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**"Incredible. Like A Court of Thorns and Roses meets Snow White and the Huntsman. A must read for 2018."** -Meagan Ashley, Instagram.

Nineteen-year-old Karis has been blind since birth, but for some reason, she can see through the wall of smoke that separates the human lands from those of the Faeries that rule in grand courts on the other side. Most of the time, the only thing she can see on the other side of the wall is the swipe of a tail or the trailing of a bony hand along the surface. But one day, a handsome faerie appears and sweeps her away into his world—a world that is being ravaged by an evil so dark and deadly, she fears she may never see her home again.

Loftin is a bounty hunter and he has been searching for Karis since she went missing from the Court of Ash. He needs to return her and collect the ransom. But the longer they travel together and the more he teaches her about what she is now able to see, the more difficult he finds the thought of letting her go. A fiery passion ignites between them, but with a monster tracking their every move, they must find a way to reach the Court of Ash before it kills them both.

## Glamour of Midnight Details

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## From Reader Review Glamour of Midnight for online ebook

### Ira says

The Sleeping Beauty part wasn't that obvious so if that is what you are looking for - take a deep breath - and enjoy an amazing and original book that will make you turn the pages faster and faster that has just a pinch of Sleeping Beauty in it.

I really loved the world that the author created. It is a harsh world, unforgiving, where people lose their lives (or their hands), where children go hungry and monsters are roaming the forests, guarding the walls and killing everyone who dares to leave the confines of the cities.

Being blind and turning up in the city as a child with nobody knowing where she came from, hasn't made Karis' life any easier even though Iric and his family are looking after her. Little does she know that somebody very powerful and very evil is searching for her. In fact - has been searching for her ever since she went missing and turned up in the city of Ironton.

Loftin, a bounty hunter, is going after a very special bounty, the young girl who went missing from the Court of Ash years ago and the price is high. Very high. But - will he really be able to betray her?

A fantastic world, a fairy tale whose monsters will keep you up at night and whose heroes will make you swoon and sigh and, well, maybe even kick some .... backs or shins, who knows.

I loved to read about the Courts and the Seelie fae, I feared the Unseelie and I really wanted the good guys to win. Whoever the good guys were.

A wonderful fairy tale that I can wholeheartedly recommend to everyone who loves to read about those monsters under your bed, in your closet, and in your forests. Especially those in your forests.

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### Samantha Jayne Grubey (ABookHaven) says

Amazing! Such a great story! The writing is amazing!

<https://abookhavenx.wordpress.com/201...>

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### Fen'Harel says

*A huge thank-you to FaeCrate for helping me find this extraordinary novel!*

If you're looking for a book that feels like the wickedness from The Cruel Prince matched with the romance of a paranormal romance novel, look no further!

Karis, our protagonist, is living blind in a city that is surrounded by a fog wall. On the other side of the mist? Unseelie fae, ready to kill them. However, every day the mist is growing thinner and it's up to the humans to fix it. Or is it? Karis regains her sight - but only able to see the outside world and not the town she lives in - so she feels like it's her duty to save the town.

Enter Loftin. A hunter ready to "help" her. However, that's not what he's after at all. He's a pretty dodgy guy! But the romance crackles between them and I feel myself enjoying their romance more and more. While it felt a little insta-lovey, I quickly came to realise that these characters are not human, so why couldn't the love and romance be faster?

I loved that this book was set for older readers without being too in your face about it. While the themes were universal - which included disability, magic, and sexual attraction - the writing was definitely aimed towards an older reading crowd.

And of course, I'm so grateful to read a book where the faeries aren't romantic and sweet, but deadly and horrifying. Even the 'good guys' are hiding secrets.

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### **Novelly Blissful says**

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I absolutely love fairy tale retellings - and this one definitely had me glued to the pages and wanting more. I wouldn't have known about this awesome book and awesome author if not for Fae Crate providing a free ebook download in their boxes! I loved the characters Karis and Loftin - I also loved some of the minor characters like Iric, Alistair, and Devane - King of the Court of Shadows. The plot was wonderful, as well as the twists in it that I thought were excellent. Despite the retelling, there were some unique aspects and twists that really made this story stand on its own.

