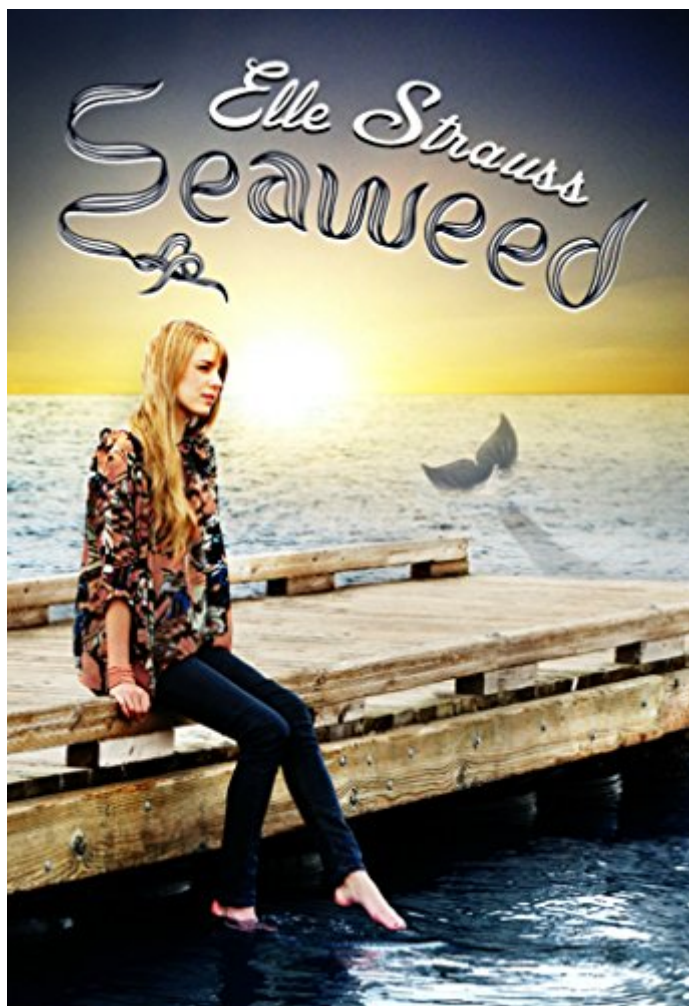


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SEAWEED: A Young Adult Merfolk Tale.



Synopsis

Praise for SEAWEED: "Fantastic!!" "I recommend it to all for a great read." "Fun read!!" A teen swim athlete discovers a merfolk world that threatens to keep her out of the ocean forever. Dori Seward can't wait to get out of Eastcove, a sleepy fishing village on the border of New Brunswick and Maine. She bides her time by hanging out with friends, attending swim club, and holding her biggest competition, Colby-who wants more than just friendship, at arm's length. Then Tor Riley comes to town and he has everything Dori dreams of in a boyfriend-looks, athleticism and mystery. But Tor also has a tantalizing secret and Dori is determined to find out what it is. The truth is crazier than her wildest imaginations and more dangerous, too. Dori has new fantastical enemies, and they will do anything to get to her. Her life, her dreams and her love for Tor are all weighing in the balance. Will Dori risk it all in order to have it all? What readers are saying: "What a fun and thrilling story! ... I thought everything about this book was delightful. The pace was quick, there was a lot of action and undersea adventure...I would recommend Seaweed to anyone who enjoys YA paranormal/fantasy romance." "Wow! I had never read a mermaid tale before and I loved this! The characters are very well described and the plot is awesome with lots of unexpected twists. Loved the end but am actually sad to be done with this story!" "I think every preteen to young adult would definitely enjoy this sweet romance and fantasy adventure. It has adventure with the under sea twist and a budding romance that will suit any young preteen to adult woman who enjoys a cute romance. I recommend it to all for a great read."

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Customer Reviews

Pretty cute. This mermaid "tail" was so fun. I liked how the transformation from mermaid to human and back again happened. The reason for the girl Dory Seaward Nickname Seaweed to not be able to stay a mermaid and just frolick joyfully in the ocean once the transformation happened were believable. The history to the reason behind her mermaid heritage was fun too. Well thought out plot from start to finish. The emotional turmoil of the girl in her relationship with her family, her friends and her ban from the swimming pool which she loves to compete in with her highschool swim team. I really enjoyed this mermaid story.

