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While visiting a psychic, Carter Spence and Brenda Raycroft's reading turns tragic. The psychic touches them, suffers convulsions, and frantically runs into the street into oncoming traffic. Their fate is sealed in a coma and they must use any means possible to reach the psychic in the spirit world as they dodge deadly complications in an attempt for answers.

They pursue the psychic's message before she can die and take the answers they need with her. When the spirit of the previous homeowner returns, this haunting soul begins tampering with the comatose psychic.

The sequel to Desert Son takes place four years after Carter and Brenda discover they are a couple reunited beyond the grave. The spirit world becomes intertwined with their own as they attempt to tap into these secrets to uncover disturbing truths about their fate in this paranormal roller coaster that will shake your soul.

Wayward Soul Details

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Hemantkumar Jain says

I liked this one. Glenn takes the supernatural theme with his characters forward and brings back the characters which were laid to rest in the first book (hey ... that's the supernatural touch)

This supernatural themed book is not to scare you but instead to bring out the complex connections of the lives we live. How the past haunts the present as well as the future is the key message i feel.

I would have rated 4/5 but the things that stopped me from doing it was that the writing could have been tight/taut and the book could have been shorter and more impactful. Glenn's writing is good (not bad at all); but it could help with some polishing and compacting. There are quite a few places where there is repetition and the scene could unfold faster if the repetition was removed.

Overall an interesting read with a nice cast of characters including 4-year old twins who have an important role to play along with a psychic who is in coma for most part of the story and a dead best friend who is also an important link in the story and the dead 'villain' of course. Supernatural it is so it doesn't really matter who is dead or in coma.

Glenn builds up the suspense nicely and there are some 'wow' moments in the storyline where the reader is surprised. There could have been a few more surprises and shockers for the readers in the story if Glenn has not revealed some of the card early on. Surprising twists and turns are always interesting and they grip the reader to the book. That's when the book does not let go of the reader and holds them. Glenn manages it to some extent and can do better.

Having read book 1 and 2, i will look forward to the book3 (which is probably not announced yet but the way book 2 ended, it has paved the way for book 3 already)

Aly says

Did I say I love supernatural books? This book is great! I love how the author brought back characters from the first book. I think this was a great way to do it. I love reading this book all the way to the end. * I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review*

Anne (Angel Anne Reviews) Nelson says

5/5 angel stars

Rebecca Larsen says

5 Stars

Wayward Soul takes place four years after the events of Desert Son. Carter and Brenda's adventure has just begun.

Mr. Maynard has done it again. Delving deeper into reincarnation and life after death, Maynard has answered some questions that were left from Desert Son. An excellent sequel that I hope all will enjoy.

This book is full of great character interaction, a unique plot and story line, and plenty of action and adventure to keep you hooked throughout.

Vanessa Kay says

Another big shout out to the author Glenn Maynard for letting me read both of his books, the Dessert Son and the Wayward Soul which is what I'm gonna review today.

First of, I really wanted to apologize for the very late review of this story considering that I've started reading it since January 12! Well, I was on a vacation and I've been stress lately trying to catch up for work. Dang life! Let's cut this drama and pursue talking about this book shall we? hehe

I wasn't really impressed with the first book, the Dessert Son so when I decided to read this book, I didn't have any expectations at all; because base on experience, it's the root of all disappointments. This story continued what the first book left of, though it actually skipped some timeline and proceeded four years after. As usual, I was confused when I started reading it. All things happened so fast that it took me a few minutes to processed it. Both Carter and Brenda got rid of Martin, which I thought was going to be forever. I don't want to elaborate about that part because it's going to be a big bumner guys, so I'll just leave it for your imagination eh?

After Carter's out-of-body experience, he can somehow see if a person is having that experience too. It was a bit questionable especially if you believe in the One almighty above. I don't want to make it a big deal because it didn't actually destroy the whole story. All of the questions that I had on its first book were answered here so that's really a big plus.