I won't go into the plot too much - the story is a retelling of The Huntsmen, so you have an idea about the general plot of the story. Karis is the long lost princess who ran away from the Faerie world when her mother Nemain tried to kill her and steal her heart. The problem is she now lives in the human world where there's a smoke wall that separates Faerie and the human realm, and Karis has no memory at all of who she is, and why she's blind. She finds out later that she's only blind in the human world, and that in Faerie she can fully see. It's in Faerie where we meet Loftin - the huntsmen who the evil queen Nemain hired in finding her daughter in exchange of her bringing his father back (King of Autumn).

With an interesting and exciting journey through Faerie, Karis and Loftin run into conflicts that require trust in each other. The attraction they both share toward each other grows throughout the book, and I loved reading their story. I definitely will be recommending this book - especially to those who love fairy tale retellings. I promise you the slight twist towards the end is worth it!

I look forward to reading other books that this author has written. It looks like she wrote several other retellings that I cannot wait to get my hands on!

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## **Erin says**

This novel is Casey Bond's third fairytale retelling, and I can tell you with absolute certainty that they just keep getting better and better! My favorite part of all of her stories – which certainly includes this one – is how many layers there are to the story, the characters, and the intricate worlds she builds.

It's important to note that these are all standalone stories, so I implore you to pick this one up if your favorite reads are about fae. She builds a sometimes beautiful, sometimes sad, but always perfectly detailed world of each court (summer, winter, fall and spring), along with where humans live, and all the lands and magical (and often dangerous) creatures that live in each. It's also fascinating to read that even when humans don't really know what they THINK they know about the faerie outside their (literal) bubble, and think all fae are out to kill them, instead of coming together, they still have their own caste system – which I truly believe would happen, because humans seldom learn.

Then there is Karis. Thinking that she is a worthless human her entire life, especially because she's blind. Imagine the shock when one day the veil is literally lifted, and her whole world changes. She is such an amazing, strong, fantastic character. Although she always has men – first, one that is like a brother, then Loftin once her eyes are open – by her side to help her, they are her guides and her equals. She never let them completely take care of her. Even blind, she insisted on being as independent and helpful as possible. Even at the absolute scariest moments, she never cowered. She always fought.

Loftin was the perfect man to come into Karis' life at the moment he did. Sure, he had been looking for her the entire time, but she certainly didn't know that, and it was clear right away that the reason he was looking for her changed in his eyes the moment that he met her. The chemistry between them was subtle but definitely noticeable from the beginning, and they grew to be quite a powerful duo.

The big question was if Karis could trust Loftin's true intentions, and if she could trust the intentions of those she continued to meet along the way, while she searched for someone close to her heart in a dangerous and very foreign land. Bond did an incredible job at keeping you guessing. Every time you thought she could trust someone, you immediately questioned that thought. With so much division between fae and humans alike, how could she possibly fit into this world, and could they all coexist in any capacity? Well...Bond kept you guessing there too. Right up until the very end. I couldn't put this book down, and did very little sleeping – and it was so worth it! Not only is this book a great read, but it is definitely worthy of a reread. Just like her last. I'm incredibly impressed with the depth of worlds and characters, and can't wait to see what fairytale retelling she has for us next.

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## **Julia Red Hatter Book Blog says**

Where to start? Glamour of Midnight has everything my fairytale loving heart needs. Fairies, an adventure, romance, amazing beings, and incredible writing. I was lost from page one with Karis and Loftin's journey. Karis is the daughter of an evil queen. Said evil queen who has destroyed most of the world and stolen power from most of the fae. Karis is everything her mother is not, pure of heart and a creator.

Karis is incredibly strong, she's blind and no one in her human village likes her except her adopted family. Yet she continues on and even later decides to help her village even though they'd never help her. Along her journey she meets some amazing friends, and friends who turn out as enemies. One special one is Loftin.

Loftin is Prince to the Autumn Seelie Court and a hunter. He's been asked to bring back Karis so her mother can kill her. Once he's met Karis he realizes that's something he'd never be able to do.

Everything about this book is amazing. The writing, the characters, the fantasy, everything. Casey L. Bond found her calling as an author and I can't wait to read more from her! Get ready to be swept away into a land where nothing is what it seems and everyone seems to have a secret. The world that was created is just perfect, even with the scary monsters I wish I could call it home. I love when a book can take me away from realty and make me feel like I'm along for the journey and adventure, Glamour of Midnight does that so well!

