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Felicity Cain says

Interesting premise for a novel with a funny and easy to relate to main character.

~JenRen~ says

Jenren's Review: First Visions – Second Sight Book 1

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**** 4 STARS

First Visions was a very fun read, I was laughing out loud almost every time Kate had dialogue! I love her snarky, sarcastic come backs. Although she used this as a defense mechanism, it cracked me up!

Each of the characters were well developed, their responses and actions were totally believable. Jared is smokin' hawt and I can't wait to read more from this new series.

I really enjoyed Ms. Wood's writing style and am looking forward to reading her other books!

Mancho283 says

Jessica says

4.5

Kate wakes up from a coma with the ability to dream other people's thoughts or things that happened to them during the day. With the hope of finding his girlfriend's little sister, Jared (a detective) hopes Kate can help. Lines blur and feelings get hurt, can Kate help find the little girl without getting her heart broken?

Kate was a very real character. She has lived a sheltered life after being ridiculed for her psychic ability, she cannot help her feelings for Jared and get's super confused about everything that is going on.

Jared was pretty likable too. It's like you wanted to almost hate him for leading Kate on but you couldn't.

The story was very well written. The characters solid. Loved it all.

Felicia Chien says

Book: First Visions, Second Sight by Heather Wood

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Genre: Young Adult, Paranormal

Source: Sent from author

Short Synopsis: Ever since waking up from a coma, Kate Edwards receives visions of the past, which in turn helps her to find a missing boy.

My Thoughts: An interesting change of the psychic genre, and kept me wanting to read more through out the novel.

Kate Edwards, now 21, has survived a two year coma. Upon waking from the coma, Kate was able to locate a missing boy. And when the information turned out to be true, Kate was bombarded with the media constantly, until Kate lied and told everyone that it was a one time deal.

After the coma fiasco, Kate started to lead a normal life as best as she could, though a little sheltered. Her parents are in denial of her special powers, but Kate does everything she can to cope. It isn't until a handsome cop named Jared Corbett shows up at Kate's door one day. He claims that his girlfriend's sister has been taken captive, and Jared is asking Kate to help him out with any possible leads on the case.

At first Kate denies that she still has the power because of unwanted publicity, but after Jared's visit, Kate has a vision of what had happened to Cori, Jared's girlfriend's sister. Kate decides to help Jared out, as long as her identity stays a secret. But with Jared's jealous girlfriend, Kate's ability doesn't stay hidden very long. Can Kate manage to save Cori from her kidnapper in time, and set aside her strong attraction to Jared too?

A very different take within the supernatural genre. Most psychics I read about have visions of the future, and not the past. It was interesting to read how Kate's powers worked, and how she used them to save the missing kids.

I loved reading about the relationship between Jared and Kate. And though he was already taken, it was interesting to read how their relationship developed, and what they really meant to each other. And though it was understandable, I didn't really like how he had treated Kate when he was with his girlfriend. The one person who also managed to get under my skin the most was in fact Jared's girlfriend Nikki, and the fact that she abused personal information to gain her own satisfaction didn't help the situation either.

It was intriguing to read how Kate's powers worked. The fact that she couldn't control whose mind she slipped into, and what visions came to her, makes the reader understand why she hasn't had too many relationships or friendships as well. And because of her special powers, it also shows that she isn't always perfect, but she tries to do what's right. In general, an entertaining novel, with colorful characters, and I can't wait to read more about Kate and Jared.

Would I recommend this book: Yes

Rating: I give this book a 4/5.

Sarah says

(Source: Downloaded for free from Amazon.co.uk.)

21-year-old Kate has been having visions when she dreams since she contracted meningitis and ended up in a coma. Since her first vision where she found an abducted boy, she's kept quiet and not told anyone about the visions as a way to protect herself from people's looks and stares, and the attention of the press.

When a police officer – Jared, turns up at her door asking for help locating a missing little girl she refuses, but when she then dreams of Cori, she knows that she has to help, even if she doesn't want to.

Helping Jared with the case also brings them closer together though, and they start to develop feelings for one another. The problem is that the missing little girl's older sister is Jared's Barbie-doll girlfriend! Can Kate help Jared find Cori? Can Kate maintain her anonymity? And is there any hope for Kate and Jared?

This was an okay paranormal contemporary story that also had a hint of romance, and an air of mystery.

Kate was quite a stubborn girl, and knew how to protect herself from getting hurt like she had been in the past. She immediately pushed Jared away, both to protect herself from the press and from getting her heart broken. I loved how tough Kate was, and I also loved how she actually couldn't help but help someone in need.

Jared was an interesting and noble character. His girlfriend was an absolute selfish head-case though, and I really don't know what he saw in her at all.

The storyline in this book was okay; we had the mystery of who had kidnapped Cori and when she would be found, as well as the romance storyline. I did think it was quite obvious what would happen and where the story would end, but that didn't spoil things really. I was grateful that there wasn't a cliff-hanger at the end of this one though, so this could be read as a standalone.

