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A teenage boy with something to prove gets caught up in a web of crime and deceit in England, 1945.

In the weeks leading up to his sixteenth birthday, gifted psychic Leighton Cavendish finds himself suddenly packed off to Blackpool, a glittering teenage paradise filled with plenty of opportunities for amusement (and trouble) to ensue. With only a preoccupied grandmother to keep an eye on him, Leighton's desperation for adventure leads him out into a world of holidaymakers, candy and carnival rides: the ideal place to spend six weeks away from home.

But Leighton's psychic visions are encroaching on his fun, trying to warn him of the danger that lurks beyond the shimmering lights of the Golden Mile. Who are the mysterious thieves Leighton sees in his head and what do they want with the children they seek? A girl called Faye holds the answer, but she has enough problems of her own. Amid the climate of a tourist town recovering from the impact of the Second World War, two lost teenagers will discover a shocking truth about human greed and together they will try to fight against it. For Leighton and Faye this will be a summer to remember: a summer filled with challenges that must be overcome.

A summer that turns a boy into a man.

## **Leighton's Summer Details**

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# From Reader Review Leighton's Summer for online ebook

## Book-Lover Book Blog says

What a great book! One filled with a lot of drama, mischief, love and yes a little bit of humour. K. C. Finn has amazing writing talents. The way she writes draws you into the book so deeply, that you feel you're there yourself, living the story with Leighton.

If one could give this more stars I would. LOVED it and looking forward to reading more work from this author!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

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## Melanie says

Leighton's Summer is the second book in the very unusual SYSNSK series. Having thoroughly enjoyed book one I was interested to see where the story went. Well where it goes is a few years forward following Leighton and the adventures he manages to get himself involved in, not on purpose, it just seems to happen in this family.

The story is well written, something I have come to expect from this author but although it will certainly keep you turning pages, for me it didn't quite live up to my hope following the first one.

Don't get me wrong this is a great read! The mystery alone will keep you guessing and the story turns at a good pace. I would definitely recommend it and if I give this 4 imagine how amazing book 1 is.

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## A. Powers says

I have to admit, it took me a bit to get into this one. I was such a fan of Kit and Henri from the previous book, so it took me a while to warm up to Leighton as the MC. At first I thought he was a bit immature and bratty, and I wanted to slap him around a little. But in the end, I'm glad I stuck around to meet Faye. As a team, the two of them were fun characters, and it was great to see another side of having the gift of the mind's eye. Another awesome read from K.C. Finn!!

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## J Aislynn d'Merricksson says

Despite a bit of a slow start, Leighton's Summer soon drew me in. This is the story of a young man with an unusual gift on the cusp of his sixteenth birthday. It is 1945, after the end of World War II. Leighton Cavendish, our young protagonist, is devastated to discover he must spend the summer of his sixteenth birthday away from London, an unexpected development for his summer fun hopes and dreams. Leighton's

parents have been called away, and he must spend the summer with his grandmother, in the town of Blackpool.

Once there, however, Leigh realises it may be more fun than he anticipated. Blackpool lies on the coast, and is a tourist area, which means lots of shiny shops, and a seaside boardwalk amusement park. Leigh finds new friends, some dubious, others less so, and even comes across a few more people with the same gifts he and many of his family have. He also manages to find trouble, when a friend is kidnapped and he must mount a daring rescue.

Leighton's Summer, by K C Finn, was a good read, once it got going. Dialogue was believable and engaging. Even the least of the characters was rounded out. You learn little tidbits about each that make you feel for them, even Sid and Critch, two of the 'dubious' friends. My only qualm was a leaving off of commas where I expected them. An example (made up by me, not in the book): "Pass the bowl Gran." instead of "Pass the bowl, Gran." I soon learned to brush past it, and it didn't take away from my reading enjoyment.

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### **Kristy Hamilton says**

Leighton's Summer is the second book of the SYNSK series. The end of World War II has finally come. Leighton is looking forward to summer as he is about to turn 16. Before he can make any plans his mom and dad drop some news on him.

Dad and Mom have been asked to go to Geneva during the summer. As Leighton is contemplating a whole summer in London with no parents, his dad says he is being shipped off to Blackpool to stay with Nannie Arkwright

(Looking on the Internet for a bit of information on Blackpool and I think that it would have been a wonderful to visit. It is still dependent on tourism, but it was very popular during the time of Leighton's summer there)

On the train to Blackpool Leighton has a psychic vision of burglary in progress. He thinks that it is not something that will affect him, but he is so wrong about it.