What I liked about this book is that unlike its predecessor, it has so many, as in sooooo many suspense in it. It was a bit longer than the first book, but I still find it shorter. Why is that? Because it has so many scenes in it that I didn't know how the author was able to fit them in this book. I like how it made me feel thrilled and looking forward to the next scenes. When I thought it was the end of it, I was welcomed with another suspense part that left me clinging to my chair 'coz if not, I'm afraid I'll fall off.

This book was great though I had some few things that I liked the least in here. The part where Brenda is talking about hypnosis and her assumptions and theory about it. I don't know with others, but I really find it too childish and sometimes so outrageous. And also the idea of reincarnation in here. I'm used to other idea of reincarnation (which I've read on some explanation online and on the movies I've watched) so it was really hard for me to get settle on the book's idea about it. And lastly, I think there's something off or wrong

with the 4 year old twins. I guess they weren't able to portray their own age.

So far, its characters we're improving especially Brenda and Carter. I don't have any issues with them which exclude the twins.

The words and terms used in here were so easy to understand so you don't need to cut off your Merriam D's vacation. *wink

In normal circumstances, I could have given this story 3 or 3 and a half stars, but I was truly impressed on the execution of its suspense part which I haven't experienced in its first book. And also, this book has "the bomb" ending. Dang! Now I am looking forward to the next book which I hope will be available this year.

Read this book and be ready to be spook!

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

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Rebecca Lee says

This is the sequel to Desert Son which I loved.

We pick up the main characters a few years after the conclusion of the first book. I would consider the book readable on it's own, but the enjoyment was enhanced by being familiar with book 1. So I would say read "Desert Son" first for sure.

This is a marvelous and again creative exploration of what happens to us when we die utilizing interesting characters and well-structured plot. Glenn is a very talented and thorough story teller.

Highly recommend this and "Desert Son".

No Escape Like a Book says

Wayward Soul has twists and turns from the beginning to the end. It intrigues the reader, drawing them in with the interaction of, and concern for, each character throughout the story.

DISCLAIMER: I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Marisa says

Wayward Soul was an amazing read that literally had me glued to it from the first page.

It is a stand-alone sequel to Desert Son, meaning that while it is a continuation, you don't need to read Desert Son in order to feel like you have the whole picture.

This story is amazing as it deals with love, life, loss, murder, psycho's, reincarnation and OBE (out of body experiences) as well as out of body travel.

Sounds like a lot but Maynard has done a wonderful job of explaining things enough to give you goosebumps while not bogging you down with more than the story needs.

Not a single boring sentence in this book which is ridiculously hard to come by!

If you have ever had vivid dreams and woke up only to think about how real it felt then this book is for you.

Without spoiling it, I will say that the twist at the end is enough to raise goosebumps and leave you longing for more.

Rajalakshmi Prithviraj says

I loved the first book Desert Son and really had very high expectations as I started reading Wayward Soul. And yes, I was not at all disappointed. Sometimes, the sequel tends to get monotonous as the writer's style is already known. However, Glenn has succeeded in shattering this myth. This book is not only better, but it successfully takes the earlier story forward. The best part is, even if one reads this book first and book one later, the impact is same.

Martin is back, and that too, with vengeance. For the whys, where, what and hows, you need to read the book because I am not going to be a spoilsport. The narration takes on from where it was left in the previous book.

Reading this book's story was like developing mixed emotions, that of horror, fear, disgust, love, all together. If this book turns into a movie, it will scare the daylight out of people even during daytime. The imageries are so vibrant that they popped up automatically in my mind. No flowery language, no use of gory descriptions. The story is powerful inspite of its simple language.

Martin is the perfect antagonist and this time, he has company. Brenda and Carter are charming as usual. In short, Glenn has created a distinct style for all characters in this book. Everyone has a role to play, however miniscule it appears to be.

