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"A stunning fantasy adventure!" . . . author Roxanne Kade.

Journey with Chase to a strange land where dark, ominous clouds never move, ancient trees violently spring to life during Darkness, and people seem to live without emotion. Doctors tell him they're hallucinations, but he knows his visits are real. She's there—Sash—and she's more real than anyone he's ever known.

His visits stop but, as years pass, the memories haunt Chase. Without warning, the young man suddenly finds himself again in a world called Krymzyn. Arriving during Darkness, he's rescued from death by the extraordinary, beautiful, but terrifying young woman he first met when he was twelve.

When Chase is thrust into the war of balance against vile creatures who threaten all who live there, Sash helps him understand his purpose in Krymzyn. A dark secret from the beginning of time reveals he might be able to stay there forever. To prove he belongs in Krymzyn and be with the only woman he can ever love, Chase will have to risk his own life in the ultimate battle.

Krymzyn Details

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From Reader Review Krymzyn for online ebook

Nada Sobhi says

Krymzyn is a story of a boy and a girl, two worlds – literally, a love and above all balance.

The novel written by B.C. Powell begins with a third person present tense description of what appears to be an initiation of a young girl; one set to embark on a destiny never before seen in the land of Krymzyn.

The novel shifts to the perspective of Chase, a young boy of twelve, who sees the girl during a seizure, which he learns is caused by a tumour. He is told such 'visions' of places and people are nothing but 'hallucinations' because of his tumour, yet Chase cannot help but believe that place called Krymzyn is real. Once the tumour is out, he stops going there.

Years later, he gets another tumour and following another seizure and he goes back to Krymzyn. He later connects that only through his seizures – and tumours – can he go to this wondrous world and see the beautiful Sash who stole his heart.

The people of Krymzyn live their lives in and for balance. Emotions like love, jealousy and hate are alien to them and are considered extremes. When a person dies there, the land calls for another to be 'made' to restore the balance. Each person has a purpose in Krymzyn; no one is idle.

The novel contains many beautiful imagery and ideas that would do well to be present amongst us on earth – in real life. Moreover, Krymzyn is about colours; Powell uses many colours for vividness and to prepare the reader for the truth that will later be revealed to Chase.

Most of the novel is written from Chase's perspective; although it varies between past tense narration, as you would write in a diary, and present tense narration when he goes to Krymzyn to give the feeling of immediateness, the now. Chase attempts to convince his family that Krymzyn is a real place with real people; hence the tense used to describe it gives that sense to the reader.

Character development is evident many characters in the novel, but particularly in the two protagonists Chase and Sash as well as in one of Krymzyn's Disciples, Eval. For Sash, the first time she sees Chase in her vision, she is overwhelmed by all the earthly emotions she experiences. She has no names for such emotions but knows that she is the only one in Krymzyn to have them and experience them. At one point, Sash requests Chase the most difficult explanation of all: "Explain love to me again."

Chase has to explain the trickiest emotion to a girl who does not even know what smell and taste are. His answer, however, is beautiful: "It's probably the hardest emotion in my world to describe. Imagine how you felt when your purpose was revealed to you. The excitement you feel when fulfilling your purpose, when you're getting the sap. Then combine that with how you feel when you honour the Sustaining Tree, when you press your face against the trunk. How you feel when you stand on the Tall Hill and see the beauty of Krymzyn. Then add how you felt just a moment ago while watching the children. When you put all of those feelings together for one person and you can't stand to be without that person – it hurts you inside when you're apart – I guess that's how love feels."

As seen with the word 'love' (underlined and italicised), certain words do not translate in Krymzyn, like the earthly emotions as well as curse words, sarcasm and words like 'family', 'parents', and many others. It is an interesting technique that makes the reader wonder how Chase is going to explain certain things. It also shows the tremendous effort taken by the author to create such an intricate and different world.

I'm not sure if it was intended, but for me, the name 'Chase' is significant as it shows how he chases his

dreams in Krymzyn, despite everyone telling him that they are mere hallucinations and figments of his imagination. He also seeks to make these dreams a reality.

Powell has created a new world that stands in strong contrast to earth. Although there is balance, there are no emotions. The people of Krymzyn are often – if not always – expressionless. Their lives are bound by duty and honour to their land. Powell is lauded for his creation, especially as the reader and Chase become dumbfounded by the many apparently impossible equations of maths and physics, which nonetheless hold and act as a strong base.

