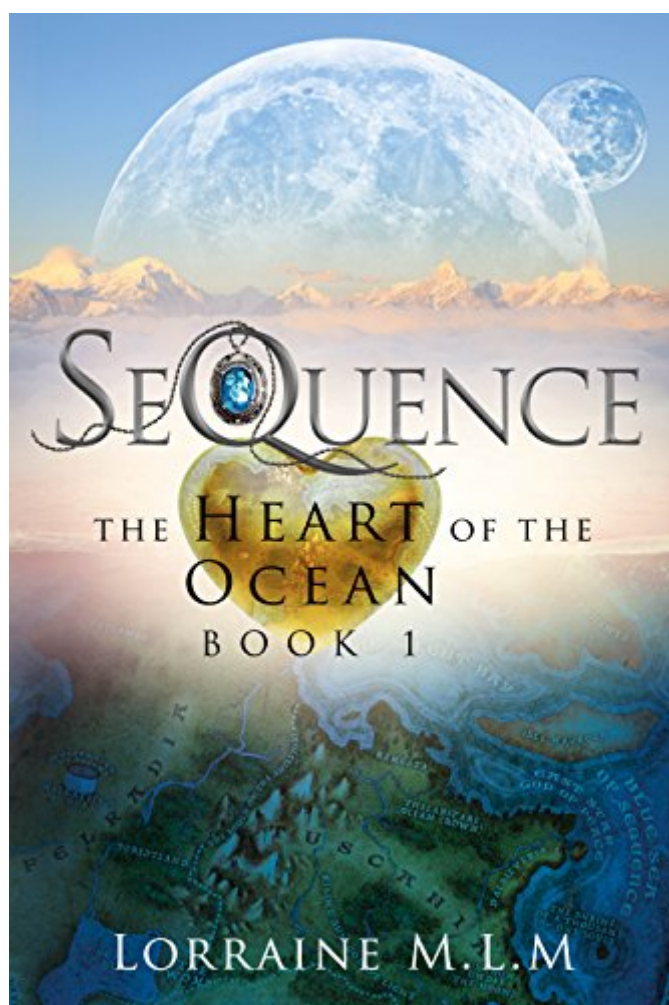


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Synopsis

Alessia Appleton is desperate. She's desperate to silence the voices inside her head, but being committed to an island asylum has only made them worse. Still, at least there's the ocean. Water is the one thing that blocks Alessia from hearing the thoughts of those around her. Complete submersion is her only relief. So, when she gets the chance to escape her wardens and the voices, Alessia takes it. She dives into the sea and a giant wave drags her under. When she comes to, one thing is clear--either Alessia's completely lost her mind, or she's not on Earth anymore. Instead, she finds herself in a world with two moons, a complex undersea society, a long-lost grandmother, and a drool-worthy young man named Dante Erajion. However, it doesn't take long for Alessia to realise that a new world comes with all kinds of new rules and new problems. In *Zeneshia* sequence takes precedence over chance, and Alessia's arrival has set off the *Foretold Sequence of Hearts*, shifting the future to a dire series of choices between Life, Love, and Death. Shortlisted for the 2015 Love Stories New Talent Award

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Customer Reviews

Wow! This book exceeded all expectations and I highly recommend it for fans of YA Fantasy and YA Romance. *SeQuence* was a phenomenal fantasy romance that takes the reader on an epic journey. The writing was excellent and the world-building was even better! Our heroine, Alessia, suffers from a strange malady -- voices in her head that are only silenced by water. Through her dramatic escape, she finds herself in another world... and answers that she didn't know she was looking for. It was amazing exploring this strange new world along with Alessia, our curious and very endearing heroine. While the book occasionally had a tendency to move somewhat slow and drag in places, it lent itself to the leisurely pace of the lifestyle on their world. It also gave Alessia time to discover more about the world, herself, and her feelings for Dante. The romance in this book was phenomenal. Although it was initially a bit of an instant attraction sort of thing, the whole romance was very slow to build and very sweet. We had lots and lots of those fantastic tingles! I would have liked to have seen more interactions and explanations into certain things between the two lovebirds, but I'm hoping we'll discover more in the second book. I have lots of questions about things that happened in the first book that were resolved... but we're not quite sure how. Maybe we'll find out in the second book. It wasn't until close to the ending of the book that certain things were revealed to us and the plot became much stronger. Without giving away any spoilers... Alessia's presence in this new oceanic world has changed things. For everyone. I'm interested in seeing how things will develop in the series in the future -- both in the romance between Alessia and Dante, but also how Alessia will further adapt to being in this world. It seems both of them will play an integral part of the next *SeQuence* of the game. I can't wait to read more! This review was originally posted on The Novel Lady Blog.

I did enjoy this novel by M.L.M. Lorraine. YA Romance is not my genre of choice, but as this was recommended to me, I thought I'd give it a go. It is a well written, fun to read novel. interesting characters and interesting premise. The plot changes POV multiple time which I think is great, helping to see the story progress through the eyes of Dante etc. Love the ideas of the world below the ocean. All in all, a great first book. Well done to the author.

Overall: At times, I felt the pace of the book lagged, but for the most part, I was interested enough to read all the way through. I loved the way the concept of destiny was explored in this book. The

world under the sea was enjoyable, but sometimes too saccharine for my taste. Writing: I felt the writing was solidly good. The descriptions of places allowed me to visualize things pretty easily. Dialogue was occasionally clunky, but more often just fine. The prose never got in the way of the story. Plot: The plot moved forward at a decent pace, but not much happened until close to the end. This is the part where I really wanted more. The set-up was great, but then things fell short. At times, things could have been clearer. The main character is in the dark for much of the beginning of the book and after a while I found this tiresome. Characters: The main characters were likeable and well fleshed out, as were some of the side characters. (loved the grandmother) I was immediately put off by the unrealistic, shallow dismissiveness of the first doctor we encounter, but things got better from there. I adored Dante, the love interest. That being said, the love story lacked tension and for that reason, I found it less than satisfying. The lovers fell in love so quickly and totally that there was almost no reason to read on. World building: Richly imagined and well written. It wasn't all dumped on us at once, but revealed slowly throughout the book. Parts of this world were still a little unclear at the end of the book, which leaves room for more discovery in the next books. If possible I'd give this book a 3.5 but the world building nudged my rating to a 4. Recommendation: If you like YA fantasy with lots of world building that centers on romance (as opposed to action), then this book is for you.

A story like none other! It pulls you in from the beginning and keeps you sucked in until the end! The riddles, the poetry of the words is an amazing combination. Dante and Lessi are so sweet I got a toothache! They are cute and different. I'm excited to read the next story and see what all Lessi can do. Especially after she gets confidence in herself she will be unstoppable! If you like fantasy, foreign lands, and mysterious creatures this is the right book for you!

This was a spontaneous but for me but a very good one. The character development so far is very well done and the storyline isn't always obvious. You have to really read between the lines sometimes to understand. Cannot wait to read the rest of the story!!

I jumped into this YA novel and had a very enjoyable experience! The alternate world under the sea the author has woven is intriguing and I liked the riddles. How the characters evolved, Lessi and Dante, is captivating! A great read!!

What a great and intriguing read! I got it for free while it was listed at \$0 but ended up buying the

book because I enjoyed it greatly. I definitely recommend this!

This book is not my usual genre but I really liked it. It was the perfect book to expand my horizons. The story was enchanting and I am looking forward to reading more.

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