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Before the enchantment breaks, Selkie thinks she's just an average teenage girl...

It's the beginning of summer vacation, and everyone at Selkie Stewart's Boston high school is excited. Except for Selkie, who sees herself standing at the edge of an abyss of Nothing To Do. Selkie doesn't want to spend her summer scouring the kitchen for gnomes with her crazy aunts or mooning over the enigmatic boy on Boston Common. So instead Selkie goes in search of a job. What she finds is a new best friend, a cute boy who might be more than he seems, and even more question about her mother and her past — and a sense that Selkie's adventures are just beginning.

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EMA says

Half the reason I read this so quickly was because it's very short. The other half was because I loved it.

I found myself falling in love the little snippets of the world instantly, though I don't know what half of it means. I love the MC, Selkie, who spends a lot of time thinking about what's normal and what's not, and has very appropriate reactions to things like a popular girl from school talking to her. I relate to Selkie.

The writing style, which is rather straightforward, might be annoying to some, but I like it. It's refreshing, after months of reading complicated sentences and over-the-top descriptions.

I love this. But I don't have money for the rest of the series. Ugh.

Ze Peng says

4.25 stars

A very interesting novella, makes me feel excited for the first book. Would give it a 5 star if it has more wow-factor or plot twist.

zapkode says

{My Thoughts} – Selkie wants to be normal. She tries to tell herself that she can be normal if she tries hard enough. She wants to believe that she can do normal things, go out with her friends, date, have a job etc... Selkie is anything but normal though and sooner or later she will realize it.

The best thing about this series is that it's about a teenage girl that thinks she has to be just like everyone else. That she has to conform to what is considered the norm of everyone around her. She was home schooled and now attends High School. She has no friends and her Aunts are incredibly strange.

She is a pocketeer, in other words she collects random things and keeps them in her pockets in case she may need them another time in her life. It's interesting that she gets a job working for someone that does nearly the same thing. Has shelves full of discarded unwanted items in her store.

She gets her job through the help of another girl from school. This is where we get to know more about Kelsey. I have to admit I love her character as much as I love Selkie and Ben's.

This was a really nice short story that helped to give more insight on the storyline. I can't wait to read book number two. This series is definitely one that I find enjoyable and entertaining!

Misty says

Felt very rushed

I know it was a novella and all but it felt very rushed to me. Kind of left me with my head spinning. Luckily I have the next book so hopefully things will slow down a bit and I'll get a better grasp on what's going on.

Jenny says

I love this series so much! This was a really good prequel.

Stephanie says

There were some humorous moments with the aunts and Ben, but there really wasn't anything that happened in this book. Perhaps if you read it before you read the first book in the series, you might find it more interesting, but I don't think it will make you understand the first book any better. But it was a quick read and good to get reacquainted with the series before I read book 2.

Kayla says

A quick easy fun novella was what I needed.

Mehsi says

I have had the first book on my shelves here for some time, now after reading this prequel, I am not sure if I want to read it. Frankly the story was confusing, boring and just didn't flow right.

Out of all the characters, I liked Kelsey the most, and she is not even the main character. She was fun and awesome and I loved how she just took Selkie under her wing and became her friend.

I didn't like Selkie. She was awkward, I couldn't relate to her at all, and how she talked or did things, just no. She was conflicting about things. I didn't like her, and since she is the main character, I am not sure if I can stand a full book with her. So I will probably get the book off my shelves.

The aunts were just weird, and not much is explained why they are like that. Why are they warning Selkie about stuff? Why are they so confused about the time? What is up with all the gnomes?

Selkie's conversations with Ben just seemed painful, like they are both at the same place but talking about different subjects. I also have no clue why they are friends (or more?). They totally don't seem to match and Ben's awkward replies to Selkie's awkward questions or conversations just made me cringe.

Also she is friends with Ben, meets him like daily, yet she doesn't know his last name???? Wait, what? How

can you not know that.

The premise sounded interesting. Mysterious creatures? Witches? Gnomes? Strange Aunts? A girl who is not what she thought she is? But in this prequel it just seems strange and like I missed something.

Then near the end of this novella we get a few pages about sewing? And lace? What and why?

All in all, a really strange and awkward story. I am won't be reading this series. (unless Kelsey becomes the main girl)

Review first posted at <http://twirlingbookprincess.com/>

Heather McMahan says

Intriguing book

An intriguing prequel to start this series. Looking forward to learning more. Getting to know Selkie and her story and what lies ahead.

Gisbelle says

A nice and intriguing novella, with a great introduction to the series. The humor was just the kind I liked; sarcastic and no hint of trying way too hard to be funny.

Rachel says

The Girl Who Kissed a Lie is the prequel to The Girl Who Never Was. This novella is a good introduction to Selkie's strange and mysterious world and if the actual book is anything close to this novella it gonna be weird. I will be reading the novel soon and I do have the other books in the series.

Lexi Herondale says

I wasn't expecting to like this so much. A great, entertaining start to a series that U can't wait to dive into.

Sarah says

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

Well, there was one interesting event, but for the most part I was bored.

5 out of 10.

Perla The IB Teen Book Blogger says

Much like my experience reading *Girl Who Never Was*, I have huge chunks of this novella highlighted. Skylar Dorset is a dream with the turn of phrase.

Laura of Lurking says

Originally posted on [LauraofLurking](#)

Strong language: None

Drugs: None

Violence: Vague / negligible

Sexual content: Negligible

This novella has a conversational style to the first person narrative, instantly making you like the girl and feel a part of her rather bizarre world. Generally I liked how this felt, it read very naturally, but at times it made the protagonist sound considerably younger than she was supposed to be, almost as if she was talking down to you. This is something I can overlook though, in light of the positives.

The characters are slightly offbeat, almost making the "normal" characters, if you can consider them that, feel out of place! All the characters are colourful, filling their roles as awkward youths or crazy old ladies with few words but good coverage.

The plot follows a girl, Selkie, as she gets her first real summer break, due to having been previously home-schooled by her aunts and all the trouble she can get herself in in a quiet town.

I read this in one sitting, it's an easy read with short chapters, ideal for commuting. Take a few minutes out of your day to enjoy the simple pleasures of a fairy tale for children and adults alike.