Overall, Krymzyn is a beautiful place and book. It is rich in comparisons and makes one thing. Powell is lauded for this quick-paced creation.

(Worth noting, the novel contains several sensual and adult scenes. While it may be considered Young Adult, I feel it should be read by those aged 18 or over).

I received a free copy of this book for an honest review through Xpresso Book Tours.

Volpot says

3 stars. Not bad, but not good enough to induce me to continue with any sequels

Roxanne Kade says

Thrilling and spellbinding, this book drew me in from the very first page and I thoroughly enjoyed every moment spent in Krymzyn. Even with the evil that lurked, it was a fascinating world that I wanted to get lost in, very much the same way Chase did.

With intriguing characters and interesting plot twists, this book was a wonderful read. I enjoyed the mix between reality and fantasy, and although my heart broke for Chase in the real world, there was plenty of excitement when he returned to Krymzyn. From exploring this new world, to the epic battle that ultimately decided his fate, there was never a dull moment.

This book will delight readers with its action, adventure and even a bit of romance.

Michelle's Paranormal Vault of Books says

I liked this book, but not loved it. It's not anything specific, as its written really well, and the characters are very likable. The world building was amazing. I could see it all in my head as Krymzyn was described. I guess it was part that it was almost unbelievable, in the same way his doctors and parents thought he was have hallucinations during a seizure because of the brain tumor, and he only "visited" this place when he was in the seizures that this happen, so it sure makes us think this as well.

But as it goes on, it does seem he really does visit this place called Krymzyn and meets Sash, a very unusual

girl. But one thing too again, that makes me think, that it's not another world, but more a possibility of an afterlife, almost as if he gets a glimpse of it, like its where he will go when he dies. Though in that world it is said that if he died in the real world, while he was there, he could stay. So not sure. Guess I need to make myself believe it's actually another dimension/world of sorts like I think the author wants us to.

I read a ton of paranormal/dystopian/sci-fi/fantasy books, in fact it's all I read, so I can easily get caught up in the "non-normal" but this book gave me too much feel of the normal, that it made it harder to believe. Can't pinpoint what it was that gave me that overall feel.

But I think I may like the next book better, as it sounds like it may strictly be in the other world of Krymzyn and not our real world. At least I am hoping anyway.

I will say I did not like the part toward the end, as his entrance into Krymzyn was not something I liked to read about, and sure do not think that is something that should be in a book. Just my opinion, and do not want to say exactly what it is, so not to spoil it. I know the author made a note that they do not condone this type of thing, but it still didn't sit right with me.

I still do like this book, and found it a very interesting read, and think anyone who likes fantasy books with some real world in it, will like it as well. I will say I didn't feel there is anything sci-fi about this book, just straight fantasy. When I think of sci-fi I think futuristic stuff or strange technology, stuff like that. My personal opinion of course.

I give this book 4 out of 5 stars.

I was provided a copy of this book for my honest review

Olivia-Savannah Roach says

Thank you to Xpresso Book Tours for the review copy

This book turned out to be pretty good. There were some parts I really enjoyed reading, and the aura mystery was well carried through.

I have to say, my favourite thing about this novel must've been the world building. I could easily envision what the world of Krymzyn looked like and could understand the rules it had running there. The idea of crimson coloured world captivated me from when I first glanced the cover to when I got to the end of the book. The descriptions were amazing, especially the first few times Chase travels to the world.

As for the main characters, I found it difficult to feel for the people of Krymzyn sometimes because they were so different. I did find it easier to relate to Chase, who was human and intrigued by this world. His family also really care about him, because when he travels to Krymzyn in another dimension, his body is left going through a seizure, which is hard for the family to take. But his mother and sister clearly care about him

a lot and that relationship was lovely to see.

At the beginning the book is fairly slow placed. For a good 30% Chase goes back to Krymzyn twice and doesn't get too many answers, so we are still left in the dark. He also has to spend a lot of time explaining some English words to Sash, and I didn't like reading about definitions to simple words just because another character didn't understand them. I found that to be a little bit boring.

Otherwise, this book was a pretty good read. There was a nice ending with enough happening to make it faster paced and keep me looking forward to reading. The characters weren't amazing but I cared enough for them to hope everything would work out well in the end. The world building was amazing, and the sequel to this book will be interesting.

