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One person is an impostor, one is flirting with insanity, and one is a traitor.

Tina Greene can't accept the surfing death of her husband Hank without a recovered body. Months after signing the death certificate, she pulls herself from the emotional wreckage and trades mourning for saving her Maui dive shop from bankruptcy.

When war hero, Jamey Dunn, walks back into Tina's life, things take a strange turn. Lifelike dreams have the dive instructor questioning her sanity and leaning heavily on Hank's best friend, Noble. Jamey and Noble clash at every turn, both desperate to help Tina. When the dreams uncover clues to Hank's disappearance, Jamey must reveal his strange ability to enter dreams. But for Tina, trusting the man who betrayed her years before, doesn't come easily, and the decision to let Jamey enter her subconscious has a price she isn't sure she can pay. As Noble, Tina and Jamey get closer to solving the mystery of Hank's disappearance, grave danger sets in to reveal that one person is flirting with insanity, one is a traitor, and one is an impostor.

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From Reader Review The Dream Jumper's Promise for online ebook

Christine Fairchild says

This is a perfect summer read or when your winter nights get too long. Romance, mystery, gorgeous setting brought to a magical life. Kim has a way of bringing her characters to life and making them feel normal but special with real heart. That's rare these days. Nice mix women's fiction light with a twist of magic/psychic without being heavy handed so the 2nd chance love story stays the main focus. The surprises at the end are worth the wait!

Joanie says

Wow! I can,t stop thinking about this story! I have rarely been so affected by characters but now that I finished the book I miss Tina and Jamey. I want to call her. See how she is. At the very least I want to fly to Maui and try diving. I LOVED being part of Tina,s life on Maui. GREAT READ! Sad it,s over.

Genesis Blue says

Tina's husband, Hank, disappeared into the ocean ten months ago and she can't accept that he is actually dead. Part of her believes that he is still alive and has simply run away from her, faking his own death. When his wallet and surfboard are discovered, she is forced to face facts . . . but then why is she having these recurring dreams where he is hiding in a cave?

This book is really well done. You feel as fuzzy and uncertain as Tina as you read through her bizarre dream sequences that are sometimes dreams and sometimes not. When an old lover (and dream jumper) walks back into her life, ten months after her husband vanished on a routine surfing trip, he feels the need to help her find closure. What follows is a pretty serpentine story, with lots of twists. I anticipated some of them, but some caught me completely by surprise. I won't go into details, you have to read it for yourself.

Definitely recommended!

Carmine Valentine says

This is a magical book. Not only is it a romance shrouded with mystery but the details of scuba diving in Hawaii are so well done that you felt you were there under the water with the main character Tina. You become so much a part of Tina, what she's feeling, the confusion over the disappearance of her husband, the strange things going on and the paranormal elements make this a book that you escape into without realizing you were pulled in. You'll love the hero and heroine and want them to be together. The author does a great job with pacing the suspense, leaving doubt as to who to trust but at the same time building the trust and chemistry between Tina and Jamey that ultimately ends in romance but still with that element of the unknown not quite wrapped up leaving you wanting more of what's to come in the series. Well done.

Rose says

Dream Jumping has fascinated me since Inception came out and this book took that concept and twisted it into a fantastic romance novel! Forget about planting an idea in someone's head during a dream to get them to save the world or take down a mega business. Try entering a former lovers dreams to allow her to be able to move on since the death of her husband almost a year earlier. Then add a sexy past to the dreamers and you can guess what's going to happen. BUT add a twist around every corner and an ending that is shocking enough to make your eyes wide and you have The Dream Jumper's Promise.

For an entertaining read, this is a doozy! It moves quickly, you don't need to think too hard to get everything that's going on and it will keep the intelligent reader intrigued.

Great debut, Kim Hornsby!

J.J. DiBenedetto says

Kim Hornsby's "The Dream Jumper's Promise" is a fantastic, compelling novel. It straddles the boundaries between genres - it's got elements of romance, mystery, suspense and also the supernatural, and the author brings them all together very satisfyingly.

The book tells the story of Tina Greene, a dive instructor on Maui. When we meet her, she's going through hell. Her husband's been dead for a year - or at least she thinks he's dead. He disappeared while surfing, and his wallet and pieces of his board have been found, but no body. But Tina's not completely sure - she still holds out hope he might be alive, and she's having strange recurring dreams about him. If that weren't bad enough, her dive shop is on the brink of failure, which isn't helped by the fact that Tina can't bring herself to get back in the water herself.

At her lowest point, an old flame shows up on Maui - Jamey Dunn. They had a brief affair, before he suddenly broke it off and left Tina, years ago. Jamey's not "just" an old flame, though - he's got plenty of secrets, the main one being that he has the supernatural talent to "jump" into other people's dreams. Can Jamey and Tina reconnect? Can he use his gift to help Tina figure out what really happened to her husband and get closure? And can Tina hang on to the last shreds of her sanity long enough to do it?

The author writes in a clear and strong voice. She's created a believable and sympathetic heroine in Tina - a woman who's going through the worst experiences of her life and sometimes can't tell what's reality and what's a dream - but she never stops fighting. It's impossible not to both admire and root for her. Jamey is equally well drawn, and the author fills their world with interesting and memorable secondary characters as well.

What impressed me the most about the book, though, was the way that the author really brought Maui to life. Even though I've never been to Hawaii, I could picture everything perfectly through her vivid and loving descriptions. The author does a fantastic job of making Maui not merely a setting for the action, but a character in its own right, and that's something that is very rarely pulled off as well as it is here.

I'd highly recommend this book - it's an entertaining book that won't let you put it down.

