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Teenage mystic Rachelle Dugas knows to expect the unexpected when she fills in for a friend leading a Haunted New Orleans tour. But when she decides to check out a haunted house on her own, nothing prepares her for the secrets lurking in the shadows—or the twist of destiny about to unfold.

For more from the *Midnight Dragonfly* series check out *Shattered Dreams*, on sale December 2011.

## **Haunted Destiny Details**

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## **From Reader Review Haunted Destiny for online ebook**

### **Brittany says**

I definitely want to look more into this series now that I've been left with a cliffhanger.

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### **Kel says**

Short but good. A well written and fun little supernatural novella set in what appears to be pre-Katrina New Orleans.

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### **Star says**

This is a fun little spooky short story. The haunted tour is creepylicious and so are Rachelle's dreams. I enjoyed the ending a lot. Looking forward to reading more of this series.

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### **Heather says**

One "good" thing about this book is that it is a little scary. I've never actually read a book that scared me, so that was a first. The New Orleans setting is cool, but I'm not much into scary books OR movies. Good thing it was a short book...

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### **Bari says**

I read and really loved book 1 in the Dragonfly series and then found this novella on Amazon for free.

If you are planning on reading this series, and you should because it's really good, then read this first. It's free on Amazon.com

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### **Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says**

I loved Shattered Dreams so when I saw this short story I jumped on it.

This is such a great start to a series and this novella was just as good as the first book.

I can not wait for the second book to be out.

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### **Virginia says**

Its about a girl named Rachel and it was good. Things I liked about it the author was really in it and I could see a lot of things going through her head and picturing things. Others were her friend was a god person and went on a mission to go see this house and told stories about it.

I do recommend this to people that like to figure out things and puzzles

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### **Teresa Garcia says**

I did enjoy this book. I enjoyed seeing how these two stories tied together. My only complaint is that I was so far into them that when I hit the end it was like slamming hard into a brick wall. If I had been given more story then I'd be giving five stars.

The level of description was beautiful and the character interplay was very smooth. I'd like to see how this author would handle two people not trusting each other yet having to cooperate. She would probably handle that well as well.

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### **KyBunnies says**

I do not know what I was expecting when I started reading this short story but I got something I never thought would happen. Usually the free e books offered in the Kindle Store are only a 3 star. This book totally goes above a 5 star read. This book was wonderful. I can not wait to read all of the books in this series. It was so interesting. It keeps the reader totally interested. This short story has a great plot with wonderful characters. This may be a new author but she is truly great. I will be purchasing other books by this author. Thanks for a great read.

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### **Jennifer says**

"New Orleans had a reputation, a mystique. When you come to the Big Easy, you did things you didn't normally do. You ate food you couldn't pronounce and went into shops selling things you'd never seen before, you stayed up insanely late and took a picture next to the Bourbon Street sign post just to show everyone you'd been there. You did a swamp tour or a ghost tour.." This is a quote from the first chapter of the book. For some reason it struck a cord with me....

Rachelle Dugas or "Marguerite"-(her New Orleans name) knows to expect the unexpected when she says that she will sub for her best friend, Harmony, by leading a Haunted New Orleans tour. Harmony is a psychic, she knows things, and Marguerite dreams things that come true, she wakes up in the middle of the night have drawn things that come true, locations of murders, sketches of murders or ghosts, but she keeps drawing a man, who she has no idea who he is or why she is 'sleep drawing' him. Marguerite wears this dragonfly pendant that lights up whenever she "feels" something. It was given to her by her mother who mysteriously drowned when Marguerite was just a toddler.

The day of the tour Marguerite had this heavy, strange feelings inside of her, and when she decides to check out a haunted house on her own, nothing can prepare her for the secrets that it holds or the shadows inside. This story keeps you on edge the entire time. Will be sure to check out the *Midnight Dragonfly* series. I rated this 4 stars out of 5 because I felt like I needed some more of a back story for me to completely understand the story line.

Characters:

Marguerite: a young girl who lives in New Orleans with her best friend, went into a known haunted house to experience it for herself.

Harmony: Marguerite's best friend who is a psychic and who tries to warn Marguerite to not mess with the ghosts of New Orleans.

Deals with: listening to yourself, facing fears

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### **Jennifer says**

this was a free download. i did not realize this was part of a series. it was good but doesn't make me want to go and read the series.

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### **Shannon says**

Short prequel to the *Midnight Dragonfly* series

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### **Ross Phaye says**

In the first book, *Shattered Dreams*, we are given glimpses of Rachel aka Marguerite in this book. She is Trinity's mom and it was awesome to see her beginnings. We are also exposed to the famous side of New Orleans with the haunted houses and psychics. To be honest, when I hear New Orleans I sort of already expect these things. So it's cool that there is a substantial exposure of this in the book.

So, Rachel agrees to sub for her best friend, Harmony, to give the haunted house tour. Now, Rachel and Harmony both have special abilities. Harmony is a psychic while Rachel can somehow predict the future. Rachel keeps drawing this boy who she has never met before and writes down the word Trinity. She can't explain what it all means. In this book, we will meet Trinity's dad and see the uncanny way of how her parents met. Although this is related to the other books, it can be read as a stand alone. Although, of course you will understand things more if you read the other books too. It sort of ends in a cliff hanger with some things left unsaid, but it is a good introduction to the story in *Shattered Dreams*.

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### **Jessica Salt says**

Ellie? I really enjoyed reading Haunted Destiny. I the book was so amazing I enjoyed every moment of it. Love the story!!! You did a good job writing this book.

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### **Jen says**

Kind of disjointed, with the visions blending with reality and who was the first guy? Why was he so creepy? Who was the second guy? The very end was cute and I was led to read the teaser of the next book and BOY did that disappoint me. The character of this story was interesting, nice and somewhat smart/snarky. Different MC in the teaser and she was an IDIOT. That story upset me so much that it complete erased this one from my head and I ended up accidentally reviewing that one at first. This story is pretty good, but it sets you up for disappointment with the next book. I would advise only read this, don't continue on with the teaser. You'll just end up confused and upset. 3.5 stars. Would be four, but the teaser tainted it.

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