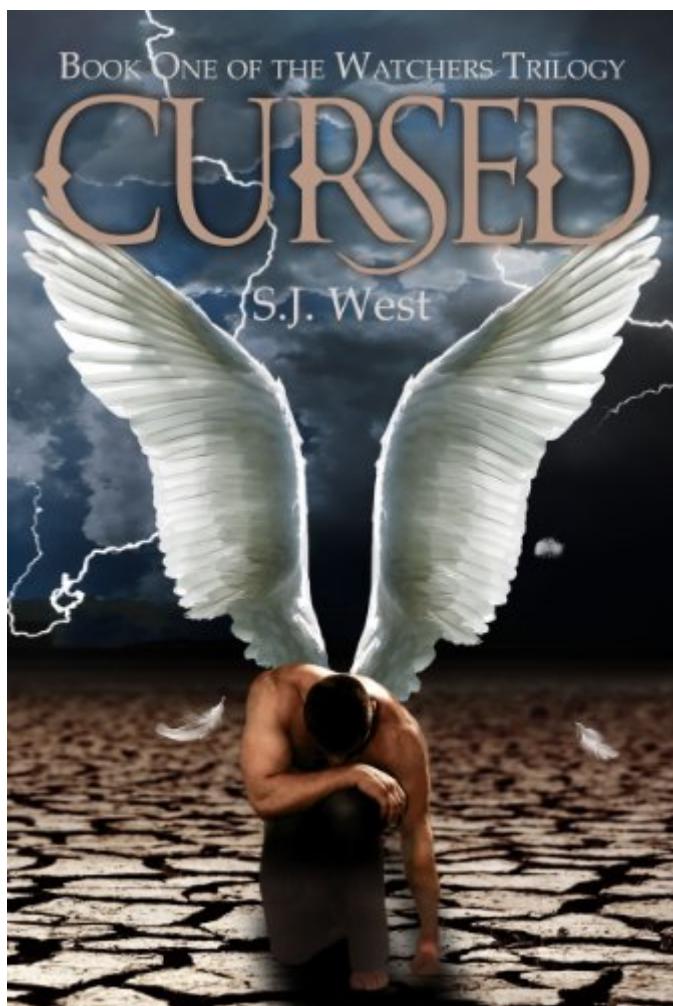


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Synopsis

Since she was eight-years-old, Lilly Rayne Nightingale felt like fate was trying to wipe away her existence through a series of odd, near fatal incidences. Luckily, her best friend Will was always one-step ahead of fate preventing her from being at the wrong place at the wrong time. Will was her knight in shining armor until he broke her heart after their one and only kiss. On Lilly's first day of college, she meets Brand Cole. Intrigued by Brand, Lilly must decide whether she can give up her adolescent fantasy of being reunited with Will and allow Brand the opportunity to conquer her heart. Not only do Will and Brand both love Lilly, they share a dark secret neither wants Lilly to discover. Lilly thinks fate is after her once again when a new series of attempts on her life start to take place, but she soon learns someone of flesh and blood is trying to kill her this time. Reading Order of Watcher Books by Series: The Watchers Trilogy : Cursed, Blessed, Forgiven The Watcher Chronicles: Broken, Kindred, Oblivion, Ascension Caylin's Story: Timeless, Devoted Aiden's Story Alternate Earth Series: Cataclysm, Uprising, Judgment The Redemption Series: Malcolm, Anna, Lucifer, Redemption The Dominion Series: Awakening, Reckoning (Spring 2016)

