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Welcome to the Kingdom... where 'Happily Ever After' isn't just a promise, but a rule.

Glimmering like a jewel behind its gateway, The Kingdom(TM) is an immersive fantasy theme park where guests soar on virtual dragons, castles loom like giants, and bioengineered species--formerly extinct--roam free.

Ana is one of seven Fantasists, beautiful "princesses" engineered to make dreams come true. When she meets park employee Owen, Ana begins to experience emotions beyond her programming including, for the first time... love.

But the fairytale becomes a nightmare when Ana is accused of murdering Owen, igniting the trial of the century. Through courtroom testimony, interviews, and Ana's memories of Owen, emerges a tale of love, lies, and cruelty--and what it truly means to be human.

The Kingdom Details

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From Reader Review The Kingdom for online ebook

Kristi Gibbs says

Westworld for the YA crowd. Enough twists and turns to keep you guessing.

Sarah says

Pitched as Westworld meets Serial podcast and the UK cover looks like if Stranger Things went into a fantasy land and ate a bunch of neon lights I AM HERE FOR THIS!!!

mk 🦖 says

Whoa. My only qualm is that this felt so short, and I wanted to spend more time in this world. It's like if Disney World was WestWorld and the princesses were androids. The writing is just so spot-on here, and I loved the main characters perspective and she developed and changed. The romance was meh for me. I also thought the central mystery to the story was a little predictable, or maybe it just felt crammed into the story for me? Or maybe I just wished it was longer...

Glasstown Entertainment says

Perfect for fans of Westworld and dark Disney. An absolutely amazing book that you can't help but read in one sitting!

Rachel Strolle says

This was WILD

TW: mentioned abuse

Brittani says

UPDATE: I'm bumping it down to 3 stars as my "official" rating. This had so much potential but unfortunately it never fully went there for me. It felt like the book couldn't decide whether it wanted to be serious or fun so it landed somewhere in the middle and it just didn't work for me. Still definitely recommend! It's just not a new favorite.

I was provided a free copy of this on Netgalley.

This is a 3.5 read, I think, I just can't decide whether to round up or down. I'll update after I've thought some more on it.

Katie says

Wow!! That was an amazing visit to "The Kingdom." I'll share more thoughts later--can't believe this one isn't out until May 2019!! I couldn't put this one down and really enjoyed it. I am looking forward to everything this author will write next!

Lexi says

“But stories can go away. Stories can be rewritten. Reshaped. Retold. In the end, it does not matter what a story is about. It only matters who gets to tell it.”

Wow. I had no idea going into this how much I'd love it. The world of the kingdom is amazing, it feels like a true entertainment park. And Ana. She was such an amazing character, hybrid or not. I loved every page of this story. So much questioning into what makes us human, how humanity and morality work. I cannot believe i only found out about this book a few days ago.

I hope there is another one where she can truly save her sisters.

Mariana Calderon says

A very eerie and yet enchanting read. The Kingdom sounds amazing, but then of course, as we read Court proceedings and interviews following a murder, it grows steadily darker and creepier and I couldn't tear my eyes away.

Marie says

This book is unique. The concept is a bit different, an amusement park with engineered people as attractions. My issues with the book lie with the fact that there is implied sexual abuse and other problems like altering memories that are not really fully addressed or resolved. I think that this book would be a much better reader if it faced these topics head on instead of leaving them in the shadows.

Thank you to NetGalley for the pre-release copy of this book.

Emily Berge says

Seriously perfect for fans of Westworld. I couldn't put it down! The type of book that will keep you reading through the night.

Meghan says

This book was received as an ARC from Macmillan Children's Publishing Group in exchange for an honest review. Opinions and thoughts expressed in this review are completely my own.

This book by the cover reminded me a lot of Mulan in the split face personal with the sword in the middle but the plot of the book was totally different and unexpected. This book also reminded me a lot of the Kingdom Keepers series with the Disney Parks after hours and all the chaos that happens then with the Disney characters. But I also loved the additional romance line to the plot with Ana and Owen and the love Ana has for him and wanting to stop at nothing to get to know him better. Then it turns into a who done it mystery where Owen is found dead and Ana is the prime suspect for his murder and the plot takes a whole new twist and turn. From beginning to end this book was very addicting and I could not put it down. Our young readers are bound to love it.

We will consider adding this title to our JFiction collection at the library. That is why we give this book 5 stars.

Jessica (Goldenfurpro) says

I'm so excited! I loved The Catastrophic History of You and Me and I've been waiting for another book by Jess Rothenberg!