The best part about this sequel is the way it addresses certain issues it touched upon in the previous book. Glenn talks of adoption and the impact it has on the psyche of the adopted when he or she gets to know about it. Portrayal of the universal fact that love can and does conquer it all. How human relations, or rather, specifically parental relations can get hampered due to unknown answers, and how closure to inner conflicts

can heal past wounds. I loved the hidden message, when the going gets tough, meet your troubles head on. Running away will serve no purpose. Also, attempting to know more about the unknown does have a healing effect on an individual.

To sum up, this sequel story is more action packed, with descriptions being gripping instead of gory. It had all its elements balanced perfectly, so much so that I couldn't stop myself from reading it in one sitting.

P.S- Its an amazing book and an awesome story. Glenn is there a third book in this series???

Amy Shannon says

Soulful mates

The past leading to the future, intensive fate for these two soulmates. A romantic, yet intense and addictive story that intertwines past lives with present lives, and the quest for answers. Maynard writes a captivating story of Brenda and Carter, and the relationship between the two go beyond time and place. The story brings twists and turns, and is unpredictable. Bravo! A great read and I would highly recommend this author's work to anyone. Hopefully, there will be more to come, as this reader is totally invested in learning more about Brenda and Carter, along with them!

S.K. Gregory says

Carter's search for the truth continues. Now that he knows about his parents, he struggles to put the pieces together. With the help of Brenda, the woman he loves, they will face the unknown together. Once again I found myself unable to put the book down. The author pulls you into the story and leaves you wanting more. A welcome sequel. Highly recommended.

Melanie Adkins says

Carter and Brenda are once again seeking answers to their past lives. They know only when they have all the pieces will the puzzle make sense. Nothing has gone smoothly so far. It seems as though each time they reach out to someone, something bad happens. Carter and Brenda are sure of one thing. Their lives will never be the same.

I enjoyed this sequel to Desert Son. It keeps your mind flowing and your heart open. You'll like the way Carter and Brenda just seem to happen on more information about their lives. I really liked the idea of showing the setbacks and the pieces that send them flying into new helpful information. Bold and heartbreaking, you are gonna love this book. Mr. Maynard approached the subject in a very novel way.

I did find issues. I felt chapters 28 thru the end were unnecessary. They just seemed to be more filler and make things confusing. Even with those, the book is one you'll enjoy.

I gave this one 4 cheers out of 5 because of the issues above. ~Copy of book provided by author in exchange for a fair review~

Christina Torretta says

This could easily be read as a stand-alone but is book two. There are enough reminders, although not too many to drag the book down, that a new to the series reader would easily know what is happening. Even though what is happening is all crazy!

This poor couple. It's like they just cannot get a break! After book one there is a bit of a calm moment where they are just figuring out where to go with their life and on a whim decide to visit a psychic. The psychic winds up freaking out, running out of her office, and getting hit by a car, leaving Brenda and Carter in her wake, bewildered and questioning their future. The psychic winds up in a coma so it is up to the couple to figure out what was happening.

This starts their journey of intrigue and introspection. The paranormal twist that surrounds the couple and they wonder if they are destined to be haunted. Eeriness creeps around them and keeps Carter and Brenda constantly on their toes but unsure of why. It is those very questions that cause them to seek further into their past so they could reveal their future, even knowing that horror surrounds them at all sides.

A book of paranormal and horrific events and intriguing at every turn. There are so many questions and they leave the reader begging for more. The twist at the end is reminiscent of an Alfred Hitchcock!

My only critique are the strange things that couple does. They enter her parent's house without her parent's knowledge and then do not stay there after shuffling through some paperwork and old letters. Brenda also wants Carter to try to have an out of body experience even though she is the one that knows more about them. She continues to push and teach, and push some more to the point where I was getting quite aggravated at her.

There are only a few hiccups and for the most part the story does keep going and those hiccups only lag the story a bit. All in all a very interesting read.
