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My name is Calla Price. I'm eighteen years old, and I'm one half of a whole. My other half—my twin brother, my Finn—is crazy. I love him. More than life, more than anything. And even though I'm terrified he'll suck me down with him, no one can save him but me. I'm doing all I can to stay afloat in a sea of insanity, but I'm drowning more and more each day. So I reach out for a lifeline. Dare DuBray. He's my savior and my anti-Christ. His arms are where I feel safe, where I'm afraid, where I belong, where I'm lost. He will heal me, break me, love me and hate me. He has the power to destroy me. Maybe that's ok. Because I can't seem to save Finn and love Dare without everyone getting hurt. Why? Because of a secret. A secret I'm so busy trying to figure out, that I never see it coming. You won't either.

## Nocte Details

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# From Reader Review Nocte for online ebook

**Sandy ?Coffee Addict Books? says**

**Seriously???**

**Now when I thought that I'm out of this insanity, there's a new secret to unravel????!!**

**Fucking Cliffhanger!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**What????!!!!!! next book will be releasing on February????!!**

**ARE YOU FUCKING KIDDING ME?????**

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*6 hours 40 mins later....*

Courtney Cole writes one hell of a cliffhanger!!! I have no clue how to write this review without giving away the spoilers!! I can just say that reading blurb is enough to get your attention to read this mindblowing story and I went in knowing nothing!

This story revolves around Calla and the mystery surrounding her brother Finn, who's diagnosed with Schizoaffective Disorder and the only person who can save him is her. Finn is her twin brother, her best friend and half her soul. Nobody understands his craziness like she does and she's the only one to calm the voices in his head, she says that she can sense everything about Finn (a twin thing!) but can she feel the depth of his insanity, the constant wailing of voices to a point where he can't filter them from his? Will she go to any extent to save him even if that means she has to go down with him??

The only time Calla feels alive is when she is with Dare DuBray a mysterious British hottie who enters her life when she's drowning in grief after sudden tragedy in her family. He makes her happy, heals her pain, and keeps her sane. There is a strong connection between the two, she knows his touch, his smile, depth in his eyes and she dreams of him every night even before she has met him!! What is the mystery behind his sudden appearance? why does she feel he is her savior?

Calla is tangled in the web of secrets, what happens when she finally figures it out????!!

**Nocte** is a psychological thriller which will leave you speechless/emotional (yep! Couldn't hold back my tears) many hours after reading it. Every page reeks of secrecy, you can't help but keep guessing the secret/s, most of the time the story felt creepy and haunting that I started to consider it as paranormal that's how well Courtney writes this story - full of suspense, capturing every event, every emotion so well even when she

describes the setting it feels so real.

**Rating Clarification :** Couldn't give complete 5 stars because it was not all that addictive and not fast paced but enough to keep you turning the pages!! Honestly if it was not for last 10% the story would have been boring that is if you are an impatient person.

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## Natasha is a Book Junkie says

*“Do you know what it’s like to not be able to change something?”*

How do you even begin reviewing a book that left you utterly speechless? This fascinating, astonishing, gripping story completely mesmerised me, stealing my mind away from the very first sentence and bewitching it with a reality that kept me questioning everything in it. Including my own mind. Unlike anything I have ever read before—from its atmospheric setting and the level of detail in every single scene, to the meticulous pace and unexpected points of view—this phenomenal book quite literally consumed me cover to cover. I felt mentally ‘stranded’ at the end of it, unable to return to normal life and stop thinking about all that unfolded, and you know what? I absolutely adored every mind-wrecking moment of it.

*“...it should’ve been me in the first place. Finn is a better person than I am... Finn really is better. He’s funny and witty and smart, and his soul is as gentle as they come. He’s the one who deserved to be healthy. Not me. I’m the snarky, sarcastic one.”*

Calla Price is an eighteen-year-old girl from a small coastal town, whose unusual childhood of being raised in a funeral home has made her the target of constant mockery and ostracism by other kids of her age. But nothing in her young life has touched her as deeply and as permanently as growing up with a twin brother whose mental disorder has forced her to act as his protector ever since he first started hearing violent voices in his head as a small child. She has often felt unworthy of her own mental stability, wishing it had been her born ill rather than her kind, beloved brother—the brother who has always run to her to quiet the demons in his head and seek comfort from her—but she has embraced her role as his guardian with no regrets, putting his wellbeing before anything and anyone else.

*“I’m the one he comes to when he’s afraid.”*

But it is her mother’s sudden death that changes Calla’s life forever, leaving the family under a heavy cloud of grief, disconnected and adrift, and leaving Calla drowning in her own heartache and guilt for the hand she believes she played in that tragedy. Facing her last summer at home before she goes to college, Calla’s life

sees its first ray of hope when she meets Dair, a handsome but mysterious young traveller, whose mere presence in her life starts awakening something in Calla that she's never felt before—optimism. However, the more time she spends with Dair and the more happiness she feels while in his company, the more her guilt grows. And that guilt is only exacerbated by the evident deterioration of Finn's mental state. By hearing her brother's voice as well, we see the true extent of his illness, we get to witness it firsthand, and it is a frightening sight. But we also see his unconditional love for his sister and his inner struggle to stay as sane as he can be for her sake. And we see the way her growing closeness to Dair affects him, how much he needs things to stay the same, and how guilty he feels for feeling that way.