<http://olivia-savannah.blogspot.nl/20...>

Holly (Holly Hearts Books) says

I won this book in a giveaway some time ago and finally found time to finish it. Even though I was drawn by the beautiful cover, I was a little skeptical at the beginning. Things started off kind of slow for me but I found myself picking up the book more and more each day. As Chase grows older, the world around him changes and I changed along with it.

The story became more personal for me and I cannot wait to pick up the second book! The cover of that one is truly drawing me in as well and I couldn't be anymore interested.

Ethan Gregory says

Full review and more at: <http://oneguysguidetogoodreads.blogspot...>

My Thoughts:

Krymzyn. Just to see it's title says a lot. Unique? Original? Captivating? All of the above? Yes. This is proving to be one of the hardest reviews I have written! I have so much to say, yet so much I CAN'T say! Does that make sense? This book was truly one of a kind! How does one describe this novel without giving away anything?! Come on people, help me here!

Okay the first thing I want to comment on is the setting. I have seen several other reviews for this book touch on this subject, and I definitely feel like I should as well. BC Powell is a debut author. Generally you can tell a debut author when you come across one; they aren't as comfortable in their writing, they are just getting starting in this world, so to speak. When I first picked up Krymzyn, I had absolutely zero idea that BC Powell was a debut author. The way he writes lead me to believe that he was a seasoned professional. Kudos to Powell for that! When it comes to the world creation, Powell did a number on me with Krymzyn! The land itself is written with such description and literary beauty that I was able to merely close my eyes and there I

was. Truly a remarkable talent Powell has to give us such a vision of his literary world.

When it comes to the character development, I have much to say! Again, this is hard without giving spoilers, but here I go anyways. Chase was such an interesting character. From beginning to end we see such a change, that he is almost an entirely new person. While in Krymzyn, Chase's physical body undergoes trauma here in our world. It's really interesting to read, but it really gave us some awesome insight to the kind of life Chase was living pre-Krymzyn. His family, friends, etc. Chase was a character with many dimensions that I could really appreciate. Sash, our female MC, really raised the bar. Her relationship with Chase was one of the big drivers for this story. Their interactions were great. Sash really doesn't change as much throughout the course of the novel, but it was okay, because she really was an interesting character!

As per the plot. I am conflicted. At some points I was really wishing the story would move a bit faster, yet at other times I was hoping it didn't end soon! As with any book it had its' great moments and its' "lull" moments, but nothing that took away from my overall experience. What I think I really enjoyed the most was that even though this is intended to be the first book in a series, we still get a complete story. Oftentimes authors lure a reader in and don't actually accomplish anything in their story in an effort to make the reader want more. While I definitely believe Powell makes a great case for the reader to pick up book 2, I think it was great how this story had a complete resolution to it, in a sense. See, here we go with the spoiler alerts again. Of course you would want to continue this series, because you want all your questions answered, right? Right!

Love, sacrifice, and family are among the many themes explored by Powell in this debut novel. While I won't go so far as to say any of there were Earth shattering realizations, they were definitely notions that fit in perfect with this story. Love in particular. Be it Chase's love for life, his family, or his newfound relationship with Sash, love plays a pretty big role in this story. Love and the sacrifices you will make in order to be happy in it!

Like I said in the beginning, it is kind of hard to review this without giving too much away, but I hope I have done this great novel justice! I know that I am really pumped about the sequel and to see what else Powell has in store for Krymzyn! All-in-all, I am granting this unique and unforgettable read a 4-star review! Definitely one I am glad I picked up! Strongly recommended to any mature-YA and up reader who can appreciate a good mysterious fantasy read! You will not be disappointed!

Jo says

This is a debut novel with a really refreshing story. The world of Krymzyn is well imagined and described and the characters are likeable and engaging.

A really bitter sweet tale of love and discovery. It's really difficult to say too much more without spoilers. Suffice to say, that I really enjoyed being immersed in the world created by the author.

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Michael (Mai) says

I'm not really sure why I requested this book. It honestly could have been a case of cover love. I mention this because I really had no idea what I was in for. This was completely original and the book showed me things I hadn't experienced before in other books. Sure it's supernatural but the idea of Krymzyn is completely new.

