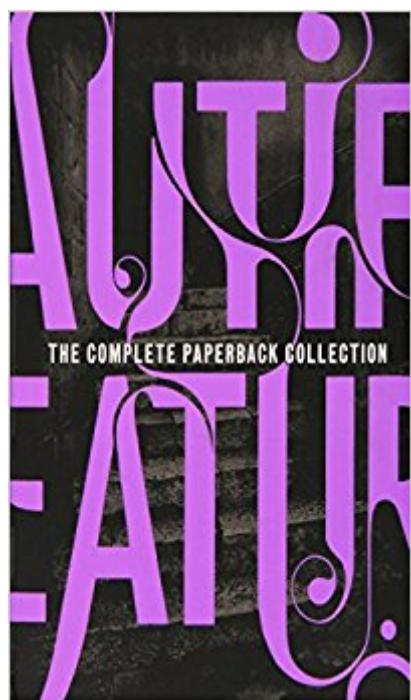


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## **Synopsis**

There were no surprises in Gatlin County. At least, that's what I thought. Turns out, I couldn't have been more wrong. Ethan Wate used to think of Gatlin, the small Southern town he had always called home, as a place where nothing ever changed. Then he met mysterious newcomer Lena Duchannes, who revealed a secret world where a curse has marked Lena's family of powerful Supernaturals for generations. Mysterious, suspenseful, and romantic, *Beautiful Creatures*, *Beautiful Darkness*, *Beautiful Chaos*, and *Beautiful Redemption* introduce a secret world hidden in plain sight. A world where impossible, magical, life-altering events happen. Sometimes life-ending. This stunning paperback set makes the perfect gift for fans of this bestselling Southern gothic romance.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl live in Los Angeles, California, with their families. They are the authors of the New York Times bestselling *Beautiful Creatures* novels: *Beautiful Creatures*, *Beautiful Darkness*, *Beautiful Chaos*, and *Beautiful Redemption*. *Beautiful Creatures* is now a major motion picture.

Good for people who like fantasy elements in a modern urban setting- and long detailed reads; at over 2000 pages in the set it's a nice long juicy read to wile away the time in unpleasant situations.

Gatlin has fast become one of my new favorite fantasy getaways...

I loved this series! From the depth of the characters to the shallow of others. From the rhyme and reason that is intertwined into both worlds. From the riddles to the answers, or lack of them. How well it portrays a love so strong it rewrote and redefined worlds and characters. How it makes you see beyond the meaningless distractions and open to the simple that should be the meaningful in life. How it references such great works of literature, that should never be forgotten. As with the people in our life, here, past, or away, that should be famed within our life and never taken for granted.

I'm only done with the first book. I'm a slow reader by nature and the beginning of the story was quite boring because it was building the backstory and therefore took me forever to get through. However, it has since picked up and I loved book one! Once you get into it becomes a mystery tied in with romance tied in