Dare, however, is not just a handsome Englishman who gallops in and steals Calla from the reality of her own life—his own secrets weigh heavily upon him, affecting his every interaction with her, and setting the pace for the way their relationship develops.

*"You're going to be the death of me."*

*"Why?"*

*"Because you're so much better than I deserve."*

A slow building, carefully plotted scenario, a psychological thriller of sorts, which then culminates in a jaw-dropping finale which sends our minds racing in a million different directions. I am not sure a review could ever truly capture the mood of this book, the unique way it plays with our minds, because every single word in it serves a multitude of purposes, manipulating our thoughts being just one of them. I was so totally immersed in it all that I felt every icy raindrop, every chilly breeze, every lazy sea wave. I absolutely adored this story and even though it leaves us in a happy-for-now place, I am already hungry for more. But also very happy to wait a little while I put my poor heart back together stitch by stitch...

*"You make me feel guilty... Because you make me forget that I'm sad."*

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**Aestas Book Blog says**

**::: FULL REVIEW NOW POSTED ::: SPOILER-FREE :::**

**Woah.** I could not put this book down!! It hooked me from the first few paragraphs, kept me flipping pages like crazy right through to the end... and now I'm desperate for the next one!! If you're looking for something totally unique, thrilling, and mysterious, but at the same time romantic and sexy, that'll keep you guessing until the very last page, then you have to try this book. Just dive in and let the story happen!!

**SAVE ME AND I'LL SAVE YOU...**

**My name is Calla Price. I'm eighteen years old, and I'm one half of a whole. My other half -- my twin brother, my Finn -- is crazy.**

**I love him. More than life, more than anything. And even though I'm terrified he'll suck me down with him, no one can save him but me.**

**I'm doing all I can to stay afloat in a sea of insanity, but I'm drowning more and more each day. So I reach out for a lifeline.**

**Dare DuBray.**

**He's my savior and my anti-Christ. His arms are where I feel safe, where I'm afraid, where I belong, where I'm lost. He will heal me, break me, love me and hate me.**

**He has the power to destroy me.**

**Maybe that's ok. Because I can't seem to save Finn and love Dare without everyone getting hurt.**

**Why? Because of a secret.**

**A secret I'm so busy trying to figure out, that I never see it coming.**

**You won't either.**

My honest opinion is that it's best to go into this book completely blind. As in literally, don't try to find out anything about the plot. The thrill of it is in the discovery along the way. But, in order to reassure those of you who have questions, I'm going to tell you everything you need to know (without spoilers) here. But remember that, just like the book says, *some things are better kept secret until the right time...*

I will tell you a little though. Just to give you an idea of what you're getting into.

First, this is a **contemporary**, modern day, real world, story. It is not paranormal, fantastical, dystopian, or anything else. It takes place in a normal town with normal people (well, there's a bit of crazy to be sure, but still... *real*). It's the plot of the story, the way it is told, and what happens that brings it its originality.

Also, it's a story that makes you wonder, keeps you guessing and second guessing, it teases your mind, but you're not going to be traumatized by anything you read. It's more that it makes you question everything. It's a little dark, but not gruesome in any way. I'd consider it a completely "safe" read.

For those of you who like to know the twist in advance, you guys know how I often give that option in reviews whenever I think it would help, but I'm not going to here because just trust me that this this one is better to just discover as you go. I wouldn't tell you that unless I really meant it. I promise it's nothing creepy or twisted or disturbing. I loved the way it all came together and I loved how my mind was going a

thousand miles a minute trying to fit all these pieces together in a way that made sense.

“There is nothing quite so terrifying as the descension of the human mind into insanity.”

The writing was amazing! It created this atmosphere, or vibe, of mystery that set the most thrilling tone for the story. I could see the story unfolding in front of me quite vividly — like a movie in my mind. The characters and story just came alive as I read.

The reason I haven't said anything about the plot here is that it's one of those books where anything I tell you will actually be misleading because.... well... um... you'll understand why once you've read the book. I don't want to create an expectation in your mind of something it's not. Just open yourself to the idea of anything and let the story show you its secrets as you read.

Oh and yes, this is absolutely a romance. I fell in love with Dare and I have no doubt that you will too! He's this sexy, mysterious guy and... you'll swoon!

“You're going to be the death of me,” he says against my neck, his lips brushing my skin.

“Why?” I manage to breathe...

“Because you're so much better than I deserve.”

The blurb was right though. I was wrong. I did guess part of the secret but not all of it. I didn't see it all coming and now I desperately am looking forward to the next book. I need it yesterday!!

