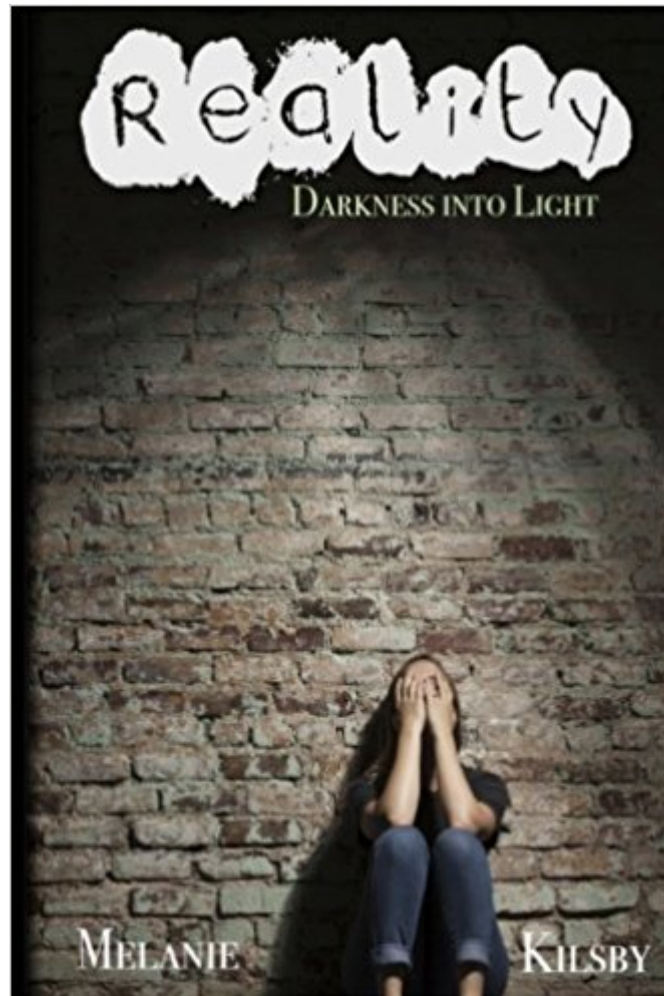




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Melanie Kilsby was born in a very small northern city of Quebec. Now settled in the West Coast of Canada, she enjoys writing and being a wife and mother to her 5 wonderful children. Her passion is Jesus and glorifying her wonderful Creator in all areas of her life. Since a young girl she had a journal. Those entries were written poetically unintentionally; A beautiful melody of heartache and laughter. You won't find any of her early writings, but watch out for some of those heartaches and laughs to bleed out in the series of Reality. Starting with the first instalment: Reality, Darkness into Light!

Reality: Darkness into LightMeet Zoe, a young girl who has lost her best friend to suicide and finds herself in a tug-a-war between good versus evil. All of a sudden, her life takes an unexpected twist! Kicked out at 13, she ends up getting involved in the wrong crowd and now is pregnant! Being

summoned to darkness, yet called into light. God reaches out to her! Between the kind teacher at school and an annoying new Christian kid, it seems God keeps sending people to speak into her life. With no one to run to and no where to turn. Will she accept Jesus when faced with....Reality?Reality: Darkness into Light deals with some tough issues. Suicide, rape, rejection. I think it could be a beacon of light to someone struggling with these things; someone who is hurting.

CharactersThe characters seemed somewhat believable, but didn't have much depth. The main character, Zoë, is the one who we see into the most, into her thoughts and feelings. If you are hurting, she is someone you can relate to. We also see a brief glimpse of Craig's inner struggle. Other than that the characters are fairly one-dimensional.

PlotThe plot was relatively predictable. It followed the description of the book, but did not go much farther. It was interesting, however, and kept me reading. I felt no emotional pull, but I have never experienced any of the things Zoë had to deal with. To someone who has, I can imagine this book would produce deep emotions.

Overall thoughtsThis was a good read, something I would recommend to people who can relate to the pain, and need the reassurance that there is someone who cares. The writing was ok; I noticed a few typos and sometimes two voices in the same paragraph, but nothing too bad. I think most of my above complaints will be satisfied by the promised sequel.

Would I recommend it? Yes

Would I let my kids read it? Yes, once they were teens

Overall Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

I received a copy of this book from the author in exchange for my honest review.

This book is just like the title. It goes from just about as black and dark as you can get to hope and light. This story is clearly Christian, but I can see plenty of room for a seeking person to learn about Christ through the story, so it's not just for people who are already Christian.

The story is written in first-person perspective, present tense, so it has a sense of immediacy, and the narration style is relaxed and informal, appropriate for the teenage protagonist (13 years old). From time to time, it is interspersed with the narrator's thoughts as she speaks into a voice recorder, giving insight into her deeper thoughts and feelings, which I felt was a neat technique.

Some of the themes involve rape, suicide, and occultism, but no gory/graphic details are presented, although the sense is clearly given. The main character is obviously struggling because of something that happened in the past, and the revelation is chilling.

I struggled with some of the stylistic elements: the all-caps words, the many exclamation points, the multiple ellipses, and the dramatic language. (Perhaps I'm just out of touch with my inner thirteen-year-old.) More so, I struggled with getting into the characters and feeling for them as deeply as I wished to. However, I can't say that all readers would have the same experience as I did, since the style and tone is similar to many other books which I also haven't

been able to "get into," but which my friends have raved about. The end feels a little abrupt, but that may be due to the fact that this appears to be Book 1 of a series. All in all, I think it's worth a read for any teenager in your life, especially one who might be struggling and wishing for a book that acknowledges the darker side of life while offering a hopeful ending.

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