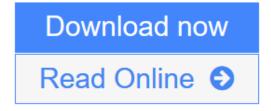


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If you could provide anyone with the path to their deepest, darkest desires, would you?

Estelle Spencer has no choice.

With just a simple touch of her hand, wishes and dreams are instantly fulfilled. Her voice speaks of its own accord, lighting the way to good fortune.

But not everyone's fortunes are desirable.

For most of her life Estelle hides in fear, living as a recluse in her sister's shadow. Until the day comes when her existence is remembered.

Forced into running, Estelle meets Rex, a Romanian gypsy, and the only person who can help her hide. Together they search for a way to end the curse that controls Estelle's life.

Before she destroys the world.

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Happy reading!

Kate Givans says

Foretell carries on where Wanderlove left off, for the most part, but the story is now told from a different perspective. Readers are now taken into the thoughts and experiences of The Oracle, otherwise known as Estelle.

Estelle first learned of her curse shortly after her father's death. She'd always known her ability could be dangerous in the wrong hands. In fact, her own mother and sister have fully abused her abilities to obtain wealth and fame. But it wasn't until meeting Lola, Rex and Gabe that Estelle realized just how much danger she and the world could be in because of her ability. She also learns that gypsies from all over the world are hunting for her, trying to find her so that they can use her abilities for their own gain.

After earning the trust of Estelle, Lola, Gabe and Rex take Estelle to safety, but that safety is soon compromised when Estelle decides to try and break the curse. This journey will lead her to love, heartbreak, and even to the brink of death. Will she break the curse or will she forever serve evil people?

Again, I am fully wowed by Belle Mallory's story. Something about her writing just captivates me. It's so real to me, as if the whole gypsy world, the curse of the Oracle and the reincarnation of gypsy souls truly does exist. I also find myself fully engrossed in her stories. The writing flows so easily, so beautifully. The characters wonderfully created. I love how they seem so much like real people.

All in all, I'm a little sad that there probably won't be another book in the Wanderlove series. (Although who knows except Ms. Mallory.) Nothing has changed for me. I am a dedicated Belle Mallory fan and look forward to reading anything she writes in the future. A huge thank you to the author for creating a story that will forever stay with me. I am certain I will read both books again sometime in the future.

CrazyBookworm99 says

I feel rather sorry for Estelle; unloved by her mother since her father died, always living in her sister's shadows and having all the gypsy community planning to kidnap her for her power to give the correct answer to any question they ask.

But what if its not them exact traits that will get her closer to death than ever before. What if its the boy shes fallen for... the boy who she can never have because his heart was left to die way back. Would you except the help of 3 strangers who randomly land on your doorstep offering help. Lola- a gentle girl she feels an instant connection to whom she can't help but trust, Gabe- Lola's fiancee who makes her jealous with the love they

share, a calm abandoner who lovingly teases his soon-to-be-wife.

And then there is Rex- An obnoxious boy who hates every girl on the planet and instantly hates her too, yet everything Estelle does seems to make him hate her more. But she can't help but feel there's more to Rex and she is determined to find out why he hides it. Belle Malory outdoes herself in this book although I wish there was more closure to what happens in the end I was captured in the first chapter. Some moderate language but other than that a great read.

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Libbie says

I feel horrible for the amount of time this was on my Carousel and kept getting pushed back for shiny new books. Part of that is due to library holds coming at me fast and furious, but I'll own the other part. What I like to call literary ADD.

I digress. I read it, I loved it, I kicked myself for not reading it sooner.

The best part? In the land of 3-book, 5-book, n-book (series that never end) story arcs, it was very refreshing to see this book wrap as a duology. There was definitely more to Wanderlove than one book could handle but, to my mind, pushing this into another two, three or more books would turn it into more filler, less plot.

Okay. That wasn't the best part. The best part was Rex. And maybe Essie. And a box of markers. (No, I won't elaborate that because it could count as a spoiler and I really try to keep away from that.)

The story was tightly told, enough detail to set the scenes and keep you in the character's world but no long stretches of purple prose that go on forever. (I want to know that the curtains are blue...I don't care why.) It kept me engaged to the point I was sneaking away to read again and went to bed last night intending to read a chapter or two...then stayed up until 3 am because I had to finish it, I had to know.

Another thing I loved is that it steps away from the more "traditional" paranormal (vampires, witches, fae) and centers on gypsies and past lives. They have subtle abilities - seeing the future, innate lie detection - and the story does a good job of showing the good and bad sides of each. How gifts can be blessings and curses at the same time.

Essie broke my heart in the decisions she made, especially for the reasons she made them. When the full nature of her gift was revealed, and what she saw when it happened. I'll admit it, I was sniffling back tears.

And then Rex. Lordy. Who could think cleaning a scraped knee could be so...so...sigh. I'll admit he wasn't my favorite in Wanderlove and maybe that was why I was so tentative to start this. Boy was that put away quick. I daresay I almost like him *more* than Gabe now. Especially the picnic. And a few other moments I won't spoil here....because I'll not only spoil it, I'll start gushing about favorite moments in pure insane

fangirl fashion and there were a *lot* of them.

In short, a beautiful duology I will most likely read again.

Chantel says

At first i was not sure if i wanted to buy the book. Only because the overview of the story, i dont remember the characters from the first book since it has been awhile. But now i am glad i have bought and read the book! I forgot that the end of the first book ended with finding out the Oracle was a girl. I never expected the turn of the events in the book. Finding out who, in a past life, was lola's mother and that she was the Oracle. Simply a goos read. I never put the book down once, finished in a couple hours! And i can tell there will be a third one! Cant wait for it and hope it comes out soon!