The cliffhanger leaves you desperate for more but also gives you a certain sense of resolution. The main mystery that was woven throughout this book is resolved by the end and we are given a full explanation... but in the last few pages, another question is brought up that will be answered in the next book. So you do get answers. But you also discover more questions (that you'll desperately want new answers to).

“Don't ask, because I can't tell you right now. Everyone has secrets, Calla, even me.”

This book is alluring, captivating, thrilling, romantic, sexy, mysterious, and more. Life, death, love, family, reality, insanity, all these aspects draw you in with their secrets and keep you entranced until the end. I read it in one sitting, could not put it down and absolutely loved it!!

**Rating: 4.5 stars. First book of a trilogy.**

**Contemporary New Adult psychological romantic suspense (NOT paranormal)**

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**Vrsha (PeekAtMyBookReview) says**

**Rating : 6 *OhHolyShitMyFuckingMindGotExplodedIntoThousandPieces Stars***

**My Views :** First I will suggest that you take the synopsis and Author's note seriously as the author meant everything that she said. When I was reading the book, there were so many possibilities going on my mind of what will happen, what's the secret. I was always searching for an answer and I did get half of it right but that SECRET...

*"It was you," I tell him softly. "You're the thing that brought me back. You gave me reality. You tethered me, anchored me, loved me. I thought you were going to break me, but that's just because I didn't understand. You were trying to help me all along."*

We get to see the bond between Calla and Finn. The way the book started and the characters were being introduced, you already sense that there is something louche but could you have guessed what would happen? The answer is a BIG Firm NO. Finn and Calla are so close that they do not have any other friends apart from each other.

*"I was all Calla had, she focused solely on me. We've always been everything to each other."* (Finn pov)

The book is stuffed with suspense.

I liked the conversation that the brother and sister had with each other. Each one was trying to protect the other.

What I loved was that the introduction of Dare in the book broke the tension a bit and took it to a lighter level with the funny conversation between Calla and Dare. But Dare carries his own secrets as everyone else in the book which will be revealed in the next book. Calla on the other hand is another teenager who swooned every time she's near Dare. Her inner monologues are hilarious; I felt that the author deliberately created those in order to break the tension going on with Finn and Dare.

*"Sweet Lord. He's got a British accent. There's nothing sexier in the entire world, which makes that old tired pick-up line forgivable. I smile up at him, my heart racing (...) He grins, a grin so white and charming that my panties almost fall off."* (Calla's pov)

**Style of writing :** Fantabulous, I have Never Ever read a book that blew my mind so much. I was Frozen and Shaken go figure...I really loved getting the pov of both characters and Finn's pov was Genius, Absolute Genius. And the ending OMG I'm ecstatic that there is another book February next year because as the author said "This story is just too much to fit into one book" ... . But at least we are getting a book and the fact that it's a Trilogy I'm excited thinking of what she has in reserve for us in the second and third book.

*"But just because we can't see something doesn't mean it's not there."*



**Characters :**

1. Calla was just a teenage girl who was trying to protect his crazy brother. Her role in the book is simple.
2. Then we have Finn who is crazy, we do have his pov's and the Famous Diary
3. Dare Dubray was someone who held the key throughout the book. He was a character that screamed SUSPENSE.

*"I feel him approach while my eyes are still closed. Don't ask me how I know it's him, because I just know. Don't ask me what he's doing here again, because I don't care about that. All I care about is the fact that he is here."*

**Favorite Part :** Oh definitely the revelation/secret. I got Mind-Fucked.

*Dare shakes his head. "I don't believe in fatal flaws."*

*I pause, staring up at him. "Really? Then what, pray tell, will be your downfall?"*

*Dare pauses too, purveying me with his arms dangling limply at his sides.*

*"There's a very good chance it'll be you."*

**What did not work?** More like I have SOOoooo many Questions about the whole book...

**Similar books?** HA! NONE...

**Recommended :** What you haven't bought the book yet!!!That's it we are no longer Friends...  
Do I need to say more :P

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**Jennifer Kyle says**

**4.5 ~ 5 Stars**

*"Save me and I will save you."*

My advice for readers is don't research this story too much and just jump in blind because this was a whole lot of fun to read in a twisty, keep you guessing way.

Courtney Cole delivered the suspense and will have you guessing and messaging friends. Calla is struggling with a lot of guilt over her mother's death while her mentally ill twin brother, Finn's welfare is her responsibility. A hot guy named Dare has moved into their family's carriage house and brings forth all sort of feelings in her. Everyone seems to be keeping a secret in this book so you'll have to put your thinking cap on.

*"My secret will come out. But before that, I will save her. I will."*

As the story unfolds and I must stress this was a page turner, some events had my head spinning but I held onto my theories.

When the secret was revealed I was a bit disappointed because I did figure it out but then I read the last few lines and it seems there's a whole lot **MORE** going on.

