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Erin says

The glamor and drama of music and dance, the pressures of the designing world, and the violence of the world of Russian crime collide in this story of two ill-fated souls from very different molds. She's alone, timid, and doesn't often take risks, while he's daring, suave, and smothered by a mother who can't leave well enough alone. Prelude follows their journey from strangers to so much more when their paths cross in beautiful Milan, but destiny might not be the only thing that brought them together.

We hold each other's gazes for a long moment. Normally a man would be wearing my hand print after I slap him for being rude. But something about this guy hits me in a thousand different ways. And I like every single punch I'm receiving. ~Erin LOC 404

Erin comes from a troubled past, with the pain from the loss of her father and sister and the guilt she carries about a terrible choice that she made. She feels like everything she touches with her heart she breaks, so she's walled herself up to avoid it ever happening again. Starting over, with her design career on the rise, the last thing she wanted or needed was a cocky Russian maestro to come barreling into her life. Alek has his own demons that he struggles with, but for the most part he was just trying to figure out why Erin made him feel something no one else ever had. With dual POV, I liked seeing his inner struggles over the young designer and the emotions he wrestled with. Despite his 'former gang-member' status, he wasn't alpha-male domineering, but I chalked that up to the way his overbearing mother groomed him and his sister to be so different from their violent father. He was definitely a sexy Russian playboy, so there was little doubt he'd win over Erin before long!

The road to reach the impossible has been paved. And I don't want anybody else to travel down it with me but the woman lying beside me right now. ~Alek LOC 2672

Erin and Alek were of course hot for each other from the get-go, but with her refusal to let anyone in, they weren't getting far. Alek saw something he wanted and was not about to let it slip through his fingers, and I was relieved to see Erin blossoming as he wormed his way into her life and heart. He really challenges her and brings out her inner vixen, and they were really sexy together once she stopped keeping him at arms length! As Alek's past came back to haunt them, there were secrets and danger at every turn that tore them apart, and for good reason. I was angry at Alek for keeping what he knew to himself, and I expect he'd have had more of a reaction given how incredible of a "it's a small world" situation they were in. But I'm also a believer in the idea that everything happens for a reason, so the fact that Erin and Alek were brought together after all was said and done was a neat twist-of-fate storyline.

This story had a little bit of everything; from lovers of the arts to those who prefer suspense and action, there's something for everyone as Erin and Alek were enmeshed in more than either of them realized. The fact that this is just the opening act for them, that this story was in fact their *prelude*, was really clever, and in KaSonndra's own words..."The end is only the beginning."

This and other of my reviews can be found at: <http://www.autumnreview.com/search/la...>

Chris- Bookaddict says

First off I need to thank KaSonndra for the opportunity and ARC copy of The Prelude to read and review before it was released , This is the first book of her's that I have read and I absolutely loved it . The scene set, the story, the character's . It was absolutely Beautiful.

Sometimes life offers a second chance.

Seize it, Own it....

Do not be afraid to walk outside of the line .

Love, I have to say this to you : “ You tore open my heart. You made me feel pain when all I wanted to feel was Joy. So now, I will remove your power over me. I'll never kiss anyone or trust in any dream that you can take away from me. I will never believe in you, ever again. “

Erin had it all the best family life, Best sister in the world, Parents she loved and who loved her whole. She had big dreams of music in her future with a prestigious school and in one moment it all changed .

We start this book out with Erin and the tragedy she is dealt with , then the one boy she loved and gave herself to leaves her also.

5 yrs later Erin has finished Design school and moved to Milan , Italy. She has buried her grief, silenced her demons, and is living a life without any real attachments. It has worked well for her for the last 5 yrs until she secures her first real job as a budding clothing designer , and her controlled world has been shaken to it's core by the mysteriously sexy director known as Alek Dostov.