Alison says

An unusual blend of paranormal mystery, romance and scuba diving that requires a good deal of willing suspension of disbelief, yet somehow manages to draw the reader in. As the characters and plot unfolded I was convinced I knew exactly how the story would end... except I was wrong. There are a couple of twists that completely threw me. I hate reviews that contain spoilers so I won't reveal anything more. I finished the book in a day, which isn't unusual for me, but I truly couldn't put it down. There might be a little too much divespeak for anyone who isn't familiar with scuba diving, and not all of it is accurate, so I had to give it only 4 out of 5 stars because of that. However, the story had me captivated and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Jennifer Holt says

The Great Escape! I loved this book. It was smart enough to keep me reading but had just the right amount of romance and mystery to satisfy my need for escapism. And the setting of Maui! Palm trees and the ocean wasn't bad either. I'd have to say this gal writes like a cross between Susan Wiggs and Elizabeth Berg. Brilliant!

S. Div. says

I enjoyed straddling the line between waking reality and the fluid muzziness of Hornsby's dream world. Her knowledge of both Maui culture and the tourism trade grounds the supernatural story elements into a believable, intriguing plot. The story is woven together well and the characters are relatable, leaving the otherworldly details solid contributors to a seamless read.

I'm not a fan of heavy mystery, and the puzzling elements of this book were just enough to keep me engaged without feeling overwhelmed. I am a lifelong lucid dreamer, and I celebrate Hornsby's ability to relate the skill and experience through such realistic sensations and perceptions. She's an author to follow.

Desere says

Reviewed by Desere

A fantasy romance paranormal read that kept me on the edge of my seat with mystery, suspense and loads of action - filled twists and turns so good that I could not figure out what would happen next and how it would come to an end. And that my dear reader friends is a excellent sign that this book was a fantastic read.

As most times with a mystery filled book I always manage to solve the hidden secrets before they are fully exposed, but with this one I could not get it right, every time I thought "By Joe I got it!" I was quickly thrown of track and surprised with a whole new outcome.

The book is about Tina a woman that finds it understandably very hard to get over the death of her husband, but from the depths of her sorrow she pulls herself together and decides saving her diving shop will keep her not only from not focusing on her loss but also will save her business. So she sets to work but unexpectedly she finds herself with the help of two men, one her dead husband's best friend and the other her ex. Both men want to help her but when one reveals that he has a ability to enter dreams and therefore could just maybe solve her husband's murder the race to solve a mystery and keep their heads above water is on!

And what a race it was, I was completely sucked in by this one. The author blew my senses with mystery, romance and secrets so deep, dark and dangerous that it this read was a movie it surly would have walked away with every award out there!

The fact that the author added in a person that can enter dreams made this read so much more fascinating as it showed me a side of paranormal that I have found not fully explored as of yet, read about yes, but this author packed a whole lot more into it and what it's outcome positive or negative can be.

The characters were all really well written and for the most part I found myself thinking "What is people like this in this situation really existed, how intriguing life would be!" It truly kept me on the edge of my seat, it is not every book that can offer you a traitor, a dream entity, a murderer and a romance all in one!

The backdrop setting of Maui was perfect, it gave the mystery of the depths of the ocean and what lies beneath to me as reader but also let me relax as the author's descriptions of the islands were truly magical.

The dialogue was one of good quality as it fell perfectly into place with the plot and was also very well thought out, and I say this because some books dialogue is good but some lacks that connection to the plot and it's characters that makes you go wow!

This read was perfectly balanced and the author achieved the thin line of romance combined with the paranormal world to great perfection! A compelling and magical read!

Highly recommend

5/5 star review

" From the depths of the ocean the truth will rise"

Lisa Costantino says

A mysterious skill that straddles the line between paranormal and possible, a woman mourning her husband lost at sea, and the sunny embrace of Maui all come together in an evocative narrative that quickly becomes a real page-turner. Tina Greene's struggles with her loss, an unstable friend, an old lover's reappearance, and watery nightmares that may or may not lead her to her husband's body are depicted realistically and, at times, with a refreshing splash of humor. Ms. Hornsby's SCUBA expertise and highly visual descriptions of Maui life made me ache to return to the islands. A very engaging and entertaining beach book--even better, a great winter read for bringing a little Hawaii warmth into colder climes.

Sarah says

Great paranormal mystery that keeps you on the edge of your chair

Crissy Pedersen says

3.5 stars...I appreciated some of these ideas and supernatural twists which seemed unique to me, though the idea of dream jumping may be around in other books I'm not familiar with. I liked the book and it definitely kept me interested until the end. The end was just a bit much for me.

Alicia Huxtable says

Liked it

Ok so 'dream jumping' isn't a new concept to a reader like me, but none have had me hooked like this story. The characters, I had them so wrong, except maybe 1, the storyline was well paced and the random twists felt like a bit of a slap to the face, in so much, that I didn't see any of them coming. Really liked this book and hope to read the next in the series soon

Nancy says

My Amazon review...

I LOVED this story! Rarely am I at a loss as to genre, but this novel defies classification. The themes were not "otherworldly" in the fantasy sense, yet I'm sure some would consider this a paranormal or fantasy thriller. The romance was not sappy, nor formulaic, but more of a love story waiting to be discovered. The suspense was psychological, almost physical, yet I'm not sure calling this a suspense novel does the story justice. "A Dream Jumper's Promise" tugged at emotions, senses, thoughts, but mostly it left me wondering, "what if?", an idea niggling at the psyche.

I read voraciously and am seldom so moved on so many levels. A gifted telling with so many unexpected twists and turns. I look forward to more tales from Kim Hornsby.