Krymzyn is the story of a boy who visits another plane of existence called Krymzyn. There he meets a girl that makes him feel things he's never felt with anyone else. The same goes for her, except more extreme. She has never felt anger, love, happiness, etc. before. Emotions aren't needed in Krymzyn.

Super cool book. I really enjoyed it. I loved all the characters. When I first started reading it I thought I might get irritated at how "flat" everyone seemed to be. But even though the inhabitants of Krymzyn don't feel emotions the way I do, they are deep and complex.

Really there are only two things I didn't like about Krymzyn. (1) How it's spelled. Every Time I have typed it in this review I've had to double-check to make sure it's spelled correctly. (2) That it's a series. For me, there was really only one loose end that needed to be tied up. I think the author would have hashed that out for an additional 50 pages then this would be a perfect stand alone.

Jaime Lester says

I had no idea what to expect going into Krymzyn. I saw the cover, it caught my eye and the synopsis was intriguing. Just so happens, they told the right story! Krymzyn is incredibly unique, the world-building is incredibly well done and the characters develop nicely throughout the story. The romance was sweet and honest. Most of all, it conveyed emotion. I couldn't help but smile when the characters smiled, and feel anger and sadness with them as well. This, in itself, is an incredible ability for an author, and BC Powell has it down!

The beginning of the story, we are with a girl who is still small, much smaller than others before her, going through her Ritual of Purpose. From her actions, and the reactions of the crowd, we know she is special, somehow.

Then we are with a 12 year old boy, Chase, as he has a seizure for the very first time and is transported to a whole new world. There, he begins his Journey in Krymzyn, his Journey with Sash. There, he sees her black hair run with scarlet.

Krymzyn is a completely different world from ours, where the people live for their individual Purposes, and Balance is the key to survival, to everything. I have already mentioned this, but it bears mentioning again, that the world-building is top notch. I could close my eyes at any point in this story, and see Krymzyn and its people with no effort. It is a strange, yet beautiful world.

I don't want to reveal too much, but the story follows Chase through each of his journeys into Krymzyn, and we see him fall in love with the beautiful Sash a little more each time. Their romance was a slow burn, and the story is a beautiful one. Watching Chase teach Sash about himself and Earth and emotions and senses, and Sash teaching Chase the ways of Krymzyn, of Balance, was beautiful. Seeing them both adapt and change and become who they were meant to be was powerful.

There were some action scenes, some fighting scenes, and the different Rituals and Purposes, which kept the plot moving forward. Intermittently, we go back to Earth with Chase, and see how he lives his life being away from Krymzyn. He has an amazing family, and best friend, and he is incredibly loved, and he loves so much. Yet, he knows he isn't where he is meant to be.

All in all, I adored this book. I adore this author. My only issue was the pacing in the beginning, and occasionally throughout. It would slow down a bit, and while it never got boring at all, I did find myself wishing it would pick back up again. The final issue I have with Krymzyn is the ending. I can't really say what the issue is, because it would be a spoiler, but I don't condone what happened, even though I understand the reasons behind it. I feel like there may have been a better way to go about it.

Would I recommend Krymzyn? Absolutely, I would. Just as a warning, there is some sexual content, and some language in the story, as well as violence and death. If neither of those things bother you? Go for it! I think you might just enjoy yourself.

Jasmine says

Krymzyn is the debut novel of author B.C. Powell, and let me tell you, it is fantastic! I'm going to start my review by saying I give it 4 stars. What really drew me in was the cover. It seems so simple, and yet it really captures the essence of the story. Once you read the book, you'll understand why I say that.

Okay, so Krymzyn is considered a new adult sci-fi fantasy, and I'll definitely second that. Now, if new adult isn't your thing, don't worry. There are really only two scenes I would consider "adult" in this book, and they're actually quite tame.

So, we start out with Chase, the main character. He's a twelve year old boy who happens to suffer from headaches. These aren't your normal, everyday headaches, though. In fact, when you first meet Chase, his headache causes him to enter into a strange new world known as Krymzyn.

His first journey to Krymzyn, which happens during Darkness, ends with him meeting a lovely twelve year old girl named Sash. She's got dark hair, amber eyes, and she's quite special. At least that's how Chase sees it after she saves his life.

When Chase returns to his own world, he's taken to the hospital, where he discovers his headaches are caused by a tumor. The doctors also tell him that Krymzyn is a hallucination. They claim it's quite normal to see/hear things that aren't really there when you have a tumor. Chase, however, knows the truth. Krymzyn is real, and he wants to go back.

