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**I will never submit to the man who killed my best friend...no matter what destiny says.**

Half vampire and wealthy playboy, Maddox lives his life in the public eye and thoroughly enjoys his bad reputation. But what most people believe of him is not who he really is. Life has always been easy for Maddox, but now a dark figure moves through the shadows slaughtering innocent young women, and the evidence points at him as his exes start turning up dead with his name carved into their skin.

Erin hates everything Maddox stands for and when her best friend becomes the most recent in the line of mysterious killings, she has no doubt the rich lothario is responsible. Torn by grief, Erin decides to take matters into her own hands and she will stop at nothing to make Maddox pay.

But when the two rivals finally come head to head, neither is prepared for the sparks that fly or the eternal bond that destiny weaves between their souls. Maddox is desperate to keep Erin by his side and prove to her his innocence. Erin would rather die than submit to being his destined life mate... And her death is just what the killer has in mind.

This is a full novel. Book 1 of 3 in The Shadows of Regia Trilogy.

## Fallen Details

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## From Reader Review Fallen for online ebook

### Louise Swift says

#### Great, fun read! This is a world I want to escape to

I won a copy of this book in a competition and this is the first book from Tenaya Jayne I've read, although I haven't read any of the the previous books leading up to this new branch of the Regia world I have to say I Thoroughly enjoyed it and I will now pick up the others and devour them in one sitting also ?. Although this series has adult content it is done with class and is not at all smutty. The story line was fantastic and I liked the fact we find out who the killer is early on in the book and we get to see and hear his motives. I would of liked to learn a little more about jaris but I'm assuming there is some info on him in the previous series. I do feel like I was seeing the bigger picture because I didn't know the characters like an avid reader of TJ so I think things will make more sense to me once I've read them. Over all it was a easy, interesting read and I'm eager for more.

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### Clara says

This book really surprised me. It was waaaay better than I anticipated. The only thing is I felt like I was missing something when reading it and found out it's a spin off. So now I have to go back and read those but the magic was lost a little.

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### Hazel \*Craves the Angst Reviews\* says

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*I received this eARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.*

#### 4 “Fallen” Stars!

##### ***The Review:***

Fallen was amazing! I loved it! This was my first read by this author and as any reader knows, trying new authors can be a good experience or a not so good experience. Well, in this case, it was ALL GOOD! From the moment this book opens up, I was consumed. The story was creative, riveting and I NEEDED to turn the pages to see what happened next. The writing was incredibly well done and the characters immediately drew me in.

I'm hooked! Simple as that. I can't wait for the next book in this series!

##### ***Story/Characters...***

Erin lost her mother at the tender age of twelve. Her father, having lost his fated mate, was drowning in heartbreak and suffering an unknown disease, leaving Erin to grow up way too fast in a world that didn't always love halflings such as herself. On the night her mother died, a mysterious stranger leaves a condolence note, a rock imbued with comforting magic and some much needed money at her door. It was the

first time Erin felt a true connection with someone ... even though she didn't know who the giver was.

Seven years later, Erin is all grown up. Her father is close to taking his last breath and she fears an uncertain future. She still dreams about the shadow giver and still gets comfort from the gifts he left for her that night, so long ago. When her best friend catches the eye of a notorious womanizer and tabloid bad boy, then turns up dead, Erin is set on a mission to avenge her friend ... until fate steps in and changes the game!

Maddox is royalty, both in blood and in the world they live in. The media loves him, he's popular, handsome and girls fawn all over him. Living up to the legacy his parents and his older sister have amassed is hard enough, but being used by the people he trusted and by a public who doesn't really know him, has forced him to wear a mask of indifference. And he was okay with that until fate stepped in and he couldn't get the one girl that was destined to be his.