Once you finish you **MUST** head over to the author's Facebook page because she has been posting letters and text messages that lead to so many questions that my head's spinning with all different scenarios.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Courtn...>

Overall, this a well written page turner that I'm having a blast discussing with friends and am looking forward to the second book in the series which is scheduled to release in February 2015.

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## **Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says**

### **4 stars!**

When it comes to luring me to read a book, I really do have simple standards. A gorgeous cover will usually do the trick but in this case, Nocte not only has a eye-catching cover but an enticing blurb too good to resist and an author letter that gave me CHILLS so whaddya know? This is a book that no matter what I *had* to read the second it was available to buy. And now that I've finished I can say that the author definitely delivered on her promise in her letter. I was repeatedly warned about how surprising the big twist would be and how unconventional the ending was but nothing could really prepare me because when I got to those parts, I actually flinched at how chilling the words and the mood of the story was, and just like the characters, I, too, fell into despair over the big reveal and the fact that the ending answers one question but dangles an even bigger one in front.

This is the story of Calla Price, a girl who's surrounded by death and morbidity. Her father is a mortician, her mother died in a horrifying car accident, and her twin brother is mentally crazy. The poor girl just can't get a break! But despite all the ugly in her life, she remains positive and is confident that her twin bond with Finn will ultimately save him from his sick mental health. They always say that twins have an extra special connection and so for Calla, nothing and no one is more important to her than her brother and his well-being.

On a day just like any other, Calla drops off Finn at one of his therapy sessions and meets this guy Dare. Her connection with him isn't so much as insta-love as it is soul recognition but there is just *something* about

Dare that makes Calla hyperaware of him and him of her.

They bond over similar past ordeals and Calla finds that the more time she spends with Dare, the more she feels free from all of her worries. It's clear, however, that Dare is hiding some pretty important things from her and she from him, so as much as they come to like and love each other, there is an unspoken agreement to avoid confrontation about their secrets. But the truth can't be hidden forever and soon enough, both of their pasts – especially Calla's – catches up with them and when it is revealed, it is absolutely shocking and devastating to both the main characters and everyone around them. Nevertheless, it doesn't change Calla and Dare's relationship a bit; if anything, their rocky relationship only motivates them more into making things work.

Up until the big twist, I was a little bored with the book in terms of not really knowing what direction the story was going in. It's written in alternate Finn and Calla POVs, and many of the Calla scenes bored me with mundane descriptions of daily life activities. Finn's POVs, however, really captivated me with his dark, edgy ferocity, and the author really captured his sick mental health and channeled it into his POV, projecting a very unstable individual who's both fascinating and frightening. So when that big reveal came, I was shocked speechless. I finished the book in a daze and sat in my chair for half an hour staring at nothing and contemplating everything I read. Books like these where the enjoyment level is mainly contingent on one huge turning point in the book I'm always wary of reviewing because I may let the shock override my true feelings. I've let the shock wear off and I have to say that while the actual twist itself is original, imaginative, and unique in the context of this book, the fallout is huge and the wake left behind presented several plot holes that made me scratch my head. (view spoiler)

I think it's no secret that the ending is a cliffhanger, and might I add it is one MASSIVE cliffy that has the power to cripple you, force you on your knees and beg the author to release the next book at once. However, I knew it was this kind of ending and *still* decided to read it because I was just SO curious about the book, you know? And so even though I wished the book didn't end the way it did here, even though I admit it would've made my heart feel a lot better if I read this when at least book 2 released, I don't regret reading this book one bit. In my opinion, the shock, agony, and pure torture of not having the next book available is worth experiencing.

Nocte is the first book in the Nocte trilogy and not a standalone. The story will continue on in book 2 Verum which will be released in February.

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**Brandi says**

**4.5**

**The die has been fucking cast.**

Seriously, after finishing the book I have so many questions. It's going to drive me crazy waiting for the next

book! My mind is still spinning a bit.

While *NOCTE* wasn't as dark as I had assumed it would be, it was an intriguing, page turner. The suspense kept me on my toes, with twist and turns around every corner. I'll admit that, even though I guessed the twist, it didn't really take away from the story, because it was executed well. And of course it's a cliffhanger, so I will be speculating about what is coming next for months!

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## Amy (Foxy) says

**On sale for \$.99** -> <http://amzn.to/1z2zdnT>

**Book 2 on sale for \$.99** -> <http://amzn.to/1Wa66Io>

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I listened to this one and I thought the narrators did an excellent job. Their voices were haunting and almost dead sounding. It added to the creepiness of the story.

I must confess that after I listened to the first chapter I knew what was happening in the story. I blame Kim for that **because** she has made me watch and read some weird stuff. **Nocte** had the vibe of another book I had already read so I knew the twist. Even though I figured it out, I still think this was an excellent book. Had I not been "forced" to read weird stuff by Kim (love you, Kim)... I'm positive I would have been shocked by the twist.

I love going to Astoria, the setting for this story, and after listening to this book I will never look at that town the same way. It's going to have a creepy feeling to it.