I know I tend to get carried away with my reviews, so I don't want to say too much more. I know I'll spoil things if I do. So I'll leave you with the following things:

1. Although Chase's family is great, and you really see their love and support for their son, they sort of take a back burner to the other characters in the story. It is, after all, called Krymzyn. The characters Chase meets in that world are definitely the ones you want to read about.
2. Chase is a strong, determined character who you can't help but like. His life in the real world isn't as special or as exciting as when he enters Krymzyn. And he does get to go back. It happens again when he's

seventeen, and again when he's around the age of twenty-three.

3. Sash is pretty awesome, herself. She serves a purpose in Krymzyn, but she's also a one-of-a-kind sort of character. Very unique to her own world.

4. And, of course, you have some characters who aren't exactly likeable. Namely one character, and then a group of characters. I don't think that's too spoiler-y.

Okay, so now that I've discussed the main characters, I'll move on...

The plot really draws you in and keeps you going. I'll admit, the first 5% of the book or so, I did struggle a little to get into it. Once it got going, though, I was hooked and couldn't wait to discover what would happen next.

Krymzyn is a magical, mysterious world that is developed so well that you actually kind of want to live there. Even with the oddly colored sky, grass, and trees, it's a fascinating place. Everyone there serves a purpose. They even have rituals to discover said purposes. And Sash's Ritual of Purpose is how she learns that Chase is more special than anyone in Krymzyn could ever imagine.

Change is coming to Krymzyn, and it starts with a visit from a twelve year old boy.

Overall, I was very intrigued by the story. Once it ends, you're left wanting more. I'm not saying it ends on a cliffhanger, because it doesn't. I just mean that I cannot wait for the second book in the series, and I know you'll feel the same way, too.

If you're looking for a new author to read, I highly recommend choosing B.C. Powell. Krymzyn is one of the best debut novels I've read this year, and I guarantee that you will love it. Once again, I rate Krymzyn a solid 4 stars.

Teresa Barrera says

The author was kind to send me this book, so I wanted to give my full review of Krymzyn which just want to warn ahead of time that there may be a few spoilers in my review.

First off, the cover is what got my attention. I do believe never judge a book by its cover, but u have to admit a good cover will draw u in. I absolutely love the cover.

In the beginning, Chase who's 12 at the time suffered from what at first were thought to be adolescent migraines, but he would soon find out they were no ordinary headaches. As he watches t.v., his headache explodes in pain along with uncontrollable shaking. That's when he ends up in Krymzyn & meets Sash who's beauty is mesmerizing. While he's there he learns about how different Krymzyn is, but doesn't stay long as he's awakened back to his world or plane to find out he has a tumor which gets removed. When he tells of Krymzyn & how he felt it to be real, his Dr believes it to just be hallucinations. (Trying not to give too much away here) After the tumor is removed he doesn't go back to Krymzyn until he's 17 & he finds out the tumor has returned.

He falls in love with Sash & even though it's not comprehensible in Krymzyn of those emotions, Sash falls in love with Chase. The answers u'll have to find out is, how will Chase & Sash be together when he only visits during his seizures & if at all we he be able to return once the tumor is removed as well as the cancer. I won't say anymore as I leave it up to u to read.

For me, I really enjoyed this book. I loved the characters, I felt connected to them & the description of

scenery made me feel like I was there & even wouldn't mind visiting myself. I also found learning experiences while reading, or as I like to say when reading any book, visiting that world. I definitely believe in balance in this world & that there should be a balance & in Krymzyn u see that balance. Everyone has their purpose as do we in this world. The ppl of Krymzyn only took what they needed, no more, no less which I loved. It also shows that sometimes the bad, such as the Murkovin, is needed in the balance of good. As in life, we defeat the bad, yet it is a part of growth. And that is true with nature, from the trees, animals, etc., but I'm rambling on here. As for the ending, it might not be what some wanted, but I feel it brought a realistic view & if we put ourselves in his place, what would u do. I've watched ppl, family, battle & die of cancer, it's not pretty & as I agree with the author which at the end said he doesn't condone suicide, but I can understand how someone would want to choose happiness & love & how their decision to end their life can come about. But in my opinion, he chose not to suffer, he knew he'd be going to a happy place of no more suffering, he chose life if u look at it.