When Erin first meets Alek she thinks he is an assistant to the Director . He comes in in the middle of her first dilemma and the fact that the outfits are in the wrong color. She does not have the initial designs ready. She ends up having an asthma attack which he helps her through . Second meeting is the preview of the designs and now she must appear in one of the outfits herself as the models have called out . after an outfit mishap and being discovered by the assistant again , but this time half naked . Erin is now totally embarrassed . She finally gets dressed and heads out to the stage where the rest of the models are waiting .

It is then that she realize that the assistant is actually the maestro, Alek Dostov .

I loved Erin she was a strong Girl she keeps her emotions in check and she refuses to let anyone into her heart . Her biggest thing is not to get involved with her boss'. She has thoughts that constantly run through her mind and she has even named them Reckless me and Righteous me. This I thought was great .

Alek , mmm what was there not to love about him , hot, steamy , man who always gets what he wants , and he WANTS Erin . he is so gentle with her , he is careful with how he handles her right from the start .

This story was an emotional rollercoaster all the way from beginning to end and I absolutely loved it . I would recommend this book to EVERYONE .. It truly is a must read for sure .

Another thing I loved about this book and another reason I got so into it and felt every emotion through the whole story was that KaSonndra has a pinterest section dedicated to this book and going through her

pictures, videos and etc from that throughout the story added so much feeling to my thoughts while reading this story .

You can check it out here

<http://pinterest.com/alestasia/the-pr...>

Book Blurb:

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KaSonndra thank you so much for the opportunity to read and review this book as well as being part of your Street Team for it. I truly enjoyed it with my whole heart.

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Proud member of the Prelude Street Team!

Anna Banana says

3.5 stars!

When I first heard about this book it instantly caught my attention. I felt like I waited forever to finally get this book and I think I build up this book too much with my anticipation. Because while I enjoyed this book, it was really what I thought it would be.

Erin is a very likable character. She's strong, smart and worked hard to get to where she is now. She's been through a lot and doesn't trust easily. She's completely closed herself off from love and puts all her energy into her designs. But then she meets Alek and well...things aren't the same.

Both Erin and Alek have secrets, a past and things they don't want to share. I was surprised by some of the things that have happened in their lives, especially with Alek. In a way they need each other and they both bring out the best in each other.

The writing style felt different to me. Like I can tell that this is the authors first book but that doesn't necessarily mean it's a bad thing. I really love how much art played a part in this book. It has singing, dancing, music and pretty much any kind of art you can think of.

I like the Prelude but it's not a favorite for me. I still would recommend this book though; it's the kind of book you read when you're home on a rainy day.

***Received from author in exchange for an honest review.**

***This review also appears on my blog World of Books**

Too Many Books Too Little Time says

Unfortunately this was a DNF for me. I think I made it to maybe 25%.

The storyline just wasn't very believable and I really didn't feel any connection to the characters. It was all too over the top.

The story starts with Erin being in high school art class. Her mom shows up with bad news and in the process she loses her boyfriend (who moves). Because of this she swears off love...over a high school boyfriend?!!! Really?!!?

Fast forward 5 years and Erin is 21 and a fashion designer in Milan. There she meets Alek who is the maestro for a group that she is designing outfits for. Alek is a former gang member from Russia. They are attracted to each other. He's a playboy and she doesn't do love.

All of this takes place over the first 25% of the book. I don't know....it just didn't work for me. It wasn't plausible!

Moving on.....

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

Sometimes life offers a second chance. Seize it. Own it... Do not be afraid to walk outside of the line.

A beautiful and emotional story about dreams and love. Redemption and family. The difficult life-journey of two really young people who are defined by their deep scars and are living in the present trying to forget the past and chase the future. A book about loyalty, fears and the secret passions we are keeping hidden, until the right person comes along to unleash them.

