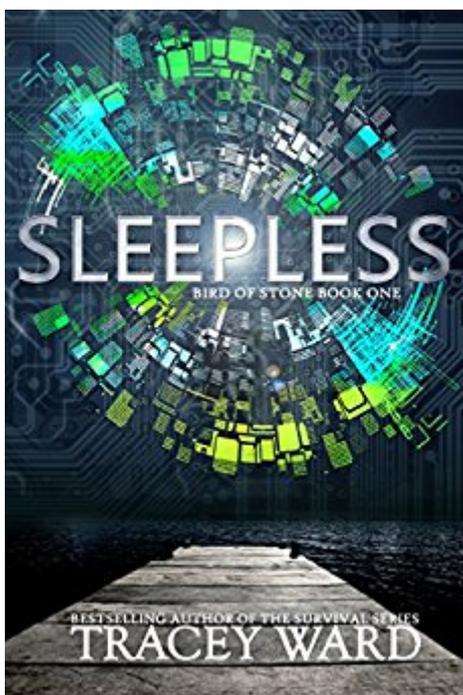


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Sleepless (Bird Of Stone Book 1)



Synopsis

My name is Alex Mills, and I have a superpower. Don't be jealous, it sucks. I can't control it. My mind is a mutinous SOB that takes over when I go to sleep. I'm just a girl trying to get some shut eye while it decides to throw a rager that can land me just about anywhere in the world. The base of the Eiffel Tower. The shore on the coast Ireland. The third baseline at Wrigley Field. Sounds exciting and fun, right? Wrong. My not so superpower is unpredictable, uncontrollable and annoying as hell. It's also how I met Nick. Every cloud has a silver lining. Nick is mine. Nick is extraordinary as well. He can't feel fear. Never has, never will. It's worked out for him as a PJ in the Air Force, one of the most dangerous jobs in the military, but where it's not helpful is with his social skills. Nick is cold, distant and apathetic. He's also my hero. And if he's to be believed, I'm his. I first met him when he died and that wasn't even the weirdest moment of our relationship. Neither is this moment here and now, trapped together in an island prison on the Behring Sea. It's a long, strange story between his death and his prison. One full of sheep, docks, Jabberwocks and a very special stone. I could tell it to you'd like to hear it. I've got time... *SLEEPLESS has been re-edited and re-released in preparation of POWERLESS, the final book in the series. Coming Fall 2016.

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Customer Reviews

Sleepless was such an incredibly enjoyable book! I was completely swept away by the romance between Alex and Nick and I thought that the concept for the story was really fresh and unique! The story follows 20-year-old Alex. Alex has a problem. She "Slips" in her sleep. She often falls asleep, safe in her bed, and wakes up somewhere else - it could be anywhere. While she's learned coping mechanisms, Slipping is far from convenient. Alex is waiting for the day that she'll Slip somewhere truly dangerous and she won't make it home. Or that something will happen to her while in a non-Slipping dream and she'll simply disappear forever. (Her recurring dream about a Jabberwocky doesn't help to ease that fear). But one day something different happens; a dying man appears to Alex - in real life, outside of her dreams. She wills him to breathe - and then he disappears. Until she finds him again in his dreams.

The negatives: Genre shifting. My only complaint about this book is that the first 75% felt very much like a paranormal romance and then the story suddenly took a quick left turn into sci-fi territory. I was LOVING the paranormal romance side to the story and I was honestly a bit worried when I started to lose a little bit of interest during the last 25% of the book when the story changed over to a more sci-fi feel - partially because the book had felt very unique up to that point and then I was worried we were moving into a storyline that I've read a million times before. Luckily, I am very happy to say that Ward almost completely made up for this jaunt into so-so sci-fi land in the last 10% of the book when things got VERY interesting and unique again!

What I LOVED: The concept.

After reading this book, I can safely say that I take sleeping for granted. Every night whenever Alex Mills falls asleep, she doesn't know if she'll wake up in her bed or "slip" to some other place. Alex takes this with more ease than I could. Fast forward to her twentieth birthday celebration, and this story takes a crazy turn. Alex stumbles upon Nick who up and disappears into thin air. This sets up an undeniably epic romance that teases you with it's tension the entire length of the book. One of my main pet peeves is insta-love. Tracey Ward flawlessly avoids this cliché. The romance is definitely there between Alex and Nick. But it's a slow build up. It's realistic. (In a world that's entirely not. Shh.) The emotions shown by the two characters are very real and raw. There is so much character building from the first page to the last. These are not cookie cutter characters, and I promise you will get just as invested in them as I. Even the characters that are minor find their own voices and leave an impression. But the romance... It's perfect. The concept of Sleepless is seriously unlike any other

book I've read. At first, I was confused. But very early on, you're drawn in as Tracey builds the world around you so effortlessly. The scenes at the dock were my favorite. I don't want to give away any spoilers, but the dock scenes are what set this story apart from others for me. The ending is very fitting, too. It's fast paced, and you will not be able to stop until you've devoured this book. I just want to tag this onto the end of this review. Nick is in the Air Force. I'm not sure where Tracey got her intel from, but it's spot-on.

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