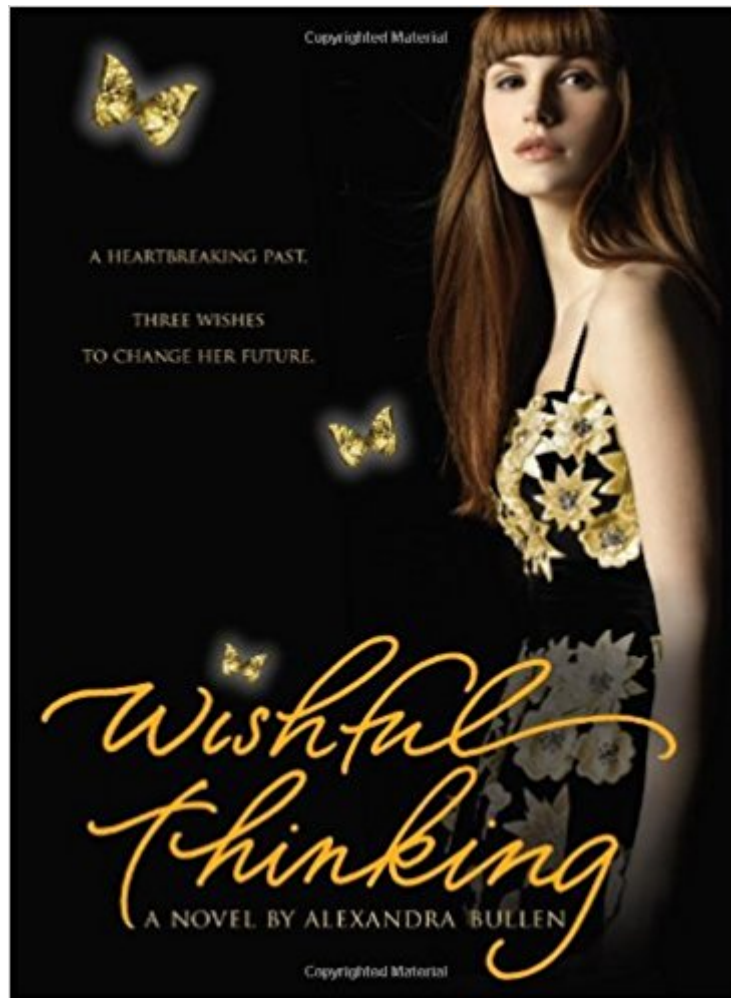




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Wishful Thinking (Wish (Cloth))



Synopsis

If you could wish for a different life, would you? What if that life changed everything you thought was real? Adopted as a baby, Hazel Hayes has always been alone. She's never belonged anywhere--and has always yearned to know the truth about where she comes from. So when she receives three stunning, enchanted dresses--each with the power to grant one wish--Hazel wishes to know her mother. Transported to a time and place she couldn't have imagined, Hazel finds herself living an alternate life--a life with the mother she never knew. Over the course of one amazing, miraculous summer, Hazel finds her home, falls in love, and forms an unexpected friendship. But will her search to uncover her past forever alter her future? In the heart-pounding, luminous sequel to *WISH*, Alexandra Bullen asks the question: If you could wish for a new life . . . would you?

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Customer Reviews

Gr 8 Up-The author of *Wish* (Scholastic, 2010) has created another mysterious fairy tale with strong, down-to-earth characters and an intriguing plot. On her 18th birthday, Hazel is given the name of her birth mother. She tracks her down and prepares to meet her for the first time. She has a dress altered, but when she puts it on, she sees that it isn't the one she had dropped off. She arrives at the fund-raiser Rosanna Scott is hosting, only to find that the woman has died. Shocked and upset, Hazel scrambles to the ferry, wishing that she had gotten to know her first and finds a note

explaining that she has three magical dresses that will grant her wishes. She has unknowingly just made her first one. Hazel arrives on Martha's Vineyard, 18 years earlier, where she meets Rosanna, only to discover that she is not her mother after all. Instead her mother is a pregnant teen who lives with Rosanna. While there, Hazel falls in love with Luke and must decide whether to remain where she is or return to her own time. Bullen has done an outstanding job of pulling off the magic and realism to create a compelling novel that has love, mystery, and adventure. Time travel can always be tricky but the author has executed it well. The book ends with the first dress waiting for another needy girl to find it, thus hinting at a sequel.-Karen Alexander, Lake Fenton High School, Linden, MI (c) Copyright 2010. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Praise for Alexandra Bullen's WISH:"Bullen delivers an enticing first novel . . . she makes the sights of San Francisco come alive in this sweet story of siblings determined to remain inseparable." - Publishers Weekly"Touching. . . . Readers [will be] rooting for Olivia to find her own voice and step into the sun." - Kirkus Reviews

After reading the first book Wish I was excited to try this book. I was worried it would be predictable after reading the first chapter and finding the same dress with the same 3 wishes granted, but was pleasantly surprised to find a story that was engaging and heartwarming! I am not really into writing a short version of the book so instead I will state that I love the fact that this book follows the same theory as the first but at the same time has its own storyline with its own characters. (Although I loved the fact that there was a couple of sentences that refer to the main characters of the first book...if you blink you could miss it, but I thought it was so clever how the author weaved them into this story!!) I loved this book as much as the first. I got the first one free and paid for this one. If there was a third out I would buy it in a second! Anyway, if you like a quick read with a easy to follow storyline that leaves you smiling in the end than this may be the book for you.