*??Some say love, it is a river
that drowns the tender reed.
Some say love, it is a razor
that leaves your soul to bleed.
Some say love, it is a hunger,
an endless aching need.
I say love, it is a flower,
and you it's only seed.*

*It's the heart afraid of breaking
that never learns to dance.
It's the dream afraid of waking
that never takes the chance.
It's the one who won't be taken,
who cannot seem to give,
and the soul afraid of dyin'
that never learns to live.??~ The Rose*

Erin Angelo is afraid to live. The young and talented fashion designer left the U.S broken and scarred by a family tragedy to chase her dream and nightmares away in Milan. A city full of life and passion, that Erin can't relate to.

She exists, floating away, until she lands the deal that will take off her small business. She is hired to design the costumes for a new opera adaptation of "Requiem of a Dream", directed by the most promising rising star...

Alek Dostov. Gifted beyond his 23 years, Alek, left behind his past in Russia and Aleksandr Dostovsky transformed from a traumatized and confused kid into The Maestro, a seductive, arrogant and dangerous man.

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He is drawn to the mysterious Erin and the shadows he sees in her eyes. She intrigues him and he will fight her resistance, his mother's plans, treachery and betrayal for making her his.
And convince her that they deserve to love and to dream together.

Can these two commitment-phobic people, take the most beautiful risk of all?

“Can’t you see that what we have isn’t normal? I truly believe something divine has stepped in here.”

Exciting and just as irresistible as *The Maestro* himself, this book draws you in from the first note.

“Prelude is the part of a song that pulls you in, hypnotizing you with beauty.”

In almost alternative POVs, Alek and Erin are narrating their story and are laying bare in front of us, leaving no room for mysteries, what-ifs and doubts. We are falling along with them, fight, despair, love and rejoice.

You really don't want to miss this book!

As for me, I'm sticking with it's promise..

“THE END IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.”

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Proud member of the Prelude Street Team! Thank you KaSonndra!

Debra says

"Sometimes life offers you a second chance. Seize it...own it. Do not be afraid to walk outside the line."

Erin Angelo --

Alek Dostov --

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**First of all,** I would like to thank author KaSonndra Leigh for providing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. It has been a pleasure to read the story of Erin and Alek and I very much enjoyed reading their enticing journey.

**Second of all**, can I just say, I **LOVE** this cover. Having read the story, I now also know which scene it refers to and that just makes the cover all the more meaningful.

*Now, on to the story...*



*The Prelude : the part of a song that pulls you in, hypnotizing you with it's beauty. The beginning of a song hooks people inside its spell and never lets the person go until the last note trickles through their mind...*

**The Prelude** is a story about music, love, passion, lies and betrayal, all of this situated in the fashion capital of Italy, Milan.

At the beginning of this book we meet the twenty one year old American girl named **Erin Angelo**. She's an upcoming clothing designer working on getting her career launched in Milan, Italy. Erin has known a lot of sadness in her young life. She's lost some of the people who were closest to her, and because of that she no longer believes in love. She tries to put on a tough girl act that will keep all of her feeling locked deep down inside.

*Love, I have this to say to you: "You tore open my heart. You made me feel pain when all I wanted was to feel joy. So now, I will remove your power over me. I will never believe in you, ever again." ~ Erin*

But when the company she works for gets offered the job of designing the outfits for the local, successful opera, Erin meets **Alek Dostov, aka The Maestro** of the opera. He's a musical genius with a Russian father and an American mother. He's also drop-dead gorgeous, filthy rich and used to getting any woman he wants. Now, he wants Erin but she's unlike any other woman he's ever met and he knows she won't be easy to persuade...

*"She uses too many curse words. A woman who has a mouth that can put a man's to shame means trouble. Always. Every time." ~ Alek*

Determined to never allow herself to open up to someone ever again, Erin tries to keep her relationship with The Maestro strictly professional.

*Their attraction is palpable, their encounters are filled with a kind of passion that they are both unable to deny...*

But at the same time, neither of them is willing to give up their freedom, because giving up their freedom would mean opening up about themselves and revealing their darkest secrets to each other. And that is something neither of them is ready for yet...