I LOVED the way this story played out. Erin's attitude towards Maddox was fun to read. She was sassy and vehemently opposed to being just another notch on his bedpost. And poor Maddox suffers, which was both exciting and painful to read. He's had this whole life of privilege and notoriety going for him. He was used to getting what he wanted, until he couldn't. Erin intrigued him, frustrated him and even hurt him ... all things he wasn't used to. I enjoyed their interactions and their chemistry. The author did an incredible job with the intensity and the slow build to romance between them - a true enemies to lovers kind of story. They took their time getting to know one another, to find common ground and ultimately to care for one another. Maddox turned out to be the hero his family wanted him to be and Erin's cold heart thawed and opened to the possibilities around her. And all the while, there's this insidious mystery going on in the background, ready to destroy Maddox, his family, and Erin, the one girl he'd die to protect.

I enjoyed the sub-characters too! Fallen is a spin-off from another series by this author and I'm very much interested in reading those books so I can see these sub-characters stories from the beginning. But don't get me wrong. It is a spin-off, but you don't HAVE to read the books in the other series to know what's going on. I just WANT to.

#### ***Wish List...***

I wish there had been more to the ending. I wanted to see more of what the future held for Erin and Maddox. Erin's path seemed pretty set. She had a job she loved, she was helping people and she'd found her fated mate. However, I wanted more of what was in store for Maddox. He discovered himself throughout the story and though his future was hinted at and you know he'll be fine, I wanted a more definitive ending.

Maybe we'll see them again in future books as side characters in this series. I hope so. I'm not ready to let them go yet, which is a testament to how much I enjoyed their story.

#### ***The Wrap Up:***

Fallen was fun, a little angsty, sometimes light, sometimes heavy and all the time amazing. I've been needing a good PNR for a while and this one did nicely. I'm definitely a fan!

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#### **BJ says**

Story for younger readers, a fairy tale with a focus on morality. It does have some non descriptive love scenes. The H is a member of a family of high achievers, he's aimless, insecure and has fallen into bad habits, made bad friends and even his family know he is a man-whore. For some odd reason, they seem to

almost laugh it off. He is a leader with no sense of morality, he's selfish, arrogant and over indulged. The h is poor, she too is arrogant and believes she's better than than the H. When the couple realise their connection is permanent, she decides to punish him. They both learn valuable lessons, good overcomes evil. I didn't like either lead character.

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### **Debbie says**

I'll never get tired of Regia and praise Tenaya for bringing her world back to us! Her imagination is incredible and her world is a welcomed escape from reality.

Fallen takes place 20 yrs after the Regian war with the Wizards and is about Forest and Syrus's son, Maddox. His mother, father, sister, even his grandfather's are well known...famous! The family is wealthy, but who is he? He doesn't have his family's cool brand of power, and he's not disciplined enough to become a Master of the Blood Kata. He settles into the wealthy playboy lifestyle, but, is that truly satisfying? When one of his one-night-stands turns up dead of an apparent suicide, could he have crossed the line and murdered her? Fate steps in and destiny rears its head and Maddox has to step up.

I love that Tenaya allows her world to live on in the Shadows of Regia, and it's a perfect beginning! We get to meet Maddox and Merick and Netriet's daughter Melina. We get to interact with Tesla again, and boy she has been busy advancing Regian technology! We get a glimpse of what Journey's been up to. Forest, Syrus, Kindel, Redge and X show up for brief visits...Even Fluffy makes a short appearance in Fallen. Tenaya has a way of bringing out the emotion. I cried, I worried and I found myself hoping. Fallen is an amazing read!!! It is the perfect continuation of our beloved Regia! I can't wait to see what she has in store for us next!

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### **Nicole Heffernan says**

Note: I received an advanced review copy in exchange for my honest review.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect from this book when I was offered the opportunity to do an ARC. I wasn't familiar with the author or her previous books, but the plot was kinda up my alley so to speak.

Now having read it, I found I honestly REALLY liked it. The characters, the plot line, the setting - all of it works to create a great read. I liked the romance of it all of course, but there's intrigue and mystery thrown in too. I never found myself lost once I began the first few pages and it didn't take me long to get hooked.

I basically couldn't stop reading it till I got to the end, which for me is the worst part - it ended. I am lead to believe there is more future in this series which will help make the fact that the book had to end easier.

