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Firstlife (An Everlife Novel)



Synopsis

"Utterly unique and absolutely riveting—I couldn't put it down! What a marvelously cool world."—New York Times bestselling author Sarah J. Maas From the author of the New York Times bestselling White Rabbit Chronicles series comes book 1 of a brand new series in which life as we know it is merely a dress rehearsal, and real life begins after death. Tenley "Ten" Lockwood is an average seventeen-year-old girl—who has spent the past thirteen months locked inside the Prynne Asylum. The reason? Not her obsession with numbers, but her refusal to let her parents choose where she'll live after she dies. There is an eternal truth most of the world has come to accept: Firstlife is merely a dress rehearsal, and real life begins after death. In the Everlife, two realms are in power: Troika and Myriad, longtime enemies and deadly rivals. Both will do anything to recruit Ten, including sending their top Laborers to lure her to their side. Soon, Ten finds herself on the run, caught in a wild tug-of-war between the two realms who will do anything to win the right to her soul. Who can she trust? And what if the realm she's drawn to isn't where the boy she's falling for lives? She just has to stay alive long enough to make a decision;

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Customer Reviews

Firstlife was a good read, full of plenty of action, humor, romance, and a few twists that were genuinely surprising. The main character, Ten, sounded much like a broken record for the majority of the book, constantly reminding you that she didn't want to choose a side (Troika or Myriad), but she was still fairly relatable and her repetitiveness was not totally unwarranted--it was, afterall, a decision about her afterlife and overall fate. The other characters, while at first seeming cheesy and run of the mill, grew a lot throughout the book and I think they all became very lovable and easy to get attached to (and thank goodness, there was no love triangle!). Gena Showalter did an excellent job of not making this an average, commonplace YA novel, and I'm sitting on the edge of my seat waiting for the second book after the way she ended Firstlife--it was honestly very surprising and I can't wait to find out what Ten does next!

I love everything that I have read by Gena Showalter and Firstlife was no exception! This first novel in her new series captured my imagination and heart from the get go. Ms Showalter creates such complex and fascinating characters every time, Ten, Archer and Killian are no exceptions to that rule. The dynamics and tension between the characters just makes you want more! Great story! Great characters! Wonderful twist and turns all wrapped up in a tale of light versus dark, what is right and what is wrong and how do you figure out which is which? Loved it! I wait with baited breath for the next novel in this series!

This is the first book in the Everlife series. It's a YA novel. I got hooked by it pretty fast. Gena is one of my favorite fantasy author and I have read most of what she has written. I like how she writes and Firstlife is no exception in that part. I recommend this book if you're into this genre. So happy reading :)

Good start, decent characters, and an interesting world but it could've been much better. This is my third try from this author and I think it'll be my last. If your new to this genre and reading in general or perhaps you actually fall into the category of young adult then you'll probably enjoy this. If your like me though I think you'll find it lackluster and a bit boring.

This story is such a rollercoaster ride. It grabs you instantly throwing you in a world where what you think is right and wrong isn't exactly how you thought. The spectrum of each side is much more vast then you imagine. The characters are relatable and you can't help but fall in love with them! I absolutely recommend this book to anyone really, teen, adult, doesn't matter there's something here for everyone. I can't wait for the next installment!! Thank you for such a well written and captivating story

I usually never write book reviews, but after reading SO many YA books lately that seem rushed in the editing process, I can no longer hold my tongue, and if I can help someone make a decision about whether they want to pay for push through almost 500 pages of a book that they may not enjoy because no one took the time to mention what I would have liked to hear about in a review, then I will do what I can. This book idea sounds wonderful. I watch the video about it on the YouTube channel, Epic Reads, and many of the books from their channel that I've read did not disappoint. But I just don't know if I can read all of this book. I'm surprised no one has mentioned this and maybe it's just me, but the dialogue and character actions feel so awkward and fake at times. I mean guy says, "Never pity me," and she blows a kiss? I understand she's being sarcastic, but there is so much sarcasm from ALL of the characters until I just cannot get into the story. I just keep getting jolted out of it when I think it's getting good because I'm constantly questioning the characters' believability. Like when I hear, "Hate to break it to you, but nutrition is just another word for feces." Is it, really? It just seems unlikely that ALL of the characters have the SAME exact sarcastic air and sense of humor except the main character who, with the exception of her ridiculous unbecoming violent temper, seems completely unsure of herself at every turn and is constantly questioning everything. Maybe he likes me. Maybe he doesn't. "How am I ever to know?" Some thoughts can be expressed with a simple, "I wasn't sure of his intentions." Everything doesn't have to be awkward internal dialogue. Maybe the characters seem fake because many phrases and words are repeated SO much, like the constant awkward one-word sentences. "Gimme!" happens a lot. Are the characters 17 or 7? "Zero!" Happens a lot. The number of exclamation points is distracting at times as well. I am going to force my way through to the end of this book because I paid \$10 for it. Hopefully the writing gets better or at least the story is as good as Epic Reads made it seem. It does have potential. I do enjoy the poetry and many of the memorable quotes throughout the story. They definitely leave an impression and keep me reading...though I will admit to skipping through parts here and there when they get particularly clunky and strange.

This book was so addictive! I couldn't put it down! A very good read and worth the money!

I really enjoyed this book! Gena Showalter has been one of my favourite authors for a long time now but I only started reading her young adult stuff last year. I enjoyed reading about Ten just as much as I did about Ali though Cole beats all new boys. Ten's story is really interesting and takes dips and turns I wasn't expecting. The other characters have depth and relatability while still remaining likeable. There were laughs and tears and I'm hoping against hope we haven't seen the last of a character that brought on some tears. Fusion can be real! Very much recommend this book and can't wait for the next in the series

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