*"I've been a lost jaybird singing a sad song. But in this man who kisses me so passionately, and frees my body when I lose myself in pleasure, I'm finally able to hear my own voice, a happier one. It's a gorgeous melody, a tune I've held back for way too long." ~ Erin*

*"Once you find the courage to open yourself up to something you've always believed to be forbidden, then you never want to let it go."*

But it's not all about love and passion, this story is also about lies and betrayal. Towards the ending the story become much more action-filled and full of suspense. Especially when you throw in Alek's "slightly" crazy and overprotective mother who likes to stir up the situation and ghosts from both Alek's and Erin's past that pop up at the most inconvenient moments...

But how it all ends, that is for you to find out by reading this exciting story...

Overall, I really enjoyed reading *The Prelude*. I liked that it had such an original setting and storyline and that it never became too predictable. Some of the events might have been a little too farfetched (view spoiler) but other than that, I thought Erin and Alek had a perfect chemistry as a couple. Also, the fact that it was written in a dual point of view, gave us a very clear insight on both of their personalities. And then there were a bunch of other colorful and interesting side characters that made the story all the more fun to read.

This was my first novel by KaSonndra Leigh and I'm already looking forward to reading more of her work!

**All I have left to say is, READ IT and find out for yourself what Erin and Alek's story is all about... For a better impression of the atmosphere of this story with beautiful pictures and a great music selection, definitely check out the author's Pinterest Page right here: [The Prelude Pinterest Page](#)**

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*"Love, I have this to say to you...I do believe."*

**4 STARS.**

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## **Tana says**

The Prelude (A Musical Interlude Novel) by KaSonndra Leigh

KaSonndra Leigh has written A New Adult Contemporary Romance novel called The Prelude, which by the way is one of my favorite genres. I really enjoyed The Prelude and once I started reading it I didn't want to stop. KaSonndras' writing is excellent, her words flow smoothly and I really enjoyed the main characters the descriptions were done extremely well. One of the things I liked most about this book is that lately I find authors are adding a lot of sex scenes in the adult romance genre and I really liked that The Prelude focused on the story more than the two having the actual sex. Don't get me wrong though it's still there and it is great, but I liked the plot and the way the story unfolded. This novel has a few different things going on, of course the romance, sexual tension, suspense, some lies and of course secrets. It has everything a good story needs.

So we meet Erin Angelo who has had to deal with a lot of tragedy and losses in her life, to protect herself she decided to keep her heart closed to love. She is now living in Milan and works as a designer with a few of her friends; they have recently just been hired to come up with the designs for Alek Dostov, Maestro of the local symphony. When Alek stops by to check on the design he meets Erin Angelo; in the middle of an asthma attack she asks him not to say anything to his boss assuming he is Alek Dostov assistant. So when Erin does meet up with Alek again she realizes her mistake. Alek is taken with Erin as Erin is to Alek. She starts to feel things she hasn't for a very long time.

A lot of back and forth goes on between these two, and the sexual tension is off the charts, they both have so many secrets that the only way Alek is going to get his chance with her is by proposing they keep things light and maybe just have a sexual relationship keeping feelings and commitments off the table. Erin thinks this could work as the last thing she needs is to open up her heart, but are they fooling each other or themselves.

There is so much more going on in this novel, there is Alek's past to learn about, and what happened to Erin, find out how her past has changed some of the dreams she had for her own life. And if Alek's mother has anything to do with it, can Alek and Erin get past her controlling ways.

All I can stress at this point is go purchase a copy and find out for yourself.

So I have rated The Prelude (A Musical Interlude Novel) a 4.5 star rating and I highly recommend this novel. I cannot wait to read more of KaSonndra Leigh adult contemporary romance novels and really looking forward to reading a book 2 in this series.

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## **KatLynne says**

### **2.5 Stars**

KaSonndra Leigh's debut novel, The Prelude, opens with a tragedy leaving the heroine, Erin Angelo, determined never to believe in love again. She closes herself off from relationships while concentrating on being the best in design school. Shortly after graduation, she leaves the States, taking her first job as a

budding designer in beautiful, Milan, Italy.