Review originally published in Night Owl ReadsIf you're not a fan on insta-love, this book isn't for you. Tor and Dori were attracted to each other even before they spoke with each other. This was quite an entertaining read, I would find myself smiling from time to time because of the parts that I find funny. Like the opening part, when Tor and Dori first hanged out and the latter playfully threw water on Tor's face and he ran away, I couldn't help but laugh because it was funny in my head. Then there was the date on the boat, there was a part that was so funny too. Another thing I liked is that Dori is a swimmer. I used to train competitively during high school and reading about Dori's swim meets brings back memories from my own swimming days. The plot was okay, there were parts that felt off but it still worked in the end. The science behind the fins-to-legs transformation was realistic, in my opinion. Of course it would hurt to have your fins separate into a pair of legs, amiright? Seaweed is listed as a stand-alone but the ending felt like a cliffhanger, there were still questions left unanswered, and though the whole story was just okay, I still want to know what happens after that ending.

A cute and fun YA read. If you are looking for a book that you can read while sitting by the pool, this is probably a good pick. The story is very fast-paced. It starts off with a mysterious disappearance

and never slows down. While the action is fast-paced, I still found myself skimming at times because I never grew attached to Dori, Tor, or Colby. I would have enjoyed a little more character growth or depth. Seaweed is clean and solidly written -- there no typos, major grammatical errors, purple prose, or undecipherable sentences. (Ok... there are probably a few typos, but so few that they did not distract me from the book). The setting is fun. Not Disney-mermaid but a more realistic and gritty mermaid culture that I am sure I would have been drawn to as a tween. While I am so, so tired of love triangles, you can see why Colby and Tor are drawn to Dori -- she is spunky and athletic. What I didn't see is what Dori saw in Tor other than novelty. Unfortunately I found the story too predictable. All of the plot twists ** spoilers removed *** were telegraphed too strongly. A tween looking for a light beach read would love this book. As an adult, I wanted a little more.

I am a fan of mermaid stories, but I found this one to be a bit constricting. Seaweed's plot starts out strong, but it tends to drag throughout the book. When it finally picks up towards the middle of the story, the author just ends the book and doesn't--at least I felt--tie up the loose ends. The title seems appropriate for the book, though, because just like real seaweed, it might get you tangled up and frustrated.

The first book I read by this author was "Clockwise" - and while I wasn't that impressed with the story itself, the writing impressed me enough that I decided to give "Seaweed" a try. I'm glad I did. This was a nice, light read. I liked the fact that while Dori was clearly heart broken when Tor left her the way he did - she understood the reasons and did her best to cope. My only complaint is the whole royalty angle. Luckily the fact that certain characters suddenly turn out to be royalty doesn't really affect the story or the underlying conflicts and their eventual resolution. But unless the author was throwing those facts in to set the stage for something interesting in a possible sequel - I think the story would have been as good or better without that. I will keep an eye out for other books by this author.

I love y.a. books, even though I am an adult. This book was engaging and fun. I liked the fact that there was no profanity or sex, just a good, well written story. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to forget the world for awhile and be absorbed in a book!

This was a pleasant surprise. I expected a . . . "Oh, no not another mermaid story." But I found a bit of fun and a charming character who just happens to be a mermaid, too. I think I like Seaweed

because, while it's a fantasy, it portrays a "real" teen who is going through some teen life experiences. She learns that her Nana is way more than just another granny, that loving someone can be painful, especially if you lose them, and that she can take initiative to help the "people" she cares for.

Mermaids have been trending quite a bit lately, and despite reading a few of them, I don't tend to love mermaid stories. I don't know why... But let me tell you that Elle Strauss has written a fabulous story that involves mermaids and so much more. I really enjoyed the characters and (without giving away spoilers) loved that the ending turned on whether the main character had the mental brawn rather than the physical prowess to save the day. If you like paranormal stories with smart heroines and heart, I highly recommend Seaweed.

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