Leighton meets Faye during his summer in Blackpool. She has some powers like Leighton but hasn't been trained on how to use them like Leighton and his family. Between Leighton and Faye and several other children they are able to stop a sinister plan.

This is a coming of age story that is so well written. I love it how K.C Finn followed up with the characters from A Mind's Eye, but still gave Leighton his own story.

I hope that K.C. Finn continues on with this series. I am truly enamored of her amazing writing.

And because I accidentally included Ty Gywn as the countryside of England I am going to include a little background of Ty Gywn.

Ty Gywn is Welsh for "white" or "blessed house" It is located in Wales (which is its own country) and is bordered by England on the east and the Irish is north and south of Wales.

(information was retrieved from Wikipedia.)

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### **Jessica Haggard-maxon says**

This story is great with all the characters from the first story and new ones. The twists and turns and Leighton with his insecurities about himself and his family and finding himself and his place in the grand scheme of it all! This is another wonderfully written story by the amazing Kim Finn! I cannot get enough her

Synsk series!

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### **Amy Freeman says**

I am in love with this book and the one before it! This is one of K.C. Finn's best works by far! The thrilling adventure continues for the Cavendish family in book two of the SYNSK series. Kit and Leighton have grown older and Leighton is coming into his own as a teenager and as a psychic. He is looking forward to a great summer with his friends in London, but learns that he will be shipped off to stay with his grandmother in a sleepy little seaside town instead- not a good time for a young teenage boy. But once he arrives and meets some of the local riff-raff at the local boardwalk, he realizes that his summer will be anything but dull. Leighton teams up with an orphaned teenage girl his age with similar gifts to solve a rash of burglaries in the area, but even more importantly to solve a missing person's case that has stumped the local authorities. The two teens become tangled in a sinister plot that could end up costing them their lives.

As usual the writing is brilliant. K.C. Finn tells a story with such clarity and appeal you can't help but feel you are right there in the middle of it as you read. I adore the characters in this book- even the ones you hate you love to hate! This book grabs you from the start with intense conflict and many begging questions that will keep you reading until you have the answers. I loved the first book *The Mind's eye* and dare I say I loved *Leighton's Summer* even more...they are both magnificent and I cannot wait for the next book in this thrilling tale!

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### **Anjeline Magtoto says**

I received this book from the author in exchange for honest thoughts, review and opinion. Just want to thank her for that. I really did enjoyed this book, although *The Minds Eye* is still my favorite, Just because I loved Kit and Henri. Gave this book a 4/5

*Leighton's Summer* is the second book from the SYNSK series. Takes place several years after *The Mind's Eye* is over. The story takes place during the summer a boy age fifteen turning sixteen. Leighton Cavendish, our young protagonist, he is coming into his own as a teenager and as a psychic. His Mom and Dad have been asked to go to Geneva during the summer, and so Leighton is shipped off to stay with his grandmother in Blackpool for the summer. In Blackpool we meet this character named Faye. She also has psychic powers similar to his. Leighton and Faye as a team, were such fun characters which I really loved.

#### **CHARACTERS:**

**LEIGHTON:** I find Leighton a great character at first I thought he was annoying, didn't really loved him that much, but in the end I loved him more.

**FAYE:** Faye is a great character, which I absolute loved. Well written.

#### **OPINIONS:**

I really did enjoyed this book, I think the characters were well made. The first book is still me favorite just because i'm a fan of Kit and Henri from the previous book. I did have some problems which aren't that bad, other than that K.C. Finn did a great job. Yes it took me a while to finish, but still did enjoyed this book. Can't wait for book 3.

Just want to thank K.C. Finn for sending me this book to read and review. I will have a review of this book on my channel later this week. :)

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## **Dianne says**

Summer, a time of fun, friends and few responsibilities, or so Leighton thought. His parents have a mission to handle and Leighton will be spending the summer in small seaside town with his grandmother. What looks to be the worst summer of his life could prove to be a monumental turning point as he grows from boy to man in just a few weeks.

Even small towns have crime, and there have been an unusual amount of burglaries. When Leighton meets Faye, a teen with psychic powers similar to his and together they will find themselves p to their necks in thieves, kidnappers and one crazed mob leader who has found the way to pull off the perfect crimes.