Because this story is dark and twisty I don't even want to touch the plot for fear of ruining the book for someone who hasn't read it yet. **If you want a good twisty book for Halloween give this one a try.**

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**?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says**

?????????? **5 STARS** ??????????

This is going to be an almost **ALL VISUALS** review.

*(Fine by me if you ask, the book completely won me over, and I was glad to actually write this down my way. I am still thinking an re-thinking all those little details... Wow.)*

Thing is, I can't say much about this book for fear I'll give you hints or clue you in about the secret it carries.

What can I say about **Nocte**, really? I am at loss here.

See, when I first asked my friends about this intriguing book, everyone that had read it **suggested**—not to say **URGED**— **me to not read a thing about it**, to just trust my guts and **dive in as blind as I could**. And I did just that.

So much that the only thing I had in mind when I started reading this was : the blurry and thought-provoking blurb, and the "**Oh my God!**" reactions all over my Goodreads' feed.

Needless to say, I was sold by both early readers' enthusiasm and the **high secrecy** around it all.

**What it's safe for me to say** are the basics, that you're going to read a story about **Calla** and **Finn** who are brother and sisters and live with their dad in a what you would consider a **creepy** funeral home. Calla and Finn both share an intimate and **special close bond**.

Calla is going to meet someone : **Dare**.

*I know, it isn't much, but those are the only facts I can reveal for now.*

This story, as I'm sure you would have assumed by now by the thick as fog mystery surrounding it, is a **complete mindfuck**. But an Oh so intelligently crafted one.

**Courtney Cole** really outdid herself here, intricately hinting all through the book at the big secret, but so discreetly that you won't see it coming until the end.

Nocte liber sum NOCTE LIBER SUM

By night I am free.

Alea iacta est The die has been cast. The die has been cast.

The die has been fucking cast.

Serva me, serva bo te. Save me and I will save you.

Save me.

Save me.  
Save me.

Something I'm willing to share with you, is a little advice.

If you must read this book, be sure to have a few hours on your own, maybe a retreat in a secluded place where you'll be sure to not be disturbed. **Do not even attempt to start this at bed time**, like I foolishly did. Contrary to what its title may impart, **Nocte**, isn't a bedtime read. And I'm not even talking about the **creepy darkness** the whole story is woven in... No. NO.

I'm talking about the fact that **Nocte** is undisputedly **UNPUTDOWNABLE**.

Calla, Finn, or more precisely, **Courtney Cole**, set up the perfect trap. The narration was enthralling, you'll start reading one page, and find yourself devouring the whole book at 3 AM on a week day.

I wish I could tell you more, share my impressions about all of it, but it would ruin the book for you. But believe me when I tell you that this author is very talented, so much so that I was actually *hearing* ALL the characters. And this creeped me the F\*\*\* out !!!

You can't You can't You can't You can't. You're crazy crazy crazy crazy.  
Don't Tell Her Your Secret Secret Secret."  
"Fuck You You Can't Do Anything. Hurt Me Motherfucker. You Can't Do Anything.  
You're So Fucked. Hurt Me. Hurt Me. Hurt Her. Can't Do Anything. Kill Me Now."  
~~Act normal~~

Now, this isn't over, we're only closing one chapter of **the Nocte Trilogy**, and I must warn you about the **mother of all cliffhanger** at the end of Nocte. Maybe one of the worst I've EVER read.

I knew about it, I usually won't even read trilogies because of this, but I think in this case, the **cliffhanger is justified**. We've been given answers, but those answers are just adding fuel to the whole mystery, and to be honest I was glad for that. The whole purpose of this trilogy would be null if not for the incessant questions it leaves you with.

*(By the way, thanks to Lana who had the patience to hear all my ramblings and theories, and who stayed my friend even though at some point I was almost stalking her for answers!)*

You want to think and re-think all little details, test all the theories before heading to book 2, **Verum**, which isn't released yet. *(February, 2nd, 2015)*

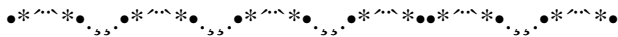
He's worth the wait.

Despite our secrets.  
Or maybe even because of them.

I sincerely hope this review will help or motivate you to pick this book, even though I'm not saying much about it. I don't think I could categorize **Nocte** as YA or Romance, it was a little bit of both actually, but the main attraction here definitely are the Suspense and Mystery.

The chemistry between us is palpable enough to touch, weaving around us, pulling us together, the air snapping with its electricity.

Ultimately, the only thing you really have to know is that **Nocte** is a real **page turner**, and that you'd be a fool to miss it out!



Wonder Woman, over.

### Debra says

**5 "Secrets. Everybody's got 'em." Stars.**

My first impressions after I finished this book...

**Nocte** by author Courtney Cole is one of those books that grabs your attention from the very first page. It's one of those books that keeps you hooked from the very first page. It keeps you guessing and trying to figure out what each of the characters is hiding and what's going to happen next. But nothing, NOTHING, could have prepared me for the way this book ended, with some very unexpected revelations and a HUGE cliffhanger that makes me want to get my hands on the next book asap.

