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*What happened three years ago?*

Dylan Sterling is an anomaly who dreams of events *before* they happen. But over the years, this peculiar gift has transformed into a curse. A dark curse in the form of a strange man who haunts him. Hunts him. *Kills* him.

But unlike other people, even once Dylan has awakened from a nightmare, the agony of torture clings to his skin. The horror of his own brutal murder continues to resonate with him. Pain, it seems, has long become the status quo. That is until a recurring nightmare reveals a clue that might help him unveil the truth of his ‘condition’.

The race against time has begun, and with each passing day, the boundaries between dream and reality are becoming more and more muddled. And unless he can solve this mystery, he’ll stand to lose even more than he thought possible.

## The Harbinger Details

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## From Reader Review The Harbinger for online ebook

### Kelli says

Once again I am amazed by this author's exquisite writing style and skills. Not only does she write exceptionally well she is incredible at writing a story that is impossible to put down, intelligently told with a lot of little details that make the plot exciting and original. I can't wait to see how all these details come together as the series progresses. I love that when I pick up one of her books I get totally immersed in the story. She also excels at writing these wonderful, complex yet easy to relate to characters and in this novella we get to know a lot more about Dylan and what it is like to be him. I was such a big fan of both Dylan and Romer after the first book and my heart just melted a little bit more for Dylan after getting to know him better in this story. Even though this is a novella it felt like a complete story that only added to the first book in this series. The pacing was great and at the end some parts had me holding my breath with anxiety (in the best of ways!) It has also left me dying for book # 2 to be released. If you haven't already read "The Fray Theory" you are really missing out. It is very rare to find a book in the Sci Fi/Fantasy genre that offers something that is very unique and interesting which is also well written. It has incredible characters and once you start reading you won't want to stop. And now here is a Novella which was just as unputdownable and good as the first book!

Highly, Highly recommended!!

\*Thank you to the author for the ARC copy given in exchange for an honest review\*

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### Salla (Booksonal) says

4.5 stars

full review on my blog: [http://booksonal.blogspot.fi/2017/04/...](http://booksonal.blogspot.fi/2017/04/)

Those who follow my blog or Instagram (@booksonal) know that I haven't been able to read since I'm in the middle of my finals. So you might be wondering what I'm doing here updating a review...

Well the thing is I got this novella as an ARC from the author, for an honest review (thank you for that!) and having read The Fray Theory (my review: [http://booksonal.blogspot.fi/2016/06/...](http://booksonal.blogspot.fi/2016/06/)) and having loved it, I couldn't resist starting The Harbinger! I told myself I'd read 1 chapter, but you can all guess how that went. So here I am, having read 8, I decided to write an update and continue to read snippets throughout my studying.

+the writing is just so rich and beautiful I just want to get immersed in this novella and fly through! On the other hand as I just stated - it's a novella, and all the book lovers here know that they end so quickly and you can't do anything but wait for more!

+one of the things I loved book one for, was the differentness that it is as a story. With science and intriguing pieces that we don't fully understand yet, it makes me so excited thinking about when everything will click and as readers we'll be amazed at all the thought that was put into it

+contrary to lots of YA books, I feel that this won't fall into common tropes but will continue to bring new aspects throughout the series and I can honestly say that I'm extremely interested to see where it will go!

+the one thing that I hoped to see in the continuations for The Fray Theory, was character development. And I can tell you that the first chapter of the Harbringer assured me that that would most definitely be the case

Read on lovelies,  
Sally

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### **BritishHeart says**

I have so many feelings right now. Review to come in a bit.

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### **Parnita Tolia says**

I was fortunate enough that the author I love let me read the ARC ... & IT SO AMAZING..! Thank you so much!!

This is a novella for the series of The Fray Theory & Its about Dylan , what happened to him, why he disappeared & what his "powers" are & Its his story & how he fits into the events of The Fray Theory..

In Resonance, we dont see much of Dylan , so I was so really excited for this novella & after reading it I just want to wrap Dylan in a blanket & protect him at all cost..

*Dreaming is how the mind gets to act on socially unacceptable desires.*

So , in this premise Dylan is trying to solve the premonitions he keep dreaming about, they start when he was a small child when he refuses to take a plane which he believed would crash & later we read

*"Further ahead in the living room, his dad's back is silhouetted against their giant TV. Against the flame-engulfed body of a wrecked airplane.*

*Dylan's heart skips a beat at the sight of the Flight Number. Flight 734. Their flight. The one they were supposed to take today."*

Talk about intense.