All in all, I loved this book, couldn't put it down. As I mentioned, the description of scenery was beautiful & captivating & even though I don't consider myself an artist, I love to paint & draw & I could picture all the vibrant colors. I can't wait to read the next book! Definitely recommend everyone give this book a read, u won't regret it. :-)

Celestine says

Krymzyn is a beautifully executed, moodily languid, strangely technicolor first novel in the Journals of Krymzyn series by B.C. Powell. The imaginative and descriptive setting of this book is a predominant, utterly original feature, a very clever plot device, and is seamlessly woven into the narrative tone. Is Krymzyn real or not? Is it a hallucination or an alternate reality? The atmosphere of Krymzyn is intensely colorful, but only in the range of primary hues. Everything else about Krymzyn is oddly flat and muted. There is no depth to the gray clouds or emotion on the faces of Krymzyn's people. The land with the red grass and black spears has the consistency of a dream, implemented as a 3D video game. Brilliantly, this slightly skewed visual buffet is just what Powell intends.

Chase first visits Krymzyn as a 12-year-old, so perhaps the land's resemblance to a video game is understandable. Chase's tales of his adventure are explained away as a hallucination, so when he visits again at age 17 and later at 23, he keeps his experiences private. However real or unreal these visits are, they have a profound impact on his choices and relationships as he grows to a young man. He experiences an adult's joys and sorrows and loves, with physical encounters described. Nearly the entire book is told from Chase's point of view.

On his very first visit, Chase is captivated by the athletic and stunning Sash, who appears to be a talented female warrior of Krymzyn near his own age. They share such a deep connection while in Krymzyn that Chase begins to wonder if she should be his future. Though he has a loving family and a promising career, Chase finds purpose in Krymzyn and completeness in his fleeting interactions with Sash. He also introduces Sash to such things as humor and art and helps her to understand emotion. However, things sinister and deadly threaten their future.

Powell's Krymzyn is simultaneously flat and deep, a place where hair color defines your duty and trees attack, yet logic and simplicity rule society. It is this dichotomy that makes it so unique. Sash is a person unto herself. "Her fiery amber eyes, infinite black pupils, and rich burgundy lips look ageless and wise, like she's seventeen and twenty-seven and ninety-seven." As a heroine, she is wise and honorable, childlike yet womanly. We have few insights into Sash's perspective, but Chase is perceptive, and this is enough.

The languid tone of this book comes from how Krymzyn feels at times like an artist's rendition (kudos by the way to the outstanding cover art), the lack of angst in Sash's and Chase's relationship, and the gentle preaching Powell indulges in when it comes to the importance of family. Sagging intensity and the confusing combat scenes in Krymzyn were my only real criticisms.

This is a book you will think about for awhile after you finish it, and further reflection will reveal hidden depths. Overall, this is a very good debut for B.C. Powell.

amj says

Full disclosure: I was given an advance copy of Krymzyn in exchange for an honest review. I'm an avid reader, with interests ranging from George R.R. Martin ASOIAF to The Hunger Games, of course Tolkien, Dune, and stretching back to the Narnia books.

I can say without reservation you will not regret reading Krymzyn. It is original, refreshing, fast paced without being manic, plenty of action, sweet romance, and complex characters you can really take a shine to. It's a fresh and highly readable offering from a new author that hooks you immediately and promises more to come in the rest of the series.

Krymzyn is difficult to categorize. It's definitely fantasy, with shades of science fiction, hints of...should I call it pre-dystopian malaise? and a good slug of fated-to-be-together romance.

The story begins in a prosaic, not time definite but sometime around now, San Fernando Valley home. Classic nuclear family, one boy, one girl. White, middle class, comfortable. Infinitely identifiable, even if just from similar main character portrayals we've seen in movies and books. But almost immediately a monkey wrench is introduced in the form of a brain tumor for the main character Chase. He's twelve years old, and his life goes from predictable and straightforward to peeling back the curtain and glancing into the abyss of everything else that could possibly be, especially when his seizures take him to Krymzyn.