I won't go in to much detail about the storyline, because that would ruin your reading experience. If you're

going to read this book, I'd suggest not reading too much reviews or status updates before going in. Just read the blurb and let the book surprise you along the way.

This was my first book by Courtney Cole and I already know it won't be my last. The way she created suspense and intrigue throughout the story and kept me on the edge of my seat the entire time I was reading this book, took me by surprise and made me enjoy her writing style even more. Every character in the story has secrets, so many secrets, yet, they were all very likable. Especially Dare...a seemingly typical bad boy, but who turned out to be nothing but sweet and supportive towards Calla. Despite all the secrets between them I'm *\*really\** hoping for a happy ending for these two.

Overall, Nocte was a mind-blowing, heart wrenching and captivating story that I absolutely loved reading. If you're looking for a unique, intense New Adult novel with a drama and romance filled plot, I would highly recommend giving this one a try!

As for me, I'll be (not so patiently) awaiting the sequel, Verum, from now on.

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**S.M. West says**

#### **4 DRAGONFLY STARS**

*“But just because we can’t see something doesn’t mean it’s not there.”*

Wow, my mind was all over the place with this one trying to put the pieces together and figure out the freakin' secret!!

This is not a standalone. It's a trilogy and in addition to a secret that's unveiled towards the end of this book, there is also a cliffhanger. BUT, I highly recommend this book! If you like a great mystery, exploration of human psyche and can handle or actually are thrilled (like me) by twisted reads, then **you must read this series!**

This wasn't as dark as I thought it would be but, there was **an eerie feeling that enveloped this story and added to the anticipation surrounding the secret.** While the secret seems to be the focus, I thought this story was so much more than that. Ms. Cole doesn't disappoint with her great writing and creating these complex, flawed and magnetic characters that you can't help but lose yourself in this story.

About the secret, it's not to say that the hype about this is overdone. It's not. But, when the author promises a



secret at the outset of the story, expectations can be really HIGH. Mine were. I'm about 50-50 with figuring out mysteries and while I went pretty far with my guesses on this one, when revealed...

...it surprised me.

I've always been fascinated by the **human mind and the brilliance of it all; its capacity to cope as well as its surprising abilities** so much of which is unknown.

This book delves into that in a really cool and unusual way.

Virtually no clues are given and what I mean by that is there were moments where I paused and questioned something because it just didn't sit right. And of course, it's only now that I know the truth that these moments make more sense. Trying to figure this one out was like trying to hold liquid in your hands...

Just when I thought I figured it out, Ms. Cole would add another layer that blew my theory out the window! This was riveting, original and brilliant! I'm onto Verum!

*\*\*\*An advance reading copy was generously provided by author in exchange for an honest review.\*\*\**

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**Sarah says**

Didn't see that twist coming!

7 out of 10

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**Lana ✿✿Dirty Girl Romance✿✿ says**

**4.5 Twisted Stars**

*By night, I am free.*

*No one hears my monster but me.*

*My freedom is fragile, though,  
Because every morning  
The night is broken  
by the sun  
It's a good way to die.*

Well...hell...I'm a little speechless here. See here's the thing, I don't read YA. Ever. Or at least I don't make it a point to since it's not my preferred genre. But then I saw Courtney Cole was coming out with this book, and I didn't even think twice before adding. I added it before it even had a blurb, just a note from the author. I didn't care if it was YA. I HAD to read this. I just had to. And now I did, and you know what?

Yeah. I'm still freaking speechless.

Here's what I can tell you about this book

Because even the most minor of details can be the most major of spoilers. The book is that cleverly woven together and twisted.

What I can tell you is that I was sucked into the story just from the very first page. I read it in pretty much one sitting, practically salivating for this BIG secret to be revealed.

At times I thought I knew where everything was heading, and then the author would throw me for another loop. My head was spinning by the time I finished.

*The quiet between us is loaded and charged and I don't know why. I don't know why I feel  
like I'm standing on a precipice and if I make one move, I'll fall.*

This book just further proved the absolute genius that is Courtney Cole's writing. And then that revelation at the end? Holy HOLY shit! I was stunned stupid. I never saw it coming in a million years. I had a feeling about a small part of it but nowhere close to how closely tied together everything was.

I feel it fair to mention that this is not a standalone but a trilogy. And the cliffhanger is there, and it's one that will leave you with a bigger question than the answer that was revealed. It will leave you begging and crying for the next book. But that is all you'll get from me. Do NOT read any reviews before reading this. This is a book that you must go into absolutely blind. Trust me. Now go on and read it so I have someone to bitch and moan to in my wait for my next fix....erm...book.