He keeps trying to find the connections between his dreams, trying to convince his friend, & Alex & his father that what he dreams, they are infact premonitions & are all connected & Wow the moment he figures it out.. \*shivers\*

Also, we get to read about the relationship he has with Romer & Neve, how precious they are to him & its beautiful.

The author writing style is so beautiful, you cannot stop reading, it flows like a beautiful river & descends into a mighty waterfall..!

& I did I say enough how much I love the plot & psychological references she adds?

*"Somatization', he remembers in Alex's voice as he crosses to the blank wall by the door, 'the expression of*

*psychological phenomena as physical symptoms'."*

*"Death Drive: the instinct towards self-sabotage and destruction. It's that feeling you get staring over the edge of a cliff. It's that rush you feel when you find yourself leaning forward, driven by a dark, yet thrilling urge to move a bit too close to the edge."*

I cannot wait for the next Book...

*From victim, to victor.*

*From flight, to fight."*

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### **Jannin (The Booknerd Dragon) says**

I just wanna say thank you to Nelou, the author, for giving me a copy of this novella. This was supposed to be an ARC but then... the explanation is in the middle of the review. XD Anyway, this review is not biased in any way.

Alright, let's start this review on this book!

Bes, can I just say how amazing of an author Nelou is? Her books are so amazing! I've said this before in her other book and I will say it again in this one; I've never read a book like this before!

Her books have the most unique stories, plot, and concept. Her books have that kind of writing that not just connect to the readers but also make you learn something, like, literally you can learn something from her books. It's really amazing how her degree connected to her books.

This book doesn't have the same amount of action and mystery and discovery than the Fray Theory because it is only a novella. However, if you've read the first book this novella is a huge help in understanding some of the parts in the Fray Theory.

Unlike any other books I've read, this one needs to be read in straight full attention. It doesn't require a critical analysis but it requires you to pay full attention because, bes, even the littlest things in here matters. If you did not understand the first chapters, you will not understand the whole story at all. But if you actually understood the whole story, my, you will be blown away.

I was so excited when Neve gave me the ARC of The Harbinger. I couldn't wait to read it immediately. However, the timing was so bad that when I received the copy, I was so busy with school because it was around mid terms and then I was so distracted by other things that I don't want to read this one for I don't want to read it with divided attention. Like I said, this one needs to be read straight and with full attention. So it took me just around this time to read and finish it. And bes, I was glad that I waited this long to read it because it was worth it.

While reading The Fray Theory, I was having mixed feelings towards Dylan. I was leaning more on not

liking him all throughout the book. But then when I read this one, I understood why he is the way he is. I finally understood his side. But I am still Team Romer! Haha!! I like Dylan now but Romer will always be my bae. XD

And there's Neve. Bes, she matured big time in The Fray Theory because during The Harbinger she's all cute and bubbly. Like during those days in The Harbinger, she's all smiles and laughter and just simply enjoying life with Dylan and other things. But during The Fray Theory, three years after The Harbinger, she's different. She's matured a lot and she became badass after three years!!! Haha!

Let's go to the narration. I do not have any problems with the narration. It's in third person narration and concentrates on Dylan's point of view. It's easy to understand. :D

To wrap this up, this book is really good. But you need to read the Fray Theory if you're gonna read this. You could read this first before reading the first book or read them in vice versa. That's up to you. But I promise you, if you read this one, prepare your mind to be blown –because it will. That's how amazing this series is. I'm not exaggerating. I thought the people who reviewed this book before were exaggerating too but no they are not. Read this and then find it out yourself.

I can't wait to read the next book of this series! I'm just so excited!

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### **throneofreaders says**

i received the arc from the author.

ONCE AGAIN I AM MIND BLOWN BY NELOU'S WORK AND WRITING STYLE!  
review on my blog, link in bio, ILY

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### **Charlotte says**

Oh wow.... wow.wow.wow.

I am actually a huge fan of Nelou Keramatie books... I was lucky enough to get my hands on an ARC copy of the Fray Theory... Which I loved! And Nelou Keramatie has been lovely enough to let me have an ARC of the Harbinger. Nelou's writing style is superb, Her imagination, unlike any other authors I have come across...