Alek Dostov is only 23 yrs old and a very talented Maestro. Much like Erin, his past is tragic and he avoids relationships that leave him emotionally vulnerable. With his looks, charm and talent, women flock to him. His reputation as a player is well known, but all this changes soon after he meets the lovely Erin.

Erin isn't one of those women falling at his feet but there's an intense attraction between them. Alek pursues her believing they can have a sexual connection without commitment or involving the heart. Their passionate journey also includes some very well kept secrets. When revealed, one of those will shatter Erin's world, leaving her reeling from the betrayal....

The potential is here for a great story and I wanted to love this book. Unfortunately, there are times when a book doesn't work for all readers. While I liked Alek and Erin, I never came to love them. The book is written in dual POV and still I never fully connected to these characters nor did I become invested in their journey.

I like the inclusion of the musical aspect along with the happy ending. The second half kept me a little more invested and I found myself wanting to know how this would all play out. While this may not have worked, I would definitely try more from this author in the future.

\*\*\*Book courtesy of the author in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

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## **Adriana says**

Omg omg omg review to come I need to collect my thoughts lol

Ok firstly I would love to thank my friend and awesome author KaSonndra Leigh for giving me the honor of being a BETA reader for this amazing book.

I have read all of Kas's books and loved them all but I must say this is by far my favorite. She is the type of writer that will succeed in any genre she writes and this book is proof as it is very different from the others.

From the start I was drawn in, it starts off with a tragic accident that changes everything for Erin, after this tragedy she promises never to give her heart away again. Then it moves on to 5 years later and Erin is one of the youngest most successful American boutique co-owners in Milan. She is stronger and wiser. I loved Erin she is such a strong character that keeps her emotions in check and she never allows herself to cry, and most of all she does not let anyone in her heart. . And the. She meets Alek and she allows the one thing she feared the most to happen she allowed someone in her heart. She even has little names for her thoughts " Reckless me and Righteous me" I loved this

In comes Alek mmmm what can about hot steamy " Maestro" , but dammmmm lol HE HAD ME ALL HOT AND BOTHERED especially with the damm kiss lol . Maestro means teacher in Spanish and let me say he teaches Erin a thing or two from matters of the heart to matters of the mind to matters in the bedroom , but here is not to say that Erin doesnt teach him a thing or too cus she does both of them never expected each other they were both closed off to any kind of relationship lol.

Both Erin and Alek have there own dark secrets that keeps them at bay, this story really was an emotional

and hot roller coaster ride that I enjoyed every second of. Will their secrets tear them apart? Will Erin finally give her heart to someone? KaS really draws you into this story, when Erin feels heart broken you feel it, when Alek is angry you feel it. You really do feel like you are right there seeing it all.

Apart from Alek and Erin, there was so many great characters like Luca and Adriana (yay me lol). And I loved my namesake if I do say so myself lol. Then there is the character I had a love hate relationship with Katerina -Alek's mum. All I can say about her is damn I hated her then I felt sorry for her then I hated her then I liked her lol but in the end she warmed to me.

This book had hot romance, heartbreak, sexual tension, action, it had it all even a little bit of comedy lol. It had me wanting more with every turn of the page. I also loved that it was both in Erin's and Alek's POV.

I RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO EVERYONE :) YOU WILL LOVE IT AS MUCH AS I DID.

#### FAV QUOTES

I'll add a few more later when the book comes out lol

"Let me tell you I'm not an OMG girl, but damn"

"I told you before it's Alek Dostov that name is easier on the less acrobatic tongue"

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#### **KaSonndra Leigh says**

Hi Everyone. As I prepare for the release of this novel, I want to say thank you for giving me so many great memories over the past year and a half since I started this publishing journey. I cannot express how good it feels to see so many people being inspired enough to share their feelings on my work.

