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Born together, wed together...

The ancient law is a curse to Brianna, whose twin sister has fallen in love with a man Brianna can't bring herself to marry. To avoid disappointing her family, she fakes her death and escapes Eryvale to hide in the dazzling city of Bymere...but the city doesn't live up to its promise.

Lonely and homesick, Brianna regrets her decision until she meets Lyall, a handsome mage. Their instant bond grows deeper, and despite knowing she can never marry him, Brianna accepts Lyall's offer to leave Bymere before travellers from her village discover she's still alive. Journeying to the exciting Isla de Magi, Brianna makes plans for a new life and is shocked to find she possesses mage magic as well.

However, when a chilling dream warns of an impending threat to her village, Brianna must leave the Isle and rush home to help her sister. Soon Lyall follows, chasing after the same threat and longing to reunite with Brianna. But can the two work together to stop the danger? Or will Brianna be forced to choose between her love for Lyall and the safety and happiness of her sister?

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Terri Calvert says

Fascinated

All of the fantasy of living in a different time and then the reality of how much alike we really are. Hatred and violence can be overcome with the right motivation.

Rosie Amber says

Twin Curse is another book from Australian author Rinelle Grey, I was thrilled to be offered the opportunity to read and review an ARC copy and couldn't wait to start reading. I would describe this as a fantasy/romance. Twins are rare in this land, but when a man finds twin sisters he can't wait to get married because he gets to marry both as an ancient law is upheld. Mianna and Brianna are of marriageable age and there are few suitors in their village because of the constant attack by Trolls. Brianna is torn between her twin and her heart, she cannot face marrying the man her twin has chosen, so she fakes her death and runs away. Brianna runs to the city, but it is not all she hopes until one day she meets a young man. Lyall instantly recognises a fellow mage, but Brianna seems unaware of her magic and power. Back in Brianna's village the worst attack ever from the Trolls leads Brianna to make drastic decisions. Rinelle weaves a magic of her own throughout this book, the settings and the characters are well written. The concept of a magical curse and ancient rules set by Kings long ago is peeled away in gentle layers as you read through the book. It's the young of today who must choose how they take forward the rules of the land and how they will change them for the better. I really enjoyed the book and look forward to reading more books from this author.

Brenda says

When their fiancé was killed in a battle with the trolls, Brianna and Mianna were devastated. But life moved on, and Mianna fell in love with Terion. The problem was that the law of the country decreed that twins were *Born together, wed together....* Brianna didn't love Terion but with the law stating she had to marry with her twin, she was desperate to find a solution. Their mother was keeper of their village, Eryvale, making all decisions for the benefit of the small community. So when Brianna ran away, she could tell no-one – they had to think she was dead so Mianna could marry Terion without censure.

Escaping to the city of Bymere, a place she had only heard about but never visited, Brianna was waitressing in a small inn; she was lonely and desperately homesick for her family, until the day a handsome young man came in for a meal and bed. The sparks which ignited between them shocked them both – Brianna had no idea what it meant, but Lyall did – he was a mage, and recognised a kindred spirit in Brianna. Spending a few hours here and there with Lyall before he returned home brought them close, but Brianna knew they could never marry...

Cautiously accepting Lyall's invitation to travel to his home, the Isla de Magi, to escape the notice of villagers from Eryvale, the journey on his small sail boat was an exciting adventure. But there was more to come – the days and weeks with Lyall were proving to be an education to Brianna, in more ways than one,

and when she had a terrible, shocking dream – a dream so real she knew she had to return home immediately, the die was cast. Their life would change from that moment on, but would it be for the best or would the danger be too much? As the ancient past collided with the present, the threat to everything Brianna held dear was immense....

Wow! I absolutely loved this book! Aussie author Rinelle Grey's fantasy books have now gone onto my favourites list, and I can't wait to read her next one. A romance with a difference, with magic and illusions; strength, courage and determination – the characters are excellent, the emotions real. Even if you are not a fantasy lover (which I wasn't) this isn't anything more than a romance with a difference...

I have no hesitation in recommending this novel highly.

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★★★Twin Curse by Rinelle Grey

I was given this ARC in exchange for my honest opinion.

I liked the idea behind the story. This has potential to be a good book. This fantasy world is made up of humans, mages, and trolls.

They are all fairly developed. However, there are numerous conflicting ideas, that just don't work. This slows the story down. I really wish this would have flowed better, because I really did enjoy the story.