This story just flew by much too fast, I want so much more of Dylan! But everything rolled into one made this book so good, and makes you flip through those pages much to fast!

The Harbinger is a small novella based on Dylan. Dylan is one of your main characters from book #1... Now he wasn't my favorite, I don't actually know why I felt like that towards him, I just seemed to like Romer and Neve better... But in any case, this Novella has rid me of my aversion towards Dylan and I Love him! It has completely changed my view of his character and I'm so pleased Nelou decided to share with us Dylan's private story.

Dylan is caught in the despair of his dreams... Dreams that are more of a premonition..... Dreams that come true... These premonitions started when he was a small child. Dylan finally finds a pattern in his

dream/premonitions but his closest family friend nor his father believes him.

Nelou Keramati provides you with a gripping read, full bodied with sophistication! She is a superb writer and I can not recommend her books enough. The Fray Theory and The Harbinger are both MUST READS!

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### **Fay Tannerr says**

The Harbinger - a novella to The Fray Theory - was just amazing! Nelou Keramati has done it again with weaving action into her amazing style of writing! We get a closer look into Dylan's life as he figures out his special abilities and we also get to know more about him. His relationship with Neve is also portrayed and is just adorable! Dylan's friendship with Romer is of course also included and just hilarious! Dylan's relationship with his dad is very complicated but I'm glad to know it wasn't always. There were some defining moments and also some hilarious moments in The Harbinger. Fans of The Fray Theory should definitely read The Harbinger and if you haven't already read The Fray Theory, you really should because it will definitely be worth your time and you will not be disappointed!

Here are some of my favorite quotes from The Harbinger!

“From victim to victor, from flight to fight.”

“A rose without thorns.”

Thank you Nelou Keramati for sending me an eARC.

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### **Carmen-Shea Hepburn says**

You know what I love about Keramati's style? It's just so pretty! And I don't mean that in a pretentious, flowery sort of way. I mean it in the sense that it's so rich, so filled with passion and poise that it draws you so fully into the reading experience that for a time you forget you're actually reading a book- you feel as if you are a part of the story, that you are experiencing the events along with the characters. Or, in the case of The Harbinger, the character of Dylan in particular.

Now, right off I have to say, out of the three main characters introduced to us in The Fray Theory: Resonance, Dylan wasn't at the top of my favourite's list. And that's not because I didn't like him, it was because I connected so much more with Neve and Romer at the time. So when I found out that this first novella would be about Dylan, I was actually quite excited, because I \*want\* to know so much more about him.

(Without spoiling things, there was something mentioned in book one that had me ~SO CURIOUS about Dylan and his motivations, and I was just dying to find out the answers. And this book? It answers them! OMG DOES IT ANSWER THEM! And in ways I wasn't expecting ?)

The premise for this novel is based on Dylan trying to solve the mystery that is his dreams, his premonitions,

and it was fascinating seeing the progression. I loved that it started with Dylan as a small child, too scared to get on a plane to Disney World because he had a dream the plane would crash. Seeing his relationship with his dad at that age too was just so heartwrenchingly beautiful, especially with how it changes over the years to what we initially saw in *The Fray Theory*.

Watching Dylan trying to get his head around the dreams, his anger and frustration at not being able to find the patterns and then... when things start to come together!! OH MY WORD, YOU GUYS! I found myself getting SO EXCITED because I was starting to understand the ~things at the same time Dylan was and it was so eye-opening that I felt giddy with the knowledge of it.

This story doesn't explain ~everything, of course, and I wouldn't have wanted it to. But it does give you a much better understanding of Dylan and who he is as a character and made me even more excited for the future of this series!!

As always, once I started reading I could not put this one down! ...and it's even better the second time around! ;)

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### **Tèo Sip says**

Only 1 month away guys!!! XD

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### **Lara (Bookishsolace) says**

\*I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*

A Little disclaimer before I start the review: This novella is about what happened three years before “*The Fray Theory: Resonance*”, but I still recommend you to read it in the order it got published. With this having said, I won’t spoil anything you anything in case you haven’t read the first novella (which you should, because it is truly amazing!)

I am truly honoured that Nelou offered me an ARC again because I honestly fell in love with the first book so much, I couldn’t wait to read more! Her writing style is just so good, I could talk about it for hours! I am very critical when it comes to writing, so I get really hyped when I encounter a very unique and exquisite writing style like hers. Trust me, it really is truly amazing, it is impossible to put down and to not get excited.

