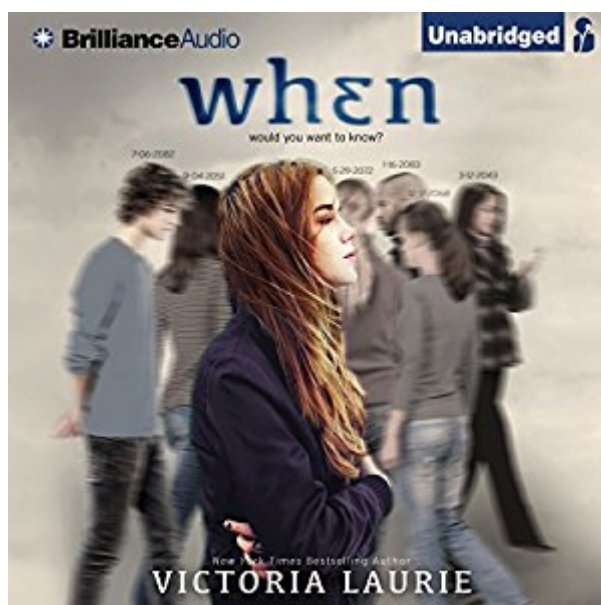


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Synopsis

Pretty Little Liars meets Medium in this fast-paced thriller and fantastic YA debut from a New York Times bestselling author. Maddie Fynn is a shy high school junior, cursed with an eerie intuitive ability: she sees a series of unique digits hovering above the foreheads of each person she encounters. Her earliest memories are marked by these numbers, but it takes her father's premature death for Maddie and her family to realize that these mysterious digits are actually death dates, and just like birthdays, everyone has one. Forced by her alcoholic mother to use her ability to make extra money, Maddie identifies the quickly approaching death date of one client's young son, but because her ability only allows her to see the when and not the how, she's unable to offer any more insight. When the boy goes missing on that exact date, law enforcement turns to Maddie. Soon, Maddie is entangled in a homicide investigation, and more young people disappear and are later found murdered. A suspect for the investigation, a target for the murderer, and attracting the attentions of a mysterious young admirer who may be connected to it all, Maddie's whole existence is about to be turned upside down. Can she right things before it's too late?

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Customer Reviews

Victoria has done it again! I loved this book. There are books I have read that I really related with the characters, but there are characters you just fall in love with. Maddie is one of them. Maddie has a unique gift of seeing people's death dates. Of course this gets her in trouble. And the sheeples fear and distrust her. And the cops? Well, let's just say their focus is off! One of the things about

Maddie is she has the courage to listen to her intuition and stand strong when necessary. I sometimes forget that teenagers are mini-adults and there are a lot of teens that face life struggles every day. They ARE adults, especially if they end up taking care of a parent. At any rate, I fell in love with Maddie and hope there may be another story about her. Victoria, keep up that active imagination, and especially keep writing stories that have some type of character with a metaphysical gift!

"I'm not exactly sure when I started seeing the numbers." And with that opening line, this gripping, suspenseful story begins. Young Maddie can see everyone's death dates. She doesn't realize the significance of these numbers until her dad dies. Maddie is left wondering if she could have changed the date. Her mom drinks a lot and Maddie feels like her mom blames her for her dad's death. Maddie charges people to tell them their dates so she can earn extra money for the household. Maddie hates her ability and hates telling people their dates, but she doesn't feel she can say no to her mother. When a new client comes in to ask about her child with cancer, Maddie gives her the answer she is looking for: her daughter will live a long time. But when she sees a picture of the client's other young son, she realizes he will die within a week. Maddie seems very naive because she assumes that the boy's death will be an accident or the result of a medical problem that no one knows about. But when the police finds his body, she is quickly shocked into reality. The young boy dies as a result of extreme torture. Unfortunately he is not the first one to die. The resulting mystery was so compelling that I couldn't put the book down. I had preordered it in and read it within a few hours. This book wasn't just about a compelling mystery. It is also about a family trying to cope with grief and it's about fate and destiny. If someone knows when they are going to die (but not the how), can it be changed? I thought Maddie did a great job dealing with her "gift" the best way she could. I loved the pacing of this story. I thought the storyline moved very quickly, which kept me glued to the page. There was also a surprise ending. I thought I knew who the killer was, but then I found out I was wrong. There was a twist to who the killer was that I honestly didn't see coming. The only issue I really had with the book was that the crush on Aiden seemed forced and out of place. There really wasn't a focus on romance, there was just a sprinkling of it here and there. It seemed like more of a distraction to me. I had never read this author's work before but I intend to read more of her stuff.

While ostensibly geared towards YA readers, this book is more than enough for adults as well. I'd give it more than five stars if I could. Imagine, if you would, how you would deal with knowing when

everyone you meet or every person you saw pictured would die. Everyone! Then imagine that someone is found dead after you had given their parent the date. The FBI is called in and you and your best friend are suspect in his death. This is the dilemma that Maddie and Stubs face. No one believes them and their lives are thrown into turmoil as more people go missing. How do you prove your innocence? This book will keep you reading, even if you're supposed to be doing something else. (It did me.)

It was a good read. A little far fetched but since I'm into paranormal/ fantasy/sci fi stuff I didn't mind. Basically it's about a girl who has always had the ability to tell when someone will die by a cluster of numbers she can see above their head. She doesn't know how they'll die just when. So when a mother comes in and asks about her child she tells them that child will live for a while but one of her others will pass away very soon. When the same boy is found brutally murdered she is the one who is pulled into an F.B.I investigation. It's a pretty short book and it's very fast paced but it wasn't as gripping as I hoped.

This book was FABULOUS! Victoria Laurie really pulls you into the action and writes characters that are believable. I cared about what happened to the main characters and rode the emotional roller coaster with each shocking action. Ms. Laurie makes you feel what the characters feel. I caught myself getting angry when people were being accusing or mean. At times I laughed out loud, even in public! My attention was caught from the very beginning and I couldn't wait to get back to the story (that is, when I HAD to put it down). If left to my own devices I would have read it straight through in one sitting. I plan to purchase copies for my nieces once the book is released! Thank you Ms. Laurie, for writing another action packed, emotionally exciting book! I will recommend this book to everyone!

Warning, once you finish this book you will be so depressed. All you will want is to read more of it. This book is one of the best ones I've ever read. I would recommend this to any teen all the way to an adult in their 40's. If suspense and mystery books are your types of books, you NEED to read this book. So please, buy this book and treat yourself with a book I know anyone would like.

I was hooked and couldn't put it down! My daughter loved it as well and wants to read more by the author!

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