I've learned a lot along the way since I released my debut novel. There have been some ups and a few big let downs, but it's all good. Bloggers & readers around the world have accepted me into their hearts. And I've made some of the greatest friends of my life. This latest release is the result of the kind of novel that so many of you have asked to see me write at some point.

I hope you enjoy it. And I hope it also inspires you to dream big, to enjoy life, and to always hold on to the love...no matter what. xxHugz

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#### **Jennifer Kyle says**

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The talented Erin Angelo leaves her tragic past in America to pursue her design career in Milan, Italy. She

has been able to control her righteous and reckless selves while keeping her emotions, grief and past in check. Erin has stuck with her silent vow never to love again and so far it's worked out for her.

When Erin's design firm, Black Butterfly gets the opportunity to design for Alek Dostov the Russian/American, wealthy, swinger (yes swinger) maestro of the local symphony, sparks fly, walls crumble and secrets are revealed.

Alek and Erin are commitment phobes but they can't fight the attraction they share for one another. Slowly they reveal their dark secrets to each other as they fall in love.

I found this couples connection (not love) to be VERY farfetched. Some things just didn't add up to me (ex. the life coach). I also found all the "reveals" to be VERY unbelievable. Although, Alek and Erin's love was believable and sex scenes hot. The story did hold a lot of suspense it just didn't work for me.

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### **Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥♥ says**

When I first heard about this book it instantly caught my attention. The Prelude was a nice book. I enjoy reading it..but some scenes I thought, were predictable

The story begins with a tragic which I found to be heartfelt and believable. Erin has suffered a tremendous loss that forever changes her view on love. She vows never to let 'love' anywhere near where it can hurt her again..

**“You tore open my heart. You made me feel pain when all I wanted to feel was joy. So now, I will remove your power over me. I'll never kiss anyone or trust in any dream that you can take away from me.**

**I will never believe in you, ever again"**

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### **Jenny Levine says**

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## Kristin (KC) - Traveling Sister says

**Hmmm...**

While I loved the premise of this story, there were certain aspects that I just couldn't fully connect with. I juggled with the rating but ultimately decided to go with an indifferent 2 stars.

The story begins with a beautifully tragic prologue, which I found to be heartfelt and believable. Erin has suffered a tremendous loss that forever changes her view on love. She vows never to let 'love' anywhere near where it can hurt her again. Enter the sexy and dangerously seductive Aleksandr...

Alek Dostovsky—I initially thought I was going to love you and your infamous playboy ways!...Until the perspectives switched and suddenly the infamous playboy seemed to have lost his 'swag'. I typically love dual point of views but I don't think it worked too well in this case. I didn't particularly like being inside Alek's head; his inner dialogue at times became corny and just did not live up to his rumored alpha-male tendencies. He made the typical turn-around after becoming smitten in a microwave minute, and I would have liked a steady decline rather than a flipped switch.

Erin's reluctance to let down her guard was fairly understandable, and although many of her dignified moments were admirable, I never really felt connected to her, either. Her inner dialogue occasionally became irritating—namely, her repetitive use of phrases such as *Reckless Me* and *Righteous Me*, but I did LOVE how skilled she was in the art of telling people off. She definitely had some sass!

What I ultimately enjoyed the most was the emphasis placed on the 'prelude' concept, as well as the addition of music. I always love when authors include music and other art forms into their work. I also appreciated the slight element of suspense woven in. All-in-all, a decent read that entertained but did not astound.

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### **Book Stats:**

? **Genre/Category:** Contemporary Romance

? **Steam Caliber:** High

? **Romance:** Quick connection. Complicated relationship.

? **Characters:** Damaged hero. Strong heroine.

? **Plot:** Fell short for me.

? **Writing:** Descriptive.

? **POV:** 1st Person: Dual Perspectives

? **Cliffhanger:** None

? **Next Installment:** Follow up

? **HEA?** (view spoiler)

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**Amy | Foxy Blogs says**

In the words of SB....*\*no comment\**

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