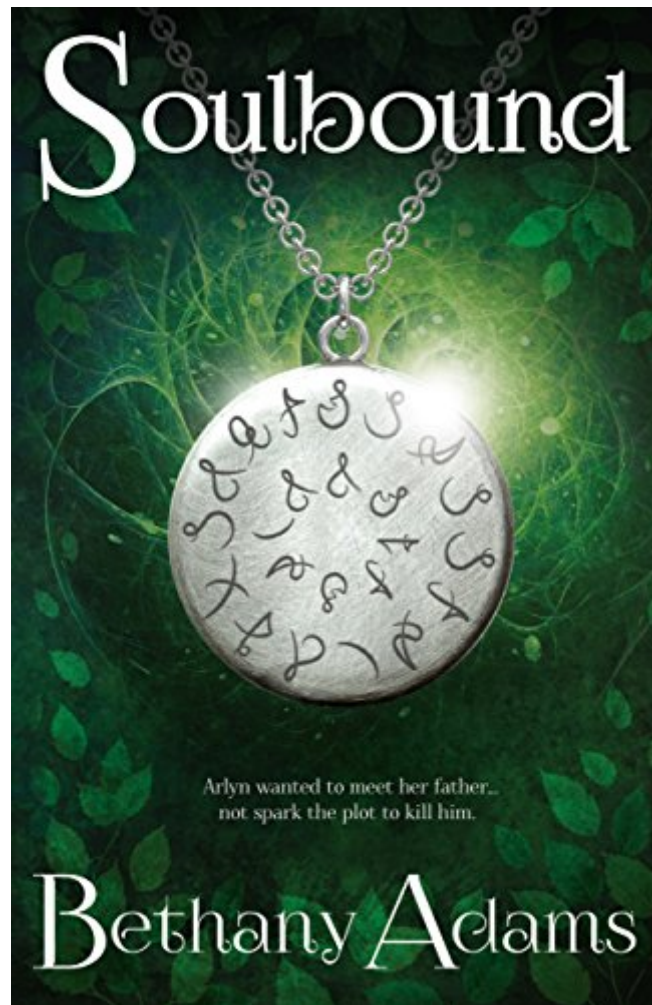


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Synopsis

A deathbed promise Arlyn's quest is simple: Find her father and let him know her mother is dead. After all, Arlyn had promised her mother she'd go. The problem? Her father's people are myths and legends, and he doesn't even live on Earth. But despite a long journey through the mysterious mists of the Veil, finding him turns out to be the easy part. A dream long-buried After five hundred years, Kai has given up on finding his soulbonded. So when he stumbles across Arlyn after returning from his latest mission and recognizes her as his mate, Kai starts their bond in haste. But he never could have imagined that his bonded is his best friend's newfound daughter. Whoops. A hidden conspiracy sparked to life Though the sight of Kai makes Arlyn's heart pound, she isn't sure she can forgive him for starting their bond without her permission. But her love life is the least of her problems. Her father is an elf lord, and his sudden acknowledgment of a half-human heir reignites the same conspiracy that took him away from her mother in the first place. Now Arlyn and her family must face iron wielding assassins, bigotry, and her newly awakened magical abilities if they hope to come through in one piece. Arlyn thought she would return to Earth after meeting her father. Now she must fight to save the family she never knew she wanted.

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Customer Reviews

With a writing style somewhere between the dry heavy pseudo-historical narration of Tolkien and the easy storytelling style of Rowling, *Soulbound* by Bethany Adams is one of the most original fantasy novels I have read in quite some time. While familiar elements exist, they are turned on their side completely. Love at first sight or at least the indication that someone is a perfect match, risks dishonor and disaster. A parent's love for a child is shown in several different ways, as is the child's love for the parent, but not all of these leave one with a happy warm feeling. The world is complex, with many details of its complexity merely hinted at. Adams has managed to create a world that feels real, that has obvious complexity, and at the same time does not let the world-building get in the way of the story. I find I am as eager to find out snippets of how her world works as I am to find out what happens next. My only quibble on this is its classification, and I am not sure if that was a decision of the author, or some other agency. While there is a romantic element to the story, I would not have classified it as a "Romance". If you are seeking a steamy romance, or even a book that the focus is on two people, and their relationship, this is not the book for you. If you are looking for a book that explores a more broad range of human (and elven) emotions, relationships, and interactions, then *Soulbound* is a decent read. If you just want a good story with good characters, some mystery, some action, and a gripping plot then *Soulbound* is a perfect choice.

Let me begin by first saying this: I don't usually write reviews. I always rate books I read here (and I am a voracious reader), but seldom have I ever written reviews. That being said, Bethany Adams' entry into the wonderful genre of "Other worlds" fantasy fiction is well worth your time. I found myself unable to put it down from the very beginning and was amazed at the impeccable editing and polished feel the book had. After reading so many books with less than stellar editing on , this was a much needed breath of fresh air. The author has brought together a tale that leaves the reader eager for the next book and spins a world structure with just enough detail to frame the story perfectly, but without getting bogged down in world-building as is common in the genre. In short, this book is well worth your time. Don't hesitate to add it to your collection.

This book just jumps right in and off you go! The world building was superb and the characters were well developed. An intrigue, a little bit of romance, and magic. I can't wait for future books from this author, the writing was crisp and clean. This book illustrates how hate and prejudice can poison an individual and how honor and courtesy can build respect, how the family bond is the glue that holds society together.

I liked this book very much, though towards the end things happened and ended so quickly. Is there a book 2? Lately I've been reading a lot of cliffhanger books with promise of a part 2 and/or 3, but nothing ever comes out. Hopefully this book has a part 2 given the potential for one.

I loved this story! I wish it had more romance, the sex is just implied. I feel like Aryln loves her father and her soul mate but I wish these people had time. Events happen so fast that they don't have time to get to know one another. I cannot wait for . The next installment! There better be one bc this ends on a major CLIFFY!!!!

I happen to love portal fantasy books, this one however was a little flat at times. The plot points seemed not intense enough, even the climax was light. It was predictable, but still a decent read. Find the characters likeable, but their names/title annoying. Would be interested enough to read a second.

Characters, setting and theme were all refreshingly new and very well written. I hope there is a sequel and many more books to come! I will be looking forward to re-reading this book again. Hope you decide to share in the magic also! Wonderful read!

The plot started off well, I was intrigued and excited. But it didn't deliver. Kai and Aryln literally have two one page legit interactions the entire book after they meet. They're still strangers at the end. It's all 'I feel you through the bond', he's hurt, she's hurt, she's nervous on how to be introduced to everyone. That's their entire interaction. She has hidden talents that are never explored not do they contribute to the plot. Lastly everyone has three names and are never back introduced so it's hard to keep track of everyone- esp. the villain twist. Lastly the book felt like a set up for a future series instead of a book on its own

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