I won't spoil anything for you, but you should read it if you like romance or paranormal romance specifically...if you've read from the author before I would assume that this would be a great addition (of course I haven't read from her before) but from all the many many books I read this is one I plan on recommending to friends and to all those who read this review.

It's an easy read, you don't get lost in the mix and there's no major boring moments I could've lived without. It's well written, characters make sense (you don't question the reality of their emotions/thoughts) and I

found the setting/world the author created to be totally unique adding more interest too.

So: YES- pick this one up, and if you agree that it was a great read help by reviewing too. It's what keeps great reading out there for us.

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### **Pippa DaCosta says**

I have no idea what this is about or if it's any good (please, please, please be edited!) I LOVE it for the cover eye-candy. Oh gawd book, don't let me down.

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### **Vanessa ?Queen Alchemy ? Novel Nerd Faction? says**

This review MAY contain spoilers. Read at your own risk.

This is one of those books that wasn't perfect, yet I enjoyed it so thoroughly that I can't possibly give it a lower rating. My pitter-pattering heart wouldn't allow it. I was entirely consumed by this story and I finished it in a single sitting.

My first thought after finishing this book, apart from loving it, was that this story could have been so epic if it had been told over more than one book. It has all of the feels that a good story should have, but I felt that the execution of things was a little too rushed. Some things felt a little too glossed over where details and development could have really set this apart. If this same story arc had been stretched out and things were added to "thicken" things up and expand upon certain aspects of the story then I think this would have been absolutely perfect. The story was a little too fast-paced for my liking. The only thing that felt remotely well-paced was the romantic aspect of the story. So there is a good solid plot in this book, but I felt like there were gaps that could have been filled in more.

The world-building could have been better. The scenes were atmospheric enough, but I needed to know more about this fantasy world as a whole. I know that this book is set in an existing book world, but things should have been explained better for those that have not read that series. I felt a little lost since I have not read The Legends of Regia series.

While I enjoyed the writing, for the most part, I felt that it read more like a Young Adult story when I was expecting something a little more mature. The characters are New Adult age but the writing made them seem younger. I mean, they were both saying "Oh my gosh" and it didn't sit right with me. I don't know of any adult talking like that.

The characters are quite enjoyable in this book. I liked them all. Even the main villain. I did feel like the characters could have been fleshed out more though. While I understood their motives and their goals, some of the characters I did not feel on an emotional level. I did enjoy their interactions and chemistry.

I really enjoyed the romance in this book. I think this is the strongest thing about this book. The romance really is good. It is a one-sided hate-to-love trope and it really works. It was written quite well. I only felt that adding more "content" to the romance and the characters would have strengthened the romance even more. It is quite convincing on its own, but it had all the makings of something even more incredible. This

goes back to my previous comments on lengthening the book to include more character and plot development. Everything is there and it works and is enjoyable, but it is simply the difference between a great story and an epic one. I also felt that the romance was a little too juvenile. There is sex in the book, but it is not descriptive and it is mostly fade to black scenarios. I can understand that for upper young adult books, but these are adults that have been life mated/bonded. Not showing the intimacy between them does the characters and the romance no justice.

I felt that the villains in the book were revealed too quickly. There was no surprise at all. I wouldn't even say it was predictable because they are clearly put on display at the beginning of the book. I also felt that there needed to be more involved with the boss fight at the end of the book. I felt a little disconnected from it. I think that a little more character development throughout the book could fix this though. I wanted to feel more compelled to hate the villains, but I just didn't feel them at all.

Overall, I'd definitely recommend this book! I was sucked into this story from the beginning and I enjoyed every moment. If you enjoy a light paranormal romance then you'd love this one! I am eager to explore The Legends of Regia series and get to know some of what happened prior to this book. I will also be continuing this series.

More reviews on my blog: Novel Nerd Faction

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### **Mary McCormack says**

I received an ARC for an honest review. This is a very good book with a lot of details setting the scene to put you in the story rather than an outsider looking in. She also did a wonderful job at transitioning from one POV to another so you were in their thoughts, in their feelings, truly in their skin. Definitely not your typical fairytale, manwhore, paranormal. First book I have read by this author and definitely would read another.