*ARC gifted to Dirty Girl Romance blog in exchange for an honest review*

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**Patrycja says**

[ not yet (hide spoiler)]

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## Wendy Higgins says

I was totally sucked in by the intrigue surrounding this book, and HAD to check it out. Now, okay, I read it and there's absolutely nothing I can say without giving stuff away, lol! I will just tell you that I read it from start to finish in just over a day, which is rare for me anymore. I had NO idea what was going on - I had lots of guesses, but none were completely correct, so I was definitely surprised. It's suspenseful, spooky, and romantic. The way she wove it all together was amazing - brilliant storytelling. Wow.

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## Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

### 5 Secrets in the Darkness Stars

*Nocte liber sum...*

Holy Shiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiit...

As many other reviewers have already stated, there is no way that I can review this book without giving away a little bit of the plot and utterly destroying your reading experience. Go for it completely unaware and let it catch you off guard. Let it stomp all over your heart and haunt your days and nights.

So, this is Calla's story. A girl living a life of grief and pain. A coming of age and secrets. So many of them surround her. And her demons are caughting up with her. Courtney Cole is spinning a complex story, masterfully. The haunting scenery and the alternate POV's suffocate the reader and have him second-guessing everything until the gut-wrenching finale, that raises a whole other league of questions.

READ IT! And now, please, let me despair until the next one comes out...

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Christie«SHBBblogger» says

[ Can't tell! (hide spoiler)]

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Jasmine says

4.5 NOCTE STARS! ★★★★★?

*"There is nothing quite so terrifying as the descension of the human mind into insanity" - Calla Price*

Well holy cannolis. WHAT DID I JUST READ. I mean, whaa-

I've never read anything from Courtney Cole before but then I saw the pretty cover, that amazing blurb and *that author's note*. I JUST HAD TO HAVE IT. And boy what a crazy ride it was as **my mind is still trying to digest what. just. happened.** I feel like I need to re-read this to grasp around the entire idea.

**So the thing about this book:** I'm not even allowed to divulge details of the plot at all and I agree that it should be kept that way because **going in blind is the best way to enjoy this read.**

The story is beautifully complex and the author managed to **weave all the minor details throughout the book so cleverly** into something huge and twisted later on. It's completely enthralling and will make you want to devour this book in one sitting, trust me.

*"Secrets. Everybody's got 'em." - Dare DuBray*

There's also that fantastic dynamic between Calla, her twin brother, Finn and her love interest, Dare which keeps you on your toes as you try to piece the entire puzzle. Also I wouldn't deem this book to be really dark but **there is a certain eerie and hauntingly beautiful feel** to this read that grips you throughout.

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**Unpredictable and completely unputdownable, Nocte is definitely one of those books that will send your mind into a tailspin.** Honestly this read would make a good BR material because it's one that you would want to vent your feelings out as you read along.

A fair warning would be that **this is NOT a standalone and is part of a trilogy**. That cliffhanger there? Yeah it's one of those that makes you wanna hunt down the author and force her to write the next one ASAP (please Courtney, *pleaaasee*). But here's the thing though, I'm actually glad it's not a standalone because there's *no way* that an idea as bizarre as this could be wrapped up in one book alone. I would have been pissed off if it was wrapped up too quickly!

**So would I recommend you to read this?** I believe this book is just the beginning of an even more complex premise that has yet to come. If you can deal with cliffies, by all means, go ahead and strap on for one cray cray ride. You wouldn't want to miss out on this ;)

**NOCTE will be released on November 3rd, 2014.**

*\*\*ARC kindly provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.\*\**

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## **Saffron says**

### **4 "I hate trilogies!" Stars!!!**

Almost every time I read a book, I have a theme of emotions or thoughts going through me. Like...boring...fascinating...interesting...meh...cant put it down...frustration...etc...

For this one, the theme was "Fucking Tell Me Already!!!"

I wish I had a couple of eyes more so I could have gotten to the "secret" much sooner! (And what the hell is this latest fascination with secrets anyway?? First Black Lies and then this??!!) Anyway, I am not complaining. I loved it nonetheless.

**What the fuss is all about?** Well, I can't tell you. You need to find it out on your own. The blurb is fan-fucking-tastic. I wish I could tell you more than just the basic facts, like the story is about twins, Calla and Finn. Finn has a mental illness. Calla has always been her protector. Their father is a mortician and they live in a funeral home, surrounded by death all the time.

Then comes the stranger, Dare Dubray. Oh and I can tell you this...HE HAS A BRITISH ACCENT!!!!

Calla and Dare hit it off. Finn is a little threatened but that is to be expected. Calla and Finn have always been together, like a team. So he is a little insecure. Anyway, that's all. That's all I have to say. This is just the ground work of the story. The actual events, the secret and everything leading up to that---you need to read all of that without any judgment and over-analyzing. That's the best way to enjoy this story.

Oh who am I kidding??!! I overanalyzed it to pieces and I still enjoyed it.. LOL!!

**My thoughts:** I picked it up on my way to school (I had only a few minutes to spare until I got to my class)...

Because just reading the first page SUCKED me in. BIG TIME. And it sucked me in so bad that anyone who got in the way of me and my PRECIOUS "Secret"---I wanted to kill.