This book desperately needs a thorough editing. I was debating if I should continue to read it, after the first chapter. The problems would get better for a bit, but then they would reappear. When dealing with fantasy worlds, where all the characters and cities have unusual names, it is important to keep spelling consistent. There are missing words, extra words, typos, and missing punctuation. The timeline seems to be off as well.

Thanks to the author for sharing this new twist on fated lovers.

Jennifer says

Also posted to Jen in Bookland

4.5 stars

I was quite surprised by how much I enjoyed Twin Curse. Really the only reason I started reading it is because I didn't understand. Born together, wed together what? So they are twins they have to marry the same person? Why and how does that end up working? The only reason why I started the book was to try and get answers to these questions. It just seemed like such a ridiculous idea. The story really grabbed me right away and it was one of those books where I ended up reading it slower than normal to try and make it last longer.

At first I did keep questioning why the twins had to marry the same person. The world is built through showing things happening and whatnot, so it is not just a chunk of text explaining everything. Once you

finally realize why they had this rule though I was like oh! That makes sense in the realm where they live. So it was interesting, but kept me wondering which I liked.

Brianna and Mianna are the twins that must marry the same man. Mianna has someone in town she wants to marry, but Brianna just doesn't feel the same way about him. They live in a tiny village at the base of some mountains, and their village gets attacked by trolls every few months. They have a rough time trying to defend themselves against the trolls and after one of these attacks Brianna runs away, faking her own death by troll. She goes to the big city and has some adventures and meets Lyall. He is a mage, someone she has always been taught to fear. Mages are supposed to be evil, or magic is evil, and scary and whatnot. Little does she know she is a Mage as well, and there are some funky things going on with her village.

Lyall and Brianna start hanging out and really start falling for each other, even though she keeps telling him she can never marry him. I mean she is a twin after all so it would never work. He is really great with her, and seems to really care for her, and then is devastated when she runs away one day after a horrible dream about her town. Lyall follows her, but doesn't know where she went. He also has to help protect everyone from the evil other mages he has heard about his entire life. Of course this leads him to Brianna's village and fun times! I loved once he got there and all of the pretenses that had to be kept up and everything. I mean most guys want to marry twins, but Lyall just wants Brianna. It is kind of sweet, and kind of corny how everything works out. I really enjoyed the story though. Very sweet and I loved the world that was created. Much simpler times, but still magical.

Kjirstin says

Hmmm. I thought the premise of this book was interesting, and I'm always game for a "girl runs away from small town to see the wide world" fantasy...

However, this suffered, I think, from trying to be a high-school YA romance at the same time as a high fantasy tale of mages and monsters and lots of magic. The main characters reacted to each other the way that a contemporary boy and girl might, with their contemporary manners and morality. And it wasn't believable in the fantasy environment.

Also, the bulk of the book is spent with characters fighting against a law (twins must marry the same man) that seems nonsensical. While the historical / magical reasons for that law are explained in the course of the book, I'd already been pulled out of the story because it just didn't make sense to me at a gut level.

So, in short: interesting idea, but the execution left something to be desired.

Runningrabbit says

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Standard kind of fantasy romance novel. Worth a light commuter read.

Kimberly says

I was revolted by the idea of "*born together, wed together*" when I started the story. Unless both twins have the exact same personality, I really doubt they can love the same person.

The story is told from multiple POVs, I don't normally fancy stories told from multiple POVs but Rinelle Grey made the story flow seamlessly from one character to another.

Well, the story begins with Mianna, one of the twins asking Brianna, the other twin how she felt about this one village dude. Mianna loves the dude but not Brianna, who still can't forget her dead beloved. So after a troll attack, which happens really often in their village, an idea came to Brianna. Brianna fake her death and ran to the city. There Brianna met Lyall, a visitor to the city. The moment they met is where everything changes for Brianna.

I was wondering how the story would proceed after Brianna ran away. I thought it would be cliché if Brianna fell in love, got married and stay in the city. I really wasn't expecting anything magical related. So I was surprise when Lyall's POV came into the story describing how he felt a magical uh..."aura" that Brianna possess.

Overall, it's a good story. I just didn't like the way the story span into a two years thing, I guess it's just that I didn't like the idea two lovers separate for too long and also the fact that (view spoiler)

Stephanie says

I loved this book! Twins expected to marry the same man...Mages and Trolls!! Woohoo A great story to read for sure. On to book 2!

I was gifted an ARC in return of an honest review.