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### **Aly says**

#### **1.5/5 stars**

I really did not like this book. I tried so hard to get into it and I just couldn't. It was just so **blah**. Way too many characters to keep track of, with hardly any of them worth caring about. Maddox is the most annoying, asshole character I have ever read. He's meant to be that way, but dear god at least make him somewhat likeable by the end of this book. I don't care how many times there was a point to make him redeemable, he would just do or say -or not do depending on the situation- something else that would make me hate him again. Our "villain" is revealed not even 20% of the way through, and it was so predictable as well since the moment we get, vaguely, introduced to this character. Erin was by far my favorite part of the book. She was likeable most of the time, and she was definitely the smartest. However, she does some pretty dumb things that her earlier self in the book would never do. She changed as the book went further and I started to feel like Erin wasn't Erin anymore.

I just couldn't stand this book. I can tell by other reviews that people love this, but I just don't. My review may seem very pessimistic, but this is just exactly how I feel. I was actually really intrigued by the blurb, but seeing the names of every single character and who, and what, they are just started me off with a sour taste.

When I say every character, I mean Every. Single. Character. That was my warning that this would be a mess for me.

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### **Jess says**

\*I received an advanced copy in exchange for an honest review.\*

Tenaya is one of my favourite authors, she really brings me into her world (a world I want to live in!). I loved that we went back to Regia after the original series ended. I also really like that we get to meet Maddox who's now an adult and gets into quite a lot of trouble....but who doesn't like a bad boy ;)

I would recommend you to read this book and if you haven't already read her other Regia books!

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### **Teri says**

I love the tension and interplay in this novel about loss, anger, vengeance and love. When life shot Erin in the heart as a child she saw someone who melded their way into her heart. Then loss hits her and puts her on the path she never thought she would take. Her life shifts and so does all she knows. The author takes us on this very private journey of self reflection. What's more important, that's what she has to ask herself. He makes her see things she hadn't seen and want what she shouldn't. She makes him better. He has tossed his privilege around and she makes him want more. The way this author builds her characters you're apart of the story, the discovery from the start. Fast paced action and intrigue and yes betrayal and love. Just full of all kinds of goodies from this author I have not read before and I do plan on reading more of her work.

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### **Dawn West says**

\*\*Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book.\*\*

A great start for a new series to obsess over!

Maddox uses his celebrity status to lure girls to his bed. Then he dumps them without another thought. It's just a way to cope with the fact that he isn't the warrior his father hoped he would be, nor the mage everyone expected. Yet, when one of his conquests winds up dead with his name on her wrists, he's suspect #1. And even if the authorities clear him, public opinion might not be so forgiving to the playboy.

When Erin learns her best friend has supposedly committed suicide, she doesn't believe it for a second. She knows her friend was murdered and Erin is sure that Maddox is guilty. The problem? When Erin tries to enact revenge on Maddox, she discovers her life mate is none other than the manwhore in question. Determined to escape him and their mating, she will do whatever it takes to get her revenge first. But nothing and no one are what they seem...

I have to admit that I wasn't sure about this book at first. Reading the blurb, it seemed like an easy story to understand and since it was the first of the series, I didn't expect it to be so complex. There is a list of definitions and people at the beginning of the book. I highly recommend reading this before starting the story. I didn't and had to go back to read it once I realized how deep this story goes. Apparently, it's a spin-off series to a larger one already concluded.

It wasn't just the intensity of the fantasy world that gave me pause at the start. Maddox was a total jerk in the beginning. I really wanted to smother him, even though I know he was written this way for a reason. You have to dislike his behavior to appreciate the way he changes throughout the book. The first chapters are of him hitting rock bottom. After he realized his mistakes, he began to grow on me.