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### **Jessica \*The Lovely Books\* says**

**“There’re monsters everywhere, K. A wall of smoke doesn’t keep them from living among us.”**

Fairytales retelling are some of my favorite books to read. I always love to see an authors interpretation of the stories we've all grown up knowing. Glamour of Midnight takes the story of Snow White and turns it into something so fun and imaginative—and it has fae, what more could you want?! Fae is another one of my favorite types of books to read—they may even be my favorite supernatural being.

The story starts off a bit slow but picks up more once Karis makes her way into Faery to save her friend, Iric. There's so much going on once Karis meets Loftin and starts realizing that she's not human, but fae—with powers that are strong enough to take over the Queen, Nemain. One thing I didn't much care for was the POV of Loftin; considering he has secrets he can't have get out, I would have liked it if we were surprised along with Karis once she figures it out. Karis is a character whose innocent, naive, and kind—just like Snow White.

Despite my feelings about Loftin's pov, I liked him. I loved seeing Faery from Bond's perspective. It was haunting, scary, but had a certain beauty to it that made it realistic. I think this readers who like retelling, fae, and magical elements to their stories, will love this. It made me want to have a re-read of some of my other favorite fae stories like The Iron King by Julie Kagawa and The Fever Series by Karen Marie Moning.

**“Your eyes are clear and bright, and your lips...” He shook his head. “I shouldn’t think about those. Your lips are pure torture to a fae male.”**

I personally enjoyed all the “monsters” aka unseelie that came upon Loftin and Karis. She was so trusting to a lot of stuff in Faery—growing up in the human world will do that to you—and there were several times that Loftin and Karis had to fight for their lives. I felt like the romance was a hit on the insta-love side but it never annoyed me like it usually does. I liked their instant connection and I rooted for them throughout! All in all, I loved the story and the characters that came along for the ride.

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### **Raven\_Blake (dreamy addictions) says**

Actual Rating: 3.5 Stars!

Same Review Also Posted On My Blog: Dreamy Addictions

This book is a unique mash-up retelling of Snow White and The Huntsman, and ACOTAR. I'm actually not a fan of Snow White retellings but I couldn't resist the fae folk. Glamour of Midnight turns out to be an entertaining read filled with magic and a dash of romance. It's a dark faery tale retelling set in the world of Fae. Although I didn't totally fall in love with it, I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. The story was well written and the characters Karis and Loftin were pretty good. The faery world that the author created was pretty interesting. This was the first book I've read by the author and I might check out her other works too.

Nineteen Year old Karis has been blind since she was born but somehow she can see the fog surrounding the fae land. Due to her strange appearance, she was treated like a monster in her village. She was called Changeling and monster by the people in Ironton. She's found wandered in the woods when she was a kid and got adopted by a family. Because of her blindness she always depended on her adoptive brothers especially the older brother Iric. When she was given gift of sight, she can clearly see the magical barrier surrounding the fog and also the monsters lurking behind the wall. When her brother goes missing in the fae land, she goes after him to bring him back. Then her paths cross with a handsome fae. Loftin is a bounty hunter who was ordered by the evil queen Nemain to hunt down Karis and return her to the Court of Ash. Many hunters failed in finding her but Loftin had no choice even though his chances are nill. Luckily, he finds Karis in the fae land and tells her that he'll help find her brother and also protect her from the monsters, but she didn't know that he was luring her to the evil queen who wants to kill her. During the journey, when Loftin gets to know more about Karis, he feels guilty about deceiving her. When feelings ignite between them, it becomes even more hard for him to let her go, but he couldn't abandon his mission with so much at stake.

Karis is a innocent, sweet, and a compassionate character just like snow white. She deeply cares for her adoptive brothers and feels quite guilty that she's a burden to Iric. She was like an outcast in her village. Even though everyone was rude to her she never felt angry with them. She has a fearless heart and will do anything to save her loved ones. I loved the sibling bond between her and her brothers. She has a nice character development. During the journey, she grows into a strong and courageous woman. I loved Loftin. He's witty and totally charming but behind that face he hides his sadness and all his emotional turmoil. He doesn't know much about humans until he meets Karis. At the beginning, he thinks that she was deceiving him with her innocent act but eventually learns that she was not faking and it makes him even more guilty about deceiving her but he don't have any another choice. I enjoyed the forbidden romance between Karis and Iric. I'm glad it wasn't an insta-love, they're one of my major book turn-off's. The secondary characters seemed interesting, but sadly they aren't fleshed out well enough.