Annika says

So, I read this a while back and imagine my surprise when I saw that I didn't write a review. I, Annika, did not write a review for this freaking awesome book that blew my mind. Ugh, I'm disappointed in myself...

So, Estelle, 'the beast/monster', is a wonderful main character. She lives with her over achiever mother and spoiled sister who take WAY too much advantage of her and her powers. It leaves you wondering, if she never had these powers, would they even talk to her?

Obviously if you read the first book, you already know about Lola, Gabe, and Rex. The cool trio's going to turn into an epic, fantastic, four when Estelle comes along.

I'm just gonna say that the banter between Rex and Estelle was absolutely amusing. I enjoyed every second of it and I think we all knew a little romance was gonna come on. I mean, imagine this book, without ANY romance. Scary, huh?

Now, what I really liked about this book- other than the sweet romance- was the originality of the whole story.

The gypsies, the cool past lives, the surprises and whatnot.

There wasn't anything about this book that I didn't like - except Tahtiana. (Face it, she was never meant to be.)

***To the people who read this book- (I just have to say this: the part in the airport? SO FREAKING SWEET.)

Back to my review:

Foretell was creatively written and intrigueing in every possible way, and I wonder what Belle Malory has in store for Wanderlove, next.

SPECTACULAR BOOK !!! (Deserves way more than five stars, just saying) ;)

Tracee says

I have really enjoyed this series. I think the story is original-ish, the characters are developed nicely, and it's entertaining. I was so excited for this book to come out, and now that I'm done with it, I'm not 100% sure if there is going to be another one, or if it's just done. I hope there is another one, because I think it's a fun series, and I still have some questions about what's going on.

Julia says

I enjoyed reading this book so much. I loved it actually. In this case the sequel was even better than the first book. Belle Malory is a captivating writer in my opinion and I cannot wait for the 3rd book! And let me just say the hotel scene with Rex and Essie that involved markers was one of the most beautifully written, romantic scenes ever.. it felt like I was almost spying on them ;)

Radhika says

I really liked this book. The only thing I wish were different was that Essie would have been able to answer people's questions if she wanted to. Her advice is kinda cool, but it would have been cooler if she knew the answers to the questions. I really liked the transformation of Rex too! This book reminded me a lot of Ella Enchanted (in a good way).

Allie says

Literally just finished this book and Im already wanting more from this series! Was eager to reads this sequel after finishing Wanderlove and it did not disappoint. Loved the new addition to the character list and role/ roles of the exsisting ones! Can not wait for the next book to be writen and released! Will be anxiously awaiting for me!!!

Jen says

I was not prepared to like Foretell; I wasn't looking forward to the change in POV character as I dearly love Lola and Gabe. However, I came to love Essie and Rex just as much. The plot was just as good as Wanderlove, with some grammar issues but nothing major. Malory does a good job at capturing interest and keeping it the entire book. The supernatural aspect doesn't overpower the love story nor does it take over the plot. All in all I would love another book set in the world of these gypsies.

Vicki Scullion says

This book took up the story from the first book in the series, but was told from the point of view of a

Crystal (Books Are Sanity!!!) says

I absolutely loved the first book in this series, Wanderlove and Foretell was just as enchanting and intriguing! I have fallen into this world of gypsies that Malory has created and I don't want go find my way out! Read book one and you will fly just as quickly through this second book! I love and applaud Essie's character and her courage and honor she displayed throughout the entire book. What an amazing main character! And Rex, watch out baby because he is hot and has some serious baggage! But his kindness and chivalry outweighed his ego! I love how Malory wove the first and second books together and the "aha" moment when you realize how it all comes together! This is a fantastic series that I would recommend to any YA reader, I loved it!

Rating: mild cussing/a few sexual references

Tiffany says

Now before I begin let me start by say the book did not take me almost six weeks to read. August was a ridiculously busy month for me, and as such, I read a chapter or two at a time, when I had the time, which was rare.

Belle Malory has done it again. Another beautifully written, delightful story that just made my insides squish with happiness. Squish, I say.

I loved Estelle and Rex's story right from the beginning. No insta-love here. Belle's heroines are the highlight of her books for me, because they are always so strong and independent. Sometimes these girls do not know how strong they are until they are tested, but that strength is still there. It shows in every word they say and every action they make.

When we meet Estelle, she is a young girl who has just lost her father and is yet unaware of her ability. After an incident with her sister at her father's funeral, the plot begins to unfold and we are transported into the present. Estelle's younger sister and her mother have learned how to navigate Estelle's ability for their own selfish gain. It is not until the arrival of Lola, Gabe and Rex that things get really interesting and the plot thickens.

Estelle finds out about who she is and where she comes from and is tasked with running with them for her own safety. Estelle is awesome. I loved her determination and her unwavering loyalty to the people she came to know as her friends.

My love for Rex was equal to that of my love for Estelle. Rex was great, right from the start, aloof and all work and no play. He took his role as protector to just the right level. He was never too far, but not overbearing. He had enough baggage to rival the best of them, but he never let that take away from his role in the group.

Rex and Estelle were made for each other, though it is a shame they had to wait so many lifetimes to find one another.

Fans of Lola and Gabe from Wanderlove will not be disappointed as they play decent-sized roles in this story, Lola more so than Gabe, for reasons that are explained in Part II. It is in the second part of the story, where Malory gives the readers a glimpse of the main character's past life. In Wanderlove, the flashback I found to be almost jarring, but in Foretell the flashback is just long enough to give the readers the background they need, while not taking too long to get to the climax.

Lola and Gabe will always be my favorite couple from this series; however, Estelle and Rex gave them a good run for their money. There is just something about that first romance in a series that sticks with you.

To read my WHY for Foretell and an interview with the author, please continue on to my blog over at: anannysliterarymusings.wordpress.com