The story has some amazing spooky quality to it. The setting, the dialogs, even the weather---everything added to the eerie feeling of it. I think, author has done a great job of executing a very nice and terrific idea.

However,

Nothing is perfect! I had some issues with it. (view spoiler) It DID NOT stop me from reading though. I was in awe of this story until the shock wore off and I realized...Hmmm...I don't know how that worked?!! But overall, I loved this!

**Why the cliffy??** Honestly, haven't we suffered enough? with Night Owl and Bared to You series and now this?!!!! How much more can we take?? By the time Feb rolls around and the second part of this series comes out...I will have forgotten every single thing. Why do it? Right now I am jumping up and down with the excitement of knowing what happens next because let me tell you---THIS IS ONE HELL OF A CLIFFY. And again, I am left at a place where the theme remains the same...."Fucking Tell Me Already!!"

But I will forget all about it by Thanksgiving! Yikes!!!

So how am I supposed to bear this burden??

**Will I recommend this book?** Yessssss!!! I will! however, if you are anything like me, you forget things easily. So wait till all the parts are out so you can read it all in one go. Because, the cliffy messed with my head.

*P.S.--- Stop sending me teasers, Jasmine!!! My heart can't take anymore! What the fuck is the secret????!! Gahhhhh!!!!*

*P.P.S. ---- I need buddies for the BR when the 2nd one comes out. Please don't leave me alone for this one. I am gonna cry..*

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## Lola says

How do I even review this? I'll have to watch every single thing I'm going to write down, every topic, element and quote I'm giving my opinion on shan't be a spoiler. This will be hard, so I'll definitely use the HTML code. Thank goodness it exists.

Well, at least now I know that next time I'm going to see, written in a blurb, "A secret I'm so busy trying to

*figure out, that I never see it coming. You won't either''* or something similar, I will have to lower my expectations. I'm serious; these kinds of sentences scream to me 'READ ME! READ ME! You'll be mind-blown! And captivated, believe me!' and I naively(?) always take their word for it.

At first, there was no problem with the story, except that the writing wasn't of my taste. The author, from the start, made it clear that the style will be very intense. With phrases that will be both blunt and purposeful to the character's emotions and feelings. Which was okay...after some time since I tried my best to get used to it. But, at first, it really didn't please me. I had only read what? One page? And the writing showed already signs that something of importance perhaps happened or will happen and that went throughout the story.

That's one of the biggest problems I had with this book: the story felt like it was building up to something and building and building ALL *PLOT LONG*. After every chapter, I thought maybe I would discover something or at least get some clues. But we didn't. Not even a bit. Maybe by paying more attention to the father, I would have had? But, no, because he was in grief and a little bit 'in his own world' thinking about her wife probably. And he didn't notice things, as the main character stated in the book. So I went with it, because I honestly didn't have a choice. Same thing happening while I was reading *Black Lies*. Sincerely, that was a good book and frustrating as well since, like this one, it has its twist revealed only at the few last pages but, at least, THERE WERE SOME CLUES. But, this? Except for Dare saying that oh, he has a secret...that he can't share...not now. Even when (view spoiler), it wasn't enough to be qualified as a clue and that for 1) we had Finn's POV so the author strongly wanted to bring his character to life, 2) this story has such a paranormal vibe that Dare could actually have been psychic or something and 3) we don't know Dare well at all! He's always so mysterious! Which means that he could have been lying the whole time, who knows? I didn't trust him. He came out of nowhere, saying cheesy things to Calla and her doing the same.

There was insta-love + insta-lust BUT, at least, the characters didn't kiss after a good part of the book. It was obvious that they were intentionally not kissing or doing anything else, even though they both wanted it. That did help bearing those two pet peeves of mine a little. Still, it didn't help that much, since I didn't believe in their 'love + meant for each other + feel like I've known you forever + attraction at first sight' thing.

(view spoiler)

There was not atmosphere. It was intense, yes, but, other than that, nothing. In all seriousness, I didn't show any signs of being affected by this book. Because I wasn't. But, still, I can't believe that I started and finished this book in the same state of mind (except that now I'm a little bit very disappointed). The book was dark, and I liked it. I really wanted to know what would happen to Finn, so I guess that's why the ending didn't please me. And, really, this could easily have been a standalone. Two more books? A trilogy? I don't see this going on for two more books. Dare is not THAT interesting and the story has lost something crucial by the end: (view spoiler)

Another thing I have to talk about is how Calla's (view spoiler)

The reason I'm giving this two stars instead of one is the mental illness as theme and Finn as a character for a matter of fact. The theme spiced up the story and Finn was a character I really wanted to get to the bottom of....that's why I kept reading. (view spoiler)

I wonder what you'd think of this. I really do. It does feel like something that either works for you or not, though. I qualified for the latter but that's okay, it was fast-paced, which made the reading a little better.