The plot was interesting, and engaging enough to enjoy. Some parts were quite predictable but not everything. The concept was very unique. The story moved in a fast pace filled with adventure, magic, romance, and some handsome fae. The twists were unpredictable but the final fight with the queen felt pretty rushed to me. The true love's kiss at the end seemed a little bit cliched to me, I wish the author come up with something different. Anyway, the writing was good and I quite enjoyed the dual POV. I liked the magical aspect in this book and also the interesting world the author has built. I really wanted to explore more of this world, but sadly it's a stand-alone novel. I'd love to see more magical creatures, explore the other faerie courts, and also to meet some more handsome fae.

Overall, I enjoyed this book! It's not my favorite fae novel but still it was a good retelling and I had fun reading it. If you're looking for a dark Snow White retelling then definitely give this a shot.

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### **Claire - The Coffeeholic Bookworm says**

She was blind and was abandoned. She'd been called so many names, quite hurtful names, like Changeling, Monster. Karis lived with her adoptive family, Iric and his brothers, in the human world of Ironton. A world that was cruel and poor and suffering.

But when she was given the gift of sight, Karis was able to see beyond the smokey walls and entered the world of Faery. There she met a Seelie bounty hunter named Loftin, who vowed to protect her against banshees and every monstrous creatures that crossed their paths. And to secretly deliver her to the wicked Queen who ruled the Faery world. The Queen who would strip her off her powers and who just happened to be her own mother.

Cheers to another one-of-a-kind and unique retelling only Casey L. Bond could deliver! Words can't express how much enamored and ecstatic I am upon reading *Glamour of Midnight*. It was so deliciously and fantastically great, I thought I'd never like Snow White ever again. But Ms. Bond changed all this, and now I can't stop thinking about Karis and Loftin and even the Evil Queem Nemian!

Now I think I'm suffering from a book hangover - you know - when a book is so amazingly fantastic that you're going to be spending the next few days gushing over the characters and thinking about the possible what ifs and what nots. And as a result, you won't be able to pick up yet another book to read because, hangover.

As always, Casey Bond mesmerizes me with her superb storytelling and exemplary writing. She filled my head with wondrous characters and that contrasting world of human and faery was legit marvelous. I loved how the story was filled with magic and excitement right from the beginning. Everybody needs to pick this one up, it's nothing short of amazing.

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### **Mayra M says**

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### **Pike Perrie says**

"Your possibilities are only limited by your imagination". Casey L. Bond took this quote to the extreme. This re-telling of a fairy tale fulfilled all expectations and then some. Casey L. Bond wove a tale with wonderfully descriptive details that paint a living masterpiece in your mind. This is the story of a truly strong heroine, Karis, who is not only caring, but fierce; defending those whom she loves and setting out to make the world right again. She is joined by a diverse cast of characters, each with vivid personalities and quirks that make you smile, laugh, growl, and gasp. Casey L. Bond hooks you right from the beginning and keeps you hooked as the story never slows with each page drawing you further into this fantasy.

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## Darque Dreamer says

**Glamour of Midnight burns with intensity. It is beautifully vivid and full of surprises. You've never read a *Snow White* story like this before, and you won't be disappointed!**

Wow, this one was so fascinating! I loved the darkness of it and the creativity of combining fantasy and fae with a faerie tale retelling. It was absolutely stunning and addictive!

I found, and loved, the bits and pieces that were inspired by the original tale, but the entire story just felt unique and fresh. It had danger, passion, and excitement! I loved the unique twists on both the plot and the characters.

The story was captivating and engaging. Told from both Karis and Loftin's perspectives, I got a clear picture of what was currently happening in the story, as well as some amazing world development and fae history. There was never a dull moment, and everything flowed so nicely. If I hadn't found out that this was supposed to be a fantasy retelling, I would have thought it was its own original faerie tale because it was so well written!