This story is about Dylan who has nightmares that seem to come true and that’s about it what I will tell you because it just will give too much away. The story is so well thought out and I can’t wait to find out how everything comes together in the next installment. I already loved Dylan in “*The Fray Theory: Resonance*”, but now I love him even more, Nelou basically made my heart melt because what he has to go through is pretty sad. The reason why I gave this novella “only” a 4.3 is that I really missed some action. Don’t get me wrong, it has some smashing action scenes in it, but compared to the first book ... I just wish that there would have been a bit more. Also, to say the truth, I sometimes was a bit confused while reading the first book, but everything makes so much sense now!

The pace of the story is great and the ending had me very shook. The other characters are well thought out

and totally relatable! If you haven't picked up Book 1 yet, I can strongly recommend you to do so because it really is a rarely unique one. I also probably have to add that I am normally not a huge fan of Sci-Fi, but this really is a exceptional story.

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### **Andrew says**

Review to come (soon)!

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### **A says**

ARC received from the author in exchange for an honest review :)

what a phenomenal addition to the series, this novella allowed us to get to know so much more about Dylan... and the writing style is just as amazing as I remembered it... \*sighs happily\* full review to come on the release day, but I highly recommend this story :)

edited to add my full review :)

although you can technically read this story without reading the first book in this series, I highly recommend you to read them in order :) it's definitely better to have at least some background as to what is happening here :) and since this is another installment in an on-going series I won't spoil you anything in case you still haven't picked it up... in which case, go remedy that situation right away, because it's a fantastic series :) and it definitely doesn't hurt that the author is an absolute sweetheart :)

So let me start by saying a little bit more about our main character and this series :) we meet Dylan as a truly adorable little kid, hiding on the airport from everyone... little does he know, his world is about to change... because Dylan's been having dreams... nightmares, really... and when one of them comes true, his father will start looking at him very differently... the majority of the book takes place in the present... although all events in this novella are actually happening before the start of book #1... I know what you're thinking... if it takes place earlier why can't I read it first... :) but again, I highly recommend you starting with a full lenght book... even if you don't remember all the details, like me... :) hey, I read it quite a few months ago and there were a lot of books in between ;) even little knowledge will help you understand what is happening here much better :) there's not much more I can tell you guys without spoiling some big things, so I will only add that this novella shows us what exactly happened before Dylan disappeared without a word for a few years... \*sighs\*

What I can and will say repeatedly is how much I adore Nelou's writing style... \*sighs dreamily\* it's truly magical... not only does she mesmerizes you with how wonderfully she creates stories, she also effortlessly adds science into the mix :) it's all very thought out and you can see that she knows exactly where she's going with everything :) I know that I haven't really gave you that much details about the actual plot, but that's because I think it's soooo much better to go into the book with an open mind and to not know what's gonna happen next :) the same goes with this novella... I wasn't sure what to expect, and again I was blown away by how amazing this story was... I wasn't the biggest fan of Dylan before, but now that I know so much more about him, my opinion about him definitely changed... I loved seeing his friendship with Romer and his relationship with Neve before everything got complicated... now I am even more curious than I was before

about another installment :) I highly recommend you guys this novella and this series in general :) if you are looking for a unique story with paranormal vibes and absolutely phenomenal writing style... look no further and check this out :)

XOXO

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### **Maëllis says**

Once again, it was a pleasure to read something by Nelou Keramati.

Her writing style is so beautiful and her characters so well-described.

It was really interesting to see what was Dylan's life before the events of the first book.

I am excited for book 2 but I am wondering : this novella being a 1.1 instead of what is usually called 1.5, does it mean we are going to get other novellas ? I do not know if what I am saying makes sense hihi

Please, read this series !!

Ps : the cover is also really BEAUTIFUL as always

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### **Jill booksandescape says**

I received a copy of this book in PDF form in exchange for review.

The Harbinger by Nelou Keramati is the first novella of the Fray Theory series. This novella lets readers learn more about what happened to Dylan leading up to the events of The Fray Theory's first novel Resonance. I really enjoyed seeing the growth of Dylan's character and his ability from a young child to the present day. I look forward to the next novel, and the possibility of more novellas in this series.

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