Overall; a mixture of the paranormal, a bit of mystery, and a bit of romance.

6.5 out of 10.

Carla Playa says

I picked this up when it was free on Amazon and I'm glad I did! I loved Kate's personality and watching her have to deal with a lot of different emotions over being psychic. I felt the author did a good job of showing Kate's emotions and her scenes with the cop were very cute.

Adriana says

She's Got Books on Her Mind

Kate's felt out of place for a long time. Ever since she came out of a coma two years ago she's been able to see visions of the past. The one that got her in trouble was about a little boy that was missing at the time. She was able to describe where he was which led to his rescue. After that people either thought she was a freak

and left her or they thought they could find their missing loved ones with her help and wouldn't leave her alone. The problem is that even if she wanted to help those who asked her she couldn't turn her visions on and off like a switch. The visions just come to her. She has no control over them. She especially had no control of what it did to her life. It left her with an estrangement with her father, one final friend, and a feeling that she is in fact a freak.

It all comes down to the moment when a detective walks in asking for her help. She denies that she is a psychic. She's been denying it ever since that first vision because all it has brought her is pain. But, something about the little girl, Cori, tugs at her heart. It doesn't help that the detective, Jared, has smoldering good looks either. Her decision to help find Cori will be a turning point in her life when everything that she knew about herself and her ability changes.

Wow. I liked this book way more than I expected to. First of all Kate is this incredible character who is unbelievably hilarious. Her sarcastic humor had me laughing all the way through the story and when not laughing I was smiling to myself just so happy that I could read what she has to say. She has such a great personality with a mix of vulnerability to it. She's had to create these walls in front of her to keep her safe from heartbreak which is unfortunate because she really does care about the people who ask her for help. It's really not fair for her to have to feel bad about being who she is. She is more strong than vulnerable. She has this certain power in herself and the way she doesn't take anything from anybody. I envy that about her.

Needless to say Kate did wonders for this book. I was able to connect with her which in turn helped me connect with the story. I would love to hang out with her if I could. I would so defend her against anyone who ever gave her an attitude or dirty look. I mean she's psychic. Why wouldn't you want to be friends with her? I would have been so excited if I was her friend. I would have been jumping up and down saying "Are you serious!?" repeatedly and telling her how cool she is. I guess I could see why people would be so skeptical about her being a psychic but to think she had anything to do with the initial disappearance is ridiculous. She was in a coma. When did she have the time to orchestrate this supposed deception?

Romance in any story when done right makes me happy. It's done right here. Her and the detective's interactions were amusing to read about. She obviously was struck by him while he took a little while to warm up. There is a bit of a love triangle but it's not what you think. Jared's girlfriend is the person whose sister is missing. I said it. Girlfriend. Before you boo Jared he does nothing wrong and the girlfriend is a pain anyways so you don't care what happens to her. I really liked them together. It was obvious they had feelings for each other. It wasn't really slow but it wasn't like it was instalove or anything like that. The author just made it feel right.

Not all of this book was focused on romance. The book did have its slight mystery factor with who kidnapped Cori and where on earth is she. What really got me curious about Cori's kidnapping was Kate's feeling that it was personal. That it had something to do with the family. Then I couldn't shake the feeling that it had to have had something to do with one family member in particular. I was expecting something a little more sinister but everything about the kidnapping and how it went down in the end made me not care about that little if it was sinister enough. Things Go Down. A little too fast for me now that I think about it but otherwise it was a pretty great conclusion.

The visions were adapted well. The different POV's she could have were interesting to explore. It would have been nice to see the villain's point of view but oh well. Kate could see things from inside the mind of Cori. She was also able to have this out of body experience looking in to what was happening with Cori but not emotionally experiencing what Cori was feeling. Now that I'm thinking about this book more I think maybe there could have been even more focus on visions with her and a little less on the romance. Cori was

gone for a long time which doesn't seem right. Don't get me wrong there was time spent on finding her but more would have been a little nice.

One last person I must mention is Kate's mother. She made a mistake of not supporting her daughter before but she more than made up for it in my eyes. The scenes with her were always great. She had such a motherly protectiveness for her daughter all the while chastising her for being her overly sarcastic self. I would want her in my corner. There was this moment where the author showed her POV and I simply loved that because you can see her own struggle of keeping her daughter from pain and helping her realize that she is special no matter what. With so many parents in books that are no good it was nice to see a mother that didn't have any flaws for me. She supported her daughter and that's what kids all really need from their parents at that age. All in all I really enjoyed this book and look forward to where the author takes Kate. I see a career in psychic consulting in her future! More than anything I hope to see Kate happy and getting herself into the just right amount of trouble.

Jess (the cozy reader) says

I really enjoyed Kate and Jared's chemistry, and cannot wait for the sequel.

Jill says

This book was part of a blog tour, I received a copy for my honest review.