The characters sure felt original. I loved Karis and her kindness. She was so curious, and extremely perceptive for someone who could not see. Her character was definitely enjoyable, and I loved how she transformed from a shy, meek girl to a powerful, fierce woman. She was truly the heart and soul of the story, and of the fae world, and had that "Snow White" effect on everything she touched, enchanting everyone around her.

Loftin was a character that kept me on my toes. He had a deep, emotional side to him, covered up by charm, wit, and a little guile. What I truly loved most about his character was that he was based off of the hunter in the original tale that had a very minute part. For a character that originally had no explanation as to why he let Snow White live, Loftin had several underlying reasons, and had purpose in the tale.

And, who can forget the dwarves? Instead of getting dwarves though, or even seven present characters to represent them, we got Iric. Iric was the eldest of a slew of brothers (most living), and he represented the feeling of the dwarves and how they opened their hearts, and home, to "Snow White." He was strong and protective, and was an amazing brother to Karis.

So, despite the talk of the original tale, and the comparisons, Glamour of Midnight stood on its own accord, and shined bright. Casey created a beautiful world, an exhilarating and unpredictable tale, and clever characters and relationships. The story was so brilliant that you could forget the original tale entirely. I'd recommend it to faerie tale lovers, fae lover, and fantasy lovers! 4.5 stars (or 5 faeries since the fae might not be happy with me for cutting a faerie in half.)

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*Thank you to the author and Lady Amber's Reviews and PR for providing me with this free e-ARC in exchange for my honest review.*

## **Britney says**

Another FABULOUS read from my new favorite author!! I have been hooked since reading Riches to Rags. The journey was beautiful and the ending was utter perfection <3

HUGE Casey L. Bond fan.

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## **Kelly Risser says**

Wow... this book is so good! Casey built a broken, but captivating fae world full of danger at every turn. Following Karis and Loftin as they navigate monsters and their own growing attractions kept me turning the pages way past my bedtime. This is a quick, enthralling read. Fans of Sarah J Maas and Holly Black will absolutely enjoy Glamour of Midnight. I hope Casey writes more stories in this world. I want to know all the courts!

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## **Janine - The World Was Hers for the Reading says**

Found blind and wandering in the forest as a young child, 19 year old Karis has spent her entire life dependent on others. While she does her best to help out the family who has taken her in, she's always been an outcast in their village. When her adoptive brother Iric takes it upon himself to travel into the outside world to the Fae controlled forests and lands looking for the smoke they believe keeps their village safe from the monsters that live beyond their magical border, Karis knows she will follow him to bring him back to safety, since she has the gift of Fae sight once outside the protective barriers of her village.

The bounty hunter Loftin has been commissioned by the Queen of the Ash Court to find and bring her the daughter who escaped her grasp as a young child. Loftin knows that if he is successful, the Princess will be destroyed, but he truly has no choice as those who fail the Queen are put to death. When she literally appears in front of him, he can't believe his luck. However, the more time he spends with her, the more he realizes he can never just turn her over to her mother, no matter what his personal cost.

As their journey through the Fae courts continues, Loftin and Karis face deadly threats and enemies at every turn. As their passions for one another continue to grow, Loftin must also find a way to tell Karis the truth about who they both are and the mission he was sent on before the trust growing between them is destroyed forever and the wicked queen is left to rule and destroy what little is left of Faery.

Based very loosely on Snow White, Glamour of Midnight is a thrilling and compelling coming of age journey through a world one can only dream of. Casey L Bond has created a fabulous and unique cast of characters that must battle their demons both literally and figuratively.

I truly loved watching Karis grow and blossom on her journey of self discovery. She became bolder and more courageous with every move she made. Her cunning and intelligence was delightful, as she went from someone most people ignored to the person who truly could save them all. I really loved the bonds she formed with Iric and the rest of her adopted brothers that helped form the person she would become.

Loftin's character was also well written. You could tell he was a man who had lost much in his life already

and was really trying to do the right thing by his people. I enjoyed watching his own personal journey as he had to fight his own morals and beliefs a to what the right thing really was.

Together, they made a formidable pair and watching them grow as both individuals and a couple was the highlight of this fairy tale. With twists and turns throughout the plot, magical and unbelievable battles with magical creatures, a forbidden romance and an evil queen, Glamour of Midnight is truly a fantastic tale. 5 stars

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