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Lay Me Down (A Kellam High Novel)



Synopsis

Life is more than just breathing. Kylee's the cook. She's the maid. She's the caretaker. But that's where her Cinderella story ends. She has an evil stepfather instead of a stepmother, and there's no Prince Charming in sight. Each day is like the one before it. She knows there must be something more to life than merely existing. And then Price moves in next door. He brings along his own baggage, but somehow he reaches a part of Kylee that makes her feel more alive than she's ever felt. Just when she thinks there might be a happy ending in store for her, she discovers something that threatens to keep her and Price apart forever. If you loved *Before I Fall* and *The Fault in Our Stars*, you will love this haunting love story about redemption and discovery. Download Kylee's story now!

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Customer Reviews

Kylee doesn't know why her best friend won't talk to her any more, or why her mother barely notices her, but she isn't ready to give up on her new neighbor. Price, the boy next door, acts strange

around her at first, but then they become friends, and Kylee realizes she feels much more about him than expected. But her life is complicated--her step-father is abusive and Kylee doesn't dare leave her mother alone with him. Price says she deserves her own happiness though, but Kylee isn't convinced she deserves anything good. LAY ME DOWN is an unexpected story, one that will tug at your heartstrings and remind you of the value of human kindness. Readers will rejoice when Kylee finds justice, even though it's in the most unexpected way.

An intriguing opening pulls the reader in. We know something is "off" and want to figure it out, in spite of Kylee's self-destructive behavior. The author never gets too graphic or gruesome, which I appreciated. The "figuring out" stage went on a little too long for me, but kept my interest enough to continue. Events are revealed at the midpoint. Then I really didn't know where the plot would lead and found renewed enthusiasm to keep reading. The rest is well-told and interesting with more suspense. The sexual attraction between two characters felt fast to me, but might be more typical of YA than things I've read. I often struggle with paranormal intimacy issues and plausibility. This too is fairly clean with nothing graphic. The author does a wonderful job of weaning the reader away from what they might expect, to the way it must go. I would recommend this to any teen or adult who likes paranormal romance. A strong 4 stars.

This book was a bit confusing at the beginning because of the way the characters act. You just keep reading and you'll figure out everything bits by bits. This is Paranormal romance that deals with teen's issues that can be hard, but the author did a great job keeping out the graphic part of it. It is a bit sad, but is a great reading. It will keep you up until late. Really enjoy it.

I have started many paranormal ghost story romances over the past year or two, and haven't been able to get past the teenage angst to the tale itself. It seems that many authors want to play up the resistance, then the submission to the so-called "bad boy," then the cliffhanger ending leading to the sequel. Luckily, and with great relief, I can honestly say that Ms. Heiner does not fall victim to any of those tale cheapening tropes, but weaves a dark, beautiful and spellbinding tale that worms its way into the conscious and subconscious mind till the bittersweet ending. Even when you know what is so unusual about Kylee's existence halfway through, the mystery still is allowed to deepen and darken, and the star crossed romance plays out to its inevitable conclusion. Make no mistake, this book will stick with the reader for quite some time. It's also a clean YA read. As another reviewer stated already, due to the sensitive nature, I wouldn't recommend it for anyone younger than their

mid teens, the ages of the main characters. Very highly recommended!

Ms. Heiner knocked this one out of the park. Even though I picked up on what was going on not too far into the book, the tale took me by the hand and led me deep into the night, reading when I should've been sleeping. One of the best paranormal romances I've ever read. I also loved that there was a real and meaningful plot to this story, as so many paranormal romances have angst romance front and center, and supporting plots as weak as a house of cards. This is a book about not only romance, but other issues teens deal with today. I did guess part of the ending, but it didn't affect my enjoyment of the journey. I'm being purposely vague as not to give anything away, but if you enjoy well-written fiction that grabs you and won't let you go, read this book.

Spoiler free review: The thing about this book is that the characters repeatedly act in ways that are confusing but go on to make sense later in the story. If you can accept that confusion, the story will begin to reward you and continue to do so right up to the end. The elements of romance, mystery, and the supernatural that all melded together in a way that made it a page-turner while also engaging that part of me that likes to solve puzzles. It kept me entertained and managed to surprise me with a few twists after I thought I had everything figured out.

If you are a fan of YA paranormal romance, then this book is right up your alley. It's a little off my beaten path though. The story keeps you guessing as to how Kylee got to be the way she is and how to solve her dilemma. Price's involvement really gets the story moving. The writing and description are solid, the emotions run deep. Be prepared to deal with some hard teen topics walked through in a tactful and feeling way.

The main characters are engaging and the plot is interesting. The writing is enjoyable and the ending is satisfying. I also appreciate that the plot twists are well executed. Definitely a worthwhile read. There are even some things to get you thinking, which is always a bonus for me.

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