Amber Christiansen says

Really good

This book was entertaining and I thoroughly enjoyed all the different twists and turns in the plot. I am eager to read the next one.

Bella Doerres says

Twin Curse by Rinelle Grey

Twin girls are born together and wed together and it has been the law and will always be so. Yet Brianna

does not love the man her sister loves. She has no choice but to run and in running she finds a love she knows she cannot have. Twins however have a way to communicate and when you add the fact that they are magi and hold an ancient magic they know when trouble threatens. Brianna must return to save her sister and flees again this time from the one she loves.

The ancient law is not to be broken. Yet will the one that loves Brianna seek her out, and in finding her find out that the law is really a beginning of an ancient curse. Curses can be broken but how will they all find the magic to break it. If two bring more strength to the one will not four together bring even more strength .

What secrets do Branna and her lover find in the tombs of her village, and what can they do to change the curse.... This is a book you have to read. This story is full of twists, turns, magic, trolls, and Magi. ...Read Twin Curse to find out if the power of love can prevail and undo a curse that has held so many for so long or are the lovers doomed as the first twins were at the beginning of the law....

Bella Doerres

12/26/2013

Lokdyer says

This is an amazing story with a wonderful ending. As twins, Mianna and Brianna must follow the law that says all twins must marry the same person. However, Brianna just can't accept Mianna's choice, so by running away, she finds her own true love, even though circumstances separate them for two years. The story has mages and magic, trolls, and a lot of surprises. You will find out who the trolls really are and why they have attacked the village for centuries; how and why the twin law came about; how characters change; how everything works out for the best, even though it's impossible to see how that can happen. I really enjoyed seeing the main characters change to do what is best for all concerned. I would certainly recommend this book to others. I received a complimentary copy of this book and this is my honest review of this story.

Jonel Boyko says

Grey begins her new story with the same approachable, inviting writing style that we've come to know and love from her. The storyline is enticing and exciting. Grey gives a brand new twist to the fantasy genre, building it up with exquisite narrative and vivid descriptions. She has developed a solid mythology and history for her land to back up her solid and exciting storyline.

I absolutely loved how real the characters in this story were. The entire cast was brilliantly developed, allowing you to get to know them as individuals, as part of a family, and as part of a community. Above all, they are extremely real. They aren't perfect fae-like beings, but rather individuals who stand up for their own. Now, that's not to say that the main characters aren't absolutely phenomenal. I can't think of a pair of fantasy characters that I've loved more.

Overall, this was an exciting and adventurous tale that I couldn't put down. This is definitely an emotional tale that will keep you coming back for more, even after the perfect ending to the perfect story.

Please note that I received this novel free of charge from the author in exchange for an honest review.

Maryam Dinzly says

Twin Curse is about twins and their curse. OBVIOUSLY. HAHA. sorry. anyway,yeah this book is about a set of twins,Brianna and Mianna. "Born together,wed together." and no,it doesnt mean that they would get married on th same day. it means that they must get married to th SAME GUY. which,in my opinion,a really ridiculous law. just because they are twins,that doesnt mean that they have th same feelings too.

ANYWAY,HAHA god,i love this book. Okayokay,anyway,Mianna fell for a guy,a boring one. which obviously didnt appeal to th adventurous Brianna. Hence,Brianna decided to fake her own death and run away to another state. There,loneley and lost,she met a handsome guy,who she will eventually fall in love with :) HEHE.

MY REVIEW:

basically,i love this book because it is about sisters. th way sisters stood by each other even when they disapprove of th other's actions. and i love how th author shows everyone's point of view. that way,you dont really have to guess what th other person is thinking. i love Brianna,though. she is like my ideal female character. brave,adventurous and awesome as hell. i love how th author made th sisters total opposites of each other. yes,there are times when i actually hated Mianna. HAHA. especially when she tried to separate Brianna and th hothot mage. i mean,HELLO,she loves him,she doesnt love your boring husband. HEHE. anyway,yes i love this book. if there was ever gonna be a prequel,i shall grab it up,hehe. i rate this book 5stars.

Elizabeth Jane says

When I first started reading this book, I was super into it! I loved the premise of the story and Brianna's solution to her problem. She and Lyall meet and their romance is sweet and funny and sincere....*sigh* But after Brianna says "yes" to going to the Isle de Magi with Lyall things went downhill for me. Every scene felt too scripted and forced. I found myself guessing what was next before it happened. The war with the trolls just stopping like it did was too easy. So...I really enjoyed the first half or so but the second half was too bland and predictable for me.