This was a great book for those who like a little bit of suspense and mystery with their romance. Also it was very informative for a first book of a series without being too heavy. I liked that. I loved Katie's character, she was a bit clueless, but she had her reasons and she knew it; her snarky dry wit was just perfect. She had been through a lot and had built up a fair few defensive walls and I couldn't blame her at all.

The romantic relationship between the Katie and Jared was very well done. I could feel the tension and I felt bad for their obvious struggle to try and stay away from each other even though they had undeniable chemistry. I am glad things were paced the way they were. I believe this could be read as a YA or NA book. The adult themes were very light and the focus was on the story and the budding relationship rather than a sexual relationship between the two.

I really liked trying to figure out the mystery of what was going on through her visions/dreams.

It was a very enjoyable short read. It sort of reminded me of the earlier Charlaine Harris mysteries, The Aurora Teagarden series, which I loved. I will definitely be looking forward to reading the next one.

Michelle Flick says

I really liked Kate because she's snarky. She's not afraid to throw out an insult. She's not afraid to tell Jared to back off - "because she's not psychic" - even though she is. I also liked Kate because she is guarded against all the non-believers in the world. And who can blame her? But when it comes to an 8 year old, a terrifying dream, and a pushy mom - Kate has to tell someone. How do you not protect a little girl. It would make you a monster and Kate knows this.

Kate's lucky that Jared is one of the "good guys." He is hopeful she can help. He is hopeful that his feelings for Kate will go away when he finds his GIRLFRIEND'S little sister. He is sure that he can keep her secret.

But like any good love plot, character a and character b cannot stay away from each other, which is exactly as I like it. Does anyone see any bumps in the "love road?" I do! er, did? Can I call both on this?

I was sad because of the situation, a kidnapping, the book had to move fast over a short amount of time - a few days - because that's realistic. It didn't give me enough time to really get to know the characters, which is why I am looking forward to book 2! Now while, I like to get to know my characters, I completely agree with Heather's choice in sticking with a believable time and plot lines, as opposed taking two or three weeks for Kate and Jared to build up with one another. It wouldn't happen in real life. Again - it's why I am looking forward to book 2.

Dani C. (Paulette's Papers) says

I have never read a book like this one before. First Visions is about a girl who wakes up from a coma and is able to help find missing people through the visions she has when she is asleep. This plot keeps you on your toes as you hope that they will find the missing girl in time.

Kate, the unwilling psychic, was a bit immature at times and quite snarky. She is trying to live a normal life when she is asked to help find a girl who was taken from her home. As she starts to have visions of what happened to the girl, she also starts to have feelings for the detective.

If you are looking for something with mystery, romance and psychics – then this is the book for you!

Rain Endevers says

I received the book last night and it only took me a little less than a day to finish. I **ABSOLUTELY** adored the characters. Kate (Katie), Jared, Darlene, Julie, etc... were relatable and easy to connect with. Kate, our main heroine, is sarcastic and it's practically impossible to *not* see yourself in her. Sheltered for a little over two years (due to a coma) the young twenty-one year old finds herself in a predicament which is brought on when the stunning Detective Jared Corbett appears on her front steps asking for help. Of course, I fell in love with Jared's character. He wants to do right by his girlfriend, but the attraction between him and Kate is clearly undeniable. At some parts I had to put the book down to revel in just how captivating the plot is. I hope Mrs. Wood's will be making a sequel because I would love to see where the story goes, but of course the ending was great nonetheless. The book was a quick read and had me on my toes at every turn! The witty and sarcastic language had me grinning and I felt like I was a part of the plot. Loved every second of the roller-coaster ride and definitely a must read.

KatieBookQueen says

REVIEW AND INTERVIEW HERE: <http://queenofteenfiction.blogspot.co...>

It's not very often that I give a perfect rating to a first in a series but First Visions is definitely an exception. This story is unique and really keeps you hooked – I flew through it!

I seriously adore Kate Edwards. She is everything I love about a character: charming, sweet, strong-headed and totally hilarious! The chemistry between her and Jared is totally brilliant and I anticipated every scene that contained the two of them. I just loved the sarcastic comments they threw at each other.

There are some serious LOL moments in this book. I won't say much but there is one scene with a goose that had me doubled over! I love how there is plenty of humour amongst the serious plots.

I adored everything about this book and I can't wait to see what Heather has planned for Kate and Jared in the next instalment!

Delitealex says

3.5 stars

Kate was gravely ill and slipped into a coma. When she woke up she had psychic abilities. These abilities complicate her life causing her to isolate herself. A police detective comes by Kate's house to ask for help finding a missing child.

I thought Kate was very immature at first but even though she hated her abilities Kate seemed to genuinely want to help people. I could have done without some of the angst it came across as too dramatic at times.

I did enjoy the action parts and trying to figure out what was going to happen next. It was a good start to the series and I will be continuing on with the series.