There may be time to enjoy the beautiful seaside, but first get ready to see evil in action, cruelty at its worst and child abuse that needs to be stopped, as Leighton and Faye take it upon themselves to sort out the sinister plot and bring the bad guys down. Is Leighton willing to risk his own life as well as his gifts for the safety of others? Faye has become more than just friend, and together they will go straight into the lion's den knowing they may not come out unscathed.

Once again, K.C. Finn carries us along on a journey of fantasy and adventure as one teen finds he will stop at nothing for justice and has no qualms asking for help from the most unlikely of sources. **Leighton's Summer** is a fast-paced, brilliantly detailed plot full of mystery, suspense and danger geared to young adults who want some over-the-top action to participate in! With characters that run the gamut of the personality spectrum, **Leighton's Summer** is part of a series that relies on great story telling and not blush-worthy scenes! Another fantastic tale by K.C. Finn!

I received this copy from K.C. Finn in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Anna-marie says**

This is the follow on from Mind's Eye, but involves Kit's Brother Leighton.

He is a few weeks off his sixteenth birthday & sent to stay with his Nannie in Blackpool, due to his family being very busy with their abilities.

Leighton is also a powerful Psychic himself & finds himself caught up in a web of crime & the fight to do the right thing.

This was a great story. I found it so hard to put it down.

Leighton has grown up since the first book & proves it by being such a strong young man.

This was a very exciting & at times tense story, that I shall coin a cliché & say it ends up being a battle of Good Over Evil.

I loved this cracking story & I cannot wait for the next instalment.

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### **Kelly Risser says**

Leighton's Summer takes place several years after The Mind's Eye. In the beginning, we get a glimpse of where Kit, Henri, Blod and the others are in their lives, but the real story involves Kit's younger brother, Leighton. Leighton is fifteen going on sixteen, a boy on the verge of becoming a man. The story takes place over the summer while he is living with his grandmother. Like many teenage boys, he gets in with the wrong crowd and spends a lot of time thinking about girls. Luckily, he meets his match in Faye, a feisty orphan. This story has it all - humor, suspense, good guys and bad buys, and some sweet young romance sprinkled in. I loved The Mind's Eye, and I equally loved Leighton's Summer. The story absolutely stands alone, but ends in a way that leaves me anticipating what comes next. I can't wait for the next book in this fabulous series.

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### **Marla says**

After reading The Mind's Eye I was eager to read Leighton's Summer and this story was even more awesome that I expected!!! It blew my mind away!!! I loved that it was as if I was there in the story with Faye and Leighton, I loved the presence of more gifted kids and the wonderful presence of Nannie's and Mr Roth's and the wild adventures during all the story. Each character was so well defined and so clearly seen that it amazes me! Where The Mind's Eye had a slowly delightful development of the story, building slowly the action and almost torturing you with the anticipation to know more, Leighton's Summer was a fast action, blow your mind away, story that you couldn't stop reading!!! Can't wait to read more, MUCH more of these series!

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### **CrazyBookworm99 says**

\*I was given a copy by the author in exchange for an honest review\*

I loved the first one for many reasons that all disappeared in book 2, yet I still found myself really enjoying the plot and story. I could clearly distinguish between his thoughts and that of his sisters in book 1. The relationship between him and many other central characters was fun to read. Once again, I found myself loving the character everyone else would usually hate or at least distrust. (Sid) I especially enjoyed some of the side stores with different characters or even a character that you hadn't concentrated much on all of a sudden being caught in the adventure. Everyone was connected somehow and I very much enjoyed finding out how.

Altogether a very enjoyable read that is a must of you are a fan of the author, series or just looking for an epic adventure. Kim will not disappoint you. I just hope that she hurries along with book 3 ;) Happy reading

everyone!! :)

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### **Mz. Diana Gagliardi says**

Dang it!

Ok, I did the first and wasn't ready to let go of those characters to go to the second...but now they are so wonderful that, really, the third? In the 60s?

Dang it! I just saw the next char be born; I'll have to read it!

Liked it even more, enjoying this world of theirs.

Enjoy!

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### **Cheree Castellanos Edits says**

Absolutely fantastic! I was a little nervous at first thinking he is a young boy, the story might not hold my interest, and saddened that I wasn't going to be following Kit around again. NOPE! This story was so amazing! So much excitement and sadness and adventure. It is sad to know what people are capable of! I love how K.C. Finn manages to mix the real and the fiction into such a beautiful and believable story! Can't wait to read book 3!

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