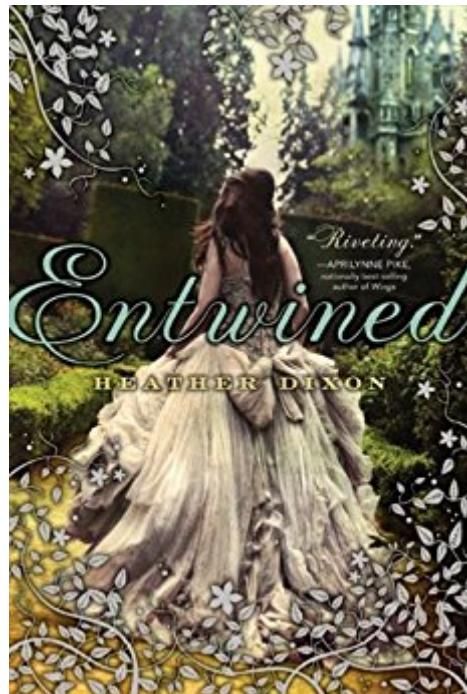


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Come and mend your broken hearts here. In this retelling of the classic tale "The Twelve Dancing Princesses," the eldest princess must fight to save her family and her heart from an ancient dark magic within the palace walls. "Full of mystery, lush settings, and fully orbed characters, Dixon's debut is both suspenseful and rewarding." ALA BooklistJust when Azalea should feel that everything is before her beautiful gowns, dashing suitors, balls filled with dancing it's taken away. All of it. And Azalea is trapped. The Keeper understands. He's trapped, too, held for centuries within the walls of the palace. So he extends an invitation. Every night, Azalea and her eleven sisters may step through the enchanted passage in their room to dance in his silver forest, but there is a cost. The Keeper likes to keep things. Azalea may not realize how tangled she is in his web until it is too late. "Readers who enjoy stories of royalty, romance, and magic will delight in Dixon's first novel." Publishers Weekly Supports the Common Core State Standards

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Customer Reviews

As you may have guessed I was enchanted by this book. I loved that each of the twelve sisters had their own personality and their own strengths and weaknesses. The girls handled the death of their

mother in a believable way, and held everything together in the castle (although I am not sure what exactly they fed the newborn baby after their mother died?), I could relate to their feelings about their father being very emotionally and physically distant from them for most of the book. I felt very sorry for the girls for having to call their father 'King'. Keeper quite frankly gave me goose bumps because I could tell from the start that he was using the girls and because the girls were not able to see it yet. A few times I almost screamed at Azalea not to go back!!! I appreciated the fact that Azalea, as the main heroine of this book was very strong and tough. The climax and ending were amazing and I feel could possibly be the definition of a 'Happy ending' I was a bit annoyed by the obsession over the "sugar teeth" but it was also funny at times. Entwined does move a bit slow at the beginning but keep reading, it's worth it!!! On another note there is absolutely no sex, drugs, alcohol or bad language in this book, it is an extremely clean read. If you read Entwined you won't regret it, I am sure you will be as enchanted by it as I was.

I am a huge fan of fairy tales. My laptop even bears the name of one of Sleeping Beauty's fairy godmothers, Merryweather. So it should come as no surprise that I fell head over heels in love with this modern-told fairytale that so beautifully combined bits of the Victorian era and a contemporary love of adventure and quickly-paced story with all the awe and sweetness and language of classic fairy tales. Set in a Victorian like kingdom at war, Entwined tells the story of Azalea (now isn't that a lovely fairy-tale princess name?) who has just lost her mother, isn't her father's biggest fan, and is the eldest of twelve sisters and therefore, shoulders a great responsibility. Facing a year of mourning, a year of darkness, a year spent inside, and worst of all, a year without dancing, what will Azalea do? How can she say no to the Keeper, who offers her only what her mother loved best and her father has declared forbidden? Why I Recommend This Book Heather Dixon obviously knows her fairy tales. Her style reminds me very much of those princess stories we all know and love. I can't even think of how to describe her style. A combination of Swan Lake and The Nutcracker, perhaps? If you are a fan of fairy tales, you should put Entwined on your to-read list. You'll love this retelling of the twelve dancing princesses. You won't be disappointed by the subtle, ah-somehow-I-knew-he-was-a-hero romance at the end, either.

I bought a digital copy at 11:25 at yesterday evening and was just gonna a few chapters. At 2:38 am I wondered if I should just buy Dixon's entire works and felt all warm and fuzzy and knew I would re-read it this weekend. The characters are sweet and it's just what I want from a fairy tale with magic, princesses, dancing, clothes, and just enough romance to keep it lively. The central

relationships here though are the family ones. I can't wait to see my sisters after reading this book! I am a long distance from them and I will be telling them about this book.

This book is absolutely breathtaking. Azalea is a character I grew to love, despite her faults. The only thing I didn't like was her addiction to the magical silver passage. The Keeper is just sinister and if I were her I'd never go back. The romance in Entwined is what I love best! Captain Bradford is such a delightful book boyfriend, as are the matches for Bramble and Clover (no spoilers!) I love the world Dixon created and I found myself falling deeper and deeper into Azalea's kingdom with each word I read. Dixon's writing is impeccable and there were many hilarious moments! I loved how all the characters were well-developed. The father-daughter(s) relationship between the King and his daughters was amazingly written and I started to like the King even though I'd hated him in the beginning like Azalea. Also, I love how he's so protective of the girls and gets into fights with suitors more than often. It's just simply hilarious! This is one of my favourite retellings of The Twelve Dancing Princesses and I strongly encourage you to pick this up.

i don't know the grimm version of this book, although i did look it up and can see where the similarities and differences are. That being said. this book was good. it was simple to read, fun to read, and interesting to read. it wasn't the best book i've ever read, but i felt a connection to the characters which is something i do look for when reading any book. the cover is gorgeous...and you feel that maybe you are one of the sisters trailing behind azalea, your ballroom dance slippers whispering over the ground. i personally loved the little pieces of magic. i found myself wanting to know a bit more about the girls mother, and felt cheated that i wasn't given more about this woman because she seemed part of the magic to me. i loved the king, he was so solid to me. and of course azalea, who wouldn't want to be her!

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