The whole soulmating process shocked me. It was pretty intense, but I can't really complain about it. I was intrigued by how deeply the couple's connection was. Sensing each other's feelings was pretty cool, especially when they were trying to figure each other out. The romance was steamy and I ate up every word of it. From the rocky start, I really am surprised by how much I loved this book.

One thing I think the author could have done a better job in was explaining just where we were when the book began. To be honest, I had no real idea if this Regia was a medieval place or a futuristic place or present day but maybe in an alternate realm. There is technology mentioned, but I needed some description of the structures to help me visualize where I was since I've never visited Regia before.

In closing...

I'm looking forward to reading the next installment and getting another dose of steamy soulmating. Five suns!

Full review on blog: <https://uptildawnbookblog.blogspot.com/2018/01/review-fallen-by-tenaya-jayne.html>

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### **Bunnycore says**

I was stuck between 3 and 4 stars ultimately I just went with 3..

Here is why, the book was a PNR and read like a YA, now don't get me wrong that alone isn't why I did 3 versus 4 but it's a huge point against. I'm a PNR whore. I admit it, I am not a fan of YA because of the pG setting. I don't watch television I feel that we watch took much of it. But if I did I wouldn't sit around and watch the Disney channel all day.

YA is like that for me, it's the Disney channel of books. I don't like fade to black sex scenes just keep them out if you're not going to write about them. I don't like when an adult says "oh my gosh!" In a verbal fight setting it makes them sound fifteen well old school fifteen. Teens these days swear too much. Anyways I digress.

With all of this being said. I enjoyed this book, I love how Maddox was the one to make Erin wait. I love how he was ready to settle down. I hated what was happening to him and it made my heart hurt. This story was long. It was really need to read about the world building. I enjoyed the characters. I would love to read more about X and fluffy along with Tesla. I would love to see what their story was about. I'm sorry I had to give it three stars but if it read more for my age group I would probably have given it the 4 stars it deserved. But alas I'm shallow.

Here are some lines I enjoyed.

*As the sun sets, jeweled colors flow through the sky like ribbons in the wind. Darkness falls, and the moon wraps you in silken bands of aquamarine light, disturbing your dreams. Don't be afraid. You might think you have wandered into a fairy tale. You are in Regia.*

*“Why don’t you know how beautiful you are?” he whispered. “Haven’t I told you? Don’t you understand that I’ve never seen anyone as exquisite as you? And you’re so warm. You burn me up inside. Intoxicate me more than any drug I’ve ever had. Stop doubting.”*

*“I love you, Maddox. It turns me over and breaks me all the way down...makes me something new. I never thought I would feel this. I surrender to it. To you. To us. I’m sorry I have to leave.” Her voice was weak and sleepy.*

Would totally recommend to my YA lovin friends.

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### **Elisabeth Wheatley says**

4.5 of 5 stars

I was a huge fan of the original seven books and just this author in general, so of course I jumped at the chance to review!

The plot:

The development of Erin and Maddox’s relationship was amazing. I think their story arc was actually the best one this author has written yet. She did a fantastic job pacing the characters’ personal growth and their inner insecurities/complexities. I was truly impressed.

I docked this book by half a star because of the anticlimactic resolution to the antagonist(s). The main villain of the story had a great deal of potential, but I really felt it wasn’t carried through. I’ve seen the author can do so much better and I was a little disappointed. However, the book was a wholesale success otherwise and I think this trilogy is off to a strong start.

The characters:

Erin has a great deal of conflict in her character, especially with regard to her bond with Maddox. The suspense with her character was nearly overwhelming, but that made it that much better. I appreciated that she had as much character development as Maddox and grows the same as he does.

Maddox has some glaringly obvious character flaws, but the potential for decency are clearly present from the beginning. His reform wasn’t instantaneous like some PNR heroes and I was SO GRATEFUL.

We also get to see some of the original series’ couples’ married lives and it was so sweet! It’s great to have a

snapshot of the world 20 years after it was saved, if nothing else. Not all the problems are solved and there are some new ones, but you can see how the struggles of the original series paid off.

The world of Regia is back with a new generation and a new series you don't want to miss!

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