Krymzyn is a different world than we've seen, in fact a different plane of existence. There he witnesses Sash's Ritual of Purpose, where she has a vision of the future that involves him, and their paths are inextricably linked. Dismissed by his doctor as a hallucination, Chase, and we, know it's real. Once he's been to Krymzyn though, his "real life" with his family takes the feel of a preamble to what will happen next with Sash and Krymzyn. As Chase grows older, his perspective has been opened to see beyond his safe and insular upbringing. From having recovered from surgery and treatment for his brain tumor, and from his experience in Krymzyn, he is faced with possibilities beyond what his current life offers. As a decade passes and over several visits to Krymzyn, the time he spends there is where he feels most alive.

Chase is arguably the main character and the story mostly unfolds through his POV. But Sash, the intriguing, strong, completely feminine yet without the usual attendant weaknesses, is the real star of the show. Like Chase, we can't wait to be with her.

Krymzyn is a unique world with a few familiar elements, including some tropes we've seen in utopian type "other worlds" before: community over individualism, (and the inevitable conflict arising from a unique individual setting off unusual events), caution over boldness, tradition over innovation. Chase and Sash of course challenge all that. And while Krymzyn is interesting, and it's fun to explore a new paradigm, ultimately it is Chase, Sash, and the well-developed supporting characters we meet on earth and in Krymzyn

who carry this story and kept me reading in a straight shot beginning to end. A fantastic debut novel and I will definitely continue reading the series.

Tiffany Willams says

"Krymzyn is an infinite place where all things exist in perfect balance."

This book shocked me! Not in an awful way, but in a "I can't believe this is his first book because it's freakin' amazing, and I can't put it down" kind of way! I was hooked from the first few pages. I was pulled into this story that isn't just about a different world from our own, but it's about the journey of a young man seeking something more in his life.

When Chase was twelve years old, he started getting horrible headaches. They would travel from the back of his neck all the way to his temples. At first they thought growth spurts, but it was much more serious.

Tumor. That's not a word a child, or parent, wants to hear. Before he was able to have the tumor removed, Chase had an experience like no other. It was like every time he had a seizure he was suddenly in a new place; new land. This place was called Krymzyn.

While looking at his new surroundings, he sees her. He sees the most beautiful girl he's ever laid eyes on. She seemed to have been the same age as he was. They quickly felt a bond like no other. It was strange because they only spent a very little time together, but they felt like they were always meant to know each other.

"You're in great pain in your world."

"Yeah, I am, but I don't feel it here. How do you know that?"

"You're not frightened being here?"

"No, I'm not. Where I come from, they'll say this is just another hallucination."

"Do you think you're hallucinating?"

"No. This seems real to me."

Chase and the girl he came to know as Sash didn't get a lot of time together. Because as soon as his seizure subsided he was back on Earth. It's like time stood still in his world, but he was in Krymzyn for hours.

He's haunted by his memories of the incredible place he once stood. He starts to journal everything he remembers, and he even starts painting what he saw. The landscapes, the trees, and a beautiful girl with black hair and red streaks with the most striking amber eyes he's ever seen.

Just when Chase thinks he will never see Sash again, he is thrust back into Krymzyn. I loved how every time Chase came back, he and Sash found each other. It wasn't just a love/lust thing. It was a soul-deep connection. He was meant to come there, and she was meant to find him. But could they change the course

of the structured lives of those inside Krymzyn? Would they be able to survive without each other again and again?

"If you're in need of nurturing, I'll provide that for you."

"I am. More than you know."

One of the many things I loved about this book was how vivid each and every place was! I could picture the hills, the grass, the trees, and even the structures. BC Powell gives so many intricate details, and I could visualize it all!

You also feel the emotion from every character. The people of Krymzyn are meant to show no emotion, but you could still sense it in everything they did or said. Chase blended into their world well, and they understood him. It was a perfect balance.

Chase is an amazing character, but I think I loved Sash more. She was a fighter, a warrior. She protected her people, and never backed down. She and Chase were the perfect combo. They fought for each other and protected the ones around them.

"The first time I came to Krymzyn, I was in awe of you, fascinated from the moment I saw you. Now, I feel that way about everything here. I mean, it really is a world of balance."

"When you feel the balance, you understand Krymzyn."

I honestly could go on and on about this book!! I will tell you that I have not read many books of this genre. I think I have become a fan now. This book has gotten into my brain, and I don't want to let it go. I was truly beautiful!

I'm amazed at how well it was written, and I praise BC Powell for that. I can not wait for the continuing story because...I NEED MORE!!