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Customer Reviews

This was a fast read that both excited and disappointed me. I'll admit I like a good, sappy love story from time to time, but this one almost pushed it too far. It was similar to a train wreck. There were several times I wanted to put it down, but then something happened that would change my mind, and I kept reading until the end. The storyline was similar to a lot of Harlequin novels where you knew pretty much how it was going to end - which characters were going to get together - except it was meant for teens and young adults. When I worked at a used book store, we called Harlequin novels fluff or smut. The story follows an eighteen-year-old college freshman (Lilly) who seems ordinary at first glance. Of course that changes her first day of class as she evades her once best friend whom she fell in love with and in turn meets a new guy who catches her eye right away. Throughout the story, she gains three love interests - the rich boy, the former best friend, and the bad boy. It's very obvious who she'll choose from the get-go because her best friend rejected her when she announced her feelings for him and the bad boy only shows up once a decision seems to have been made already. Brand was too perfect. He had no flaws. None. Zero. Zilch. Nada. It was a big turn-off for me. He had perfect looks. Perfect attitude. When these two got together, the virginal integrity of the book was sweet, but then it drowned on and on. I understand waiting until to have sex, but to kiss? To make out? It seemed unrealistic. I'll swoon the next time a man refuses to kiss me until the moment is "right", but if the reminder comes over and over again, it will annoy me. It would be one thing if we were dealing with younger children, but these were adults. Gag me. However, that's where the train wreck ends because the story actually had a really good plotline. Lilly isn't as ordinary as she thinks, and because of it, someone wants her dead. She and the three men in love with her - all of whom aren't exactly what they say they are either - have to figure out who's after her and why they want her dead. It was enough to keep me reading past the gag-me scenes, and make it to the end. And because it ends on a cliff-hanger without telling us who or why someone wants Lilly dead, I'll probably end up reading the rest of the trilogy.

As noted in the title, this is a book directed towards preteens. And I think it is a light read for that age group. Yes, there are darker elements that Ms. West could have expanded on but I'm hoping those moments will come in the following novels. They seem to progress in she groups as they come out. I have to agree that "Brand" is a little too perfect and all the "I love you's" got repetitive. He's independent wealthy, gourmet cook, quite the gentleman, protector, and super sensitive. He is

supposedly able to take care of himself in a fight but we never see any actual evidence of this. And being told from Lily's point of view, she never sees any of this; he wants to protect her from any emotion except love and happiness. The other two that proclaim their love for her are less monotonous. Will gave her up a few years ago but still has feelings for her and Malcom constantly flirts with her openly in a cheeky way. Everyone seems to get a special content, feel-good vibe whenever she is around. And no one can explain it, they're just completely enamored by her and have to be near her. Hopefully this will be explored further in the series as there were some promising leads. As well as some villains that may (hopefully) resurface. But the exciting bits are about who is trying to have her killed and who has been interfering to save her from that person. I think what's missing, for myself, is the suspense involved in a good mystery. The events that happen to Lily don't seem to be developed deep enough. It's over quickly and back to loving bliss. Close to the very end you find out who has been after her and that things change. Then it seems to end rather abruptly. Overall, I enjoyed the book. Despite it not being too in depth it was a nice read and I will finish the others in the series. I read the "Harvester" series, which first brought me to this author. Those books are for an older audience and there is definitely a difference. So I think we can expect a little more as the age for the novels increases.

The Watcher Chronicles is a great continuing series about Lilly a girl who discovers she is far from ordinary and the men in her life who are trying to protect her from a fate which appears to be trying to end her life. This first novel Cursed finds Lilly captured in a love square, with her best friend Will, myserious new guy Brand and bad boy Malcolm. She is struggling with her feelings and knows that each of them are hiding a secret. This first instalment ends in a cliffhanger, but fear not as this story gets a whole lot more interesting as it goes.

This is my second time reading this. I didn't write a review the first time around bc it never occurred to me to do so. I'm re-reading the series to get a refresher since there are some new series coming up and I want everything fresh on my mind. I absolutely love this series, a must read. Lilly is such a beautiful person inside and out you fall in love with her immediately. Tara is a hoot and their friendship is one to be envied. Brand is the perfect man. He is so sweet, caring and such a gentleman you cant help but fall in love too. Will is the hit boy next door and Malcolm is the sexy bad boy. The story revolves around Lilly finding love, finding some new truths about this world and herself all while trying to escape more than one person trying to kill her.

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