Wishful thinking was a fun and engaging story. Ms. Bullen has a knack for creating memorable characters. A great read for teens and adults alike! Highly recommended.

I loved the romance and the dresses. Great sequel to an amazing series. Alexandra Bullen did a very good job.

I read the wish and then just had to have this one after reading that. I absolutely loved it... i couldnt put it down! i loved the wish too. the story line was great def worth it to me!

I loved this book before i got it and now i have it and i love it even more and now i can read it anytime!

This was a great buy. My granddaughter has been wanting to read this book since she saw it on her Book list from school. Thanks!

Last year's *Wish* was bittersweet and hopeful, albeit with a few flaws, and with Alexandra Bullen's sophomore attempt *Wishful Thinking* she's back and better than ever before, because quite simply *Wishful Thinking* rocked my socks. It was heartbreaking as well as heartwarming, the characters were ones that had layers to them that made them out to be relatable and easy to love, and best of all, Alexandra Bullen's writing improved greatly, making this one novel I couldn't put down, not even for a second! *Wishful Thinking* tells the story of Hazel Snow, a girl who has never had the easy, carefree life she desired. For one, she was put up for adoption when she was just a tiny tot, and while she was adopted by a lovely woman, the woman died in a sudden, horrific accident, leaving Hazel with barely no one to call family. But on her eighteenth birthday she received the best gift ever: her birth certificate. Now with the name of her birth mother (as well as three brand new dresses that contain more than meets the average eye) she's on the journey to find the mother she lost and the life she belongs in, starting with some time travel. But will Hazel find her mother? Will she find the love and hope she yearns for the most? And better yet, when she's given the option to change her whole life, will she? Only time can tell in this fabulous, heart racing tale of one girl's journey to find love and hope in a world where there seems to be little. Hazel Snow was a fabulous main character if I do say so myself. Her past was a sad one but she never let that truly get her down, instead she put on a brave face and fought for what she wanted most: love, hope, and happiness. And I respected her for that. Furthermore, her story got even better once she landed in Martha's Vineyard because not only did she make some pretty great friendships (including with a certain swoon-worthy boy) but she developed greatly as a character and a person. One of my favorite parts about her was her relationship with Luke, the certain swoon-worthy boy mentioned above, because not only did it develop at a reasonable pace but it was nothing short of sweet. I also loved the characters of Jamie and Rosanna because both were not only complicated and fun characters but they also added to the big mysteries the book was made of. And talking about that, I

loved the premise of Wishful Thinking, and the execution? Well, it was even better! Alexandra Bullen did a great job of developing the different plot lines associated with Hazel's birth parents, and I especially loved how she set the book in such a beautiful and stunning place, because not only did she do a great job of describing Martha's Vineyard, but it gave the book an even better feel so to say. Lastly, as I mentioned above, Alexandra Bullen grew greatly as a writer with Wishful Thinking. In her debut novel, I felt she sometimes had a hard time with pace and fleshing the story out in a way that she showed more than told, but with Wishful Thinking all my doubts about her as a writer were gone. So, to sum this up, Wishful Thinking has definitely made me a fan of Bullen in the best kind of way. In all, Wishful Thinking is a bittersweet and loveable story that I can't help but suggest fans of Meg Cabot, Sarah Dessen, and Mara Purnhagen pick up! Alexandra Bullen truly has a star within this one; one that makes me eager to read more by her ASAP. Grade: A+

This story starts with somewhat the same premise as the author's book Wish. In each, a likable girl who is full of sadness takes a dress to a little shop in San Francisco to get it repaired. Each one gets three new dresses instead, with an admonition that there is a wish attached to each dress. They must be used wisely, can't be global and the same wish can't be used twice. I'm amazed that the same plot element can morph into two very different books that are warm, intriguing and endearing. Eighteen year old Hazel Snow was given up for adoption at birth. The woman who adopted her died in a fire at the restaurant she owned when Hazel was less than a year old. Lonely and wanting a mother or some sort of family, she's lived with her adoptive step dad who's tried to be there for her, but has never quite recovered from his wife's death. When Hazel receives her birth certificate, she starts searching for the woman named as her mother. Surprise, the woman is wealthy and lives in San Francisco. When Hazel learns she's doing an art show in town, she takes a dress in for repairs so she can attend. She arrives, wearing the first of the magic dresses, only to discover the woman just died of cancer. Her first wish, made on the ferry she takes to return home, is that she can get to know her mom. Hazel wakes up eighteen years earlier on a different ferry, as it pulls into Martha's Vineyard. The first two people she meets are teens her age, the guy, warm and friendly, the girl, pretty prickly. They tell her how to find the estate of the woman she believes is her real mother. What follows is part love story, part coming of age and a lot of learning to love and let go even when it really hurts. Hazel has to use her other two wishes in ways that benefit others, but in the end she's the real winner. This is a great book to offer teens who come from foster care, were adopted or have a sense of loss.

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