I love a good fantasy and I was eager to dive right into this since I've never really read of anything with Elves in it, besides Tolkien's of course.

We begin the story with our main protagonist, fifteen year old, Ramsey. She is different in every way, both physically and emotionally. She feels "out of place" and can't seem to fit in and is always the butt of everyone's jokes. Then, one day, when she is visiting her local bookstore, she stumbles upon a book that sort of explains exactly who she is. From discovering this book, she soon realises that her feeling "different" was because she really isn't human after all, but in fact an Elf. An Elf, who must set out on a quest to save a sister she never knew she had.

I have to give credit to the author in creating this world and you can clearly see it come to life with all these amazing characters but I have to say, although it was a very interesting plot and had potential, it didn't grip me like I thought it would. I felt it didn't flow in some places and just when you think you were getting somewhere, you are left with no answers. Considering the length of the read, I thought we could of had some resolve but I totally understand why the author would want to wait it out till the next book...which author doesn't do that.

It's a good attempt for a debut novel and the fact the author is a teenager is remarkable. Fantasy may seem very easy to write but it isn't so I applaud the author's efforts.

Lucinda says

Within a magical realm of wonder lies a deftly woven, multifarious mystery just waiting to be explored!

In a land of myth, and a time of magic, the destiny of a great kingdom rests on the shoulders of a young Elf. Her name is...Ramsey.

Plunging into a darkly mesmeric world of sweeping imaginative concepts and awe-inspiring vision, I encountered a concoction of characters and creatures amid an enchanting backdrop of singularity. The

journey I took into this fantasy realm was one of impressive epicness and memorability that ultimately left me inwardly shaken. Not since *JK Rowling* or *Phillip Pullman* have I encountered a remarkably distinctive children's/ Young Adult fantasy story of such divergence to all that is commonly found within this competitive, popular (and rather overcrowded) genre! As fantastic main protagonist *Ramsey* set out to save her sister, unveil her past and discover herself...I could not help but be compulsively pulled along by such an addictive and intriguing multi-layered tale.

How many books are there about **Elves**? Certainly not many despite being a common creature within both high/ epic fantasy fiction and children's literature! This was the *main element* that makes this incredibly exciting new series standout a mile from other books, and so I give sanction for you to behold something supremely singular.

I did not expect to be so overwhelmed by such a well-crafted and brilliantly realised storyline nor by the intensity within the extensive narrative. Not only did this dazzling debut **exceed expectations** but surpass them by the refreshing originality and avoidance of common clichés. Ramsey is a likeable heroine whom I instantly warmed to as she faced many difficult challenges along her path of self-discovery, and grew and developed into a strong individual. This undeniably addictive adventure will delight fans of fantasy both young and old, and so I cannot thank Markelle Grabo enough for providing me with an *e-copy* of "The Elf Girl" to read.

I eagerly await delving into book 2 with keen interest...

Divya says

I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

The Elf Girl follows the story of Ramsey Wilder. She is a teenager who has always felt out of place because of her pointy ears, which everyone made fun of. So, when she finds out that she is an elf, she is very happy that she finally found a place where she will blend in with others. But why is she taken to the Realm now, and not before? That's because she has a task to do.

I really, really enjoyed this book. I actually didn't expect it to be this good. I have to say, this was one big book. Yet I breezed through it. I honestly loved this book. This is my first book about Elves, and I was very excited to read it. It crossed my expectations. I can't wait to start the next book!

The plot is very intriguing and the execution also didn't disappoint. Though I felt that the chemistry between Ramsey and Stellan was kind of forced at first. There is also a lot of character development. I liked the side-characters a lot, which rarely happens. My favorite character has to be Brielle. I absolutely loved her. I really really want to know what is the deal with the Stranger.

Overall, awesome book. Like I said before, can't wait to start the next one!

Erino says

I think this story would make for an exciting and visually appealing movie.

Cheryl Duval says

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

This book was absolutely brilliant. The world that the author created was remarkable. The elf world was descriptive and I felt like I was a part of that world!

Ramsey is tormented in the human world where she grew up believing that she was human. The other kids humiliated her every chance they got. Her transition to the elf world was remarkable. This is where she started her journey to discover who she really is.

This book is awesome! Great book for YA readers!!

Victoria Zigler says

This was a pretty good read. The world building and character creation were great, and the plot was very imaginative. I did feel though that there were times when the story seemed to drag a bit, and times when descriptions weren't as clear as they could have been. Also, I was a bit annoyed that with all the fuss that was made about the secret we didn't even get a hint as to what it might be by the end of the book. I understand that with this book being the first in a series some things need to be left unresolved, but I felt that with how important the secret was meant to be we should have found out what it was. All in all though, I did think the book was worth the read, and look forward to finding out what happens next.

Gmr says

Ramsey Wilder, our fifteen year old main character has always known she's different....she just never envisioned just how different she'd turn out to be. One day on her semi regular trip to her local bookstore, Ramsey discovers a tome of a book that she's never seen the likes of...'The Mysterious Guide to Fantasy'. It may not sound eye popping to one and all but for a girl that likes a bit of magic in her life (like Ramsey) it's a match made in heaven.

But wait...ever since the moment she set eyes on the book, strange things have been happening. Like what you ask? Well, how about the girl at the checkout (Addison) knowing her name despite them never having met...or the personalization in the book directing her to a certain page having to do with elfens. No? Still not strange enough? Okay, how about when a tendril of WATER attacks her and a mysterious (and handsome) stranger barely manages to save her life? Yep...told you, strange things. They may seem out of the blue, but they're not when considering Ramsey's past and she's about to learn quite a bit in short order. Let's hope she

catches up quick because their are lives, worlds even, at stake....including her own.

Now we begin the analysis since you have the back story...I'll be relatively brief. The story had A LOT of potential, it truly did and while I can't say I didn't like it (because I did), it fell short in a few areas for me. First, the story seemed to circle back in a repetitive cycle....outcast character, finds a place of belonging, crisis situation and repeat without a real sense of resolution. The scenario changed and magical aspects were introduced (some pretty clever ones too) but I could all too often foresee what was going to happen because of the repetitive formula.

Second and pretty much my last "grievance" of sorts was dealing with the secret. This could well be resolved in the next book of the series but it seemed like an awfully big part of the puzzle to well, "leave hanging" after 352 pages. I was rather exasperated myself....but I digress.

I will definitely tip my hat to the author's ability to create a 3-dimensional world....especially for a first effort. You could really see the Realm take shape as you were reading, the good and the not so good. The characters were distinctive (love the little gnome) and their beauty will not go unnoticed...nor their fury when dealing with the fairies *shudders*. Even the relationships, both platonic and romantic are represented well and in good measure. Rest assured though there are emotional entanglements to deal with, that is NOT the heart of the story.

In my opinion, the heart of this story is Ramsey and her quest to find a place in this world (or the magic Realm) where she truly belongs. It's a story about accepting others for who they are, or rather what they look like, because in the end love is what matters. Love for oneself, love for others and love for the world around us. A recommended read for all ages as there is something for everyone in the story. Rest assured I'll be keeping an eye out for book two and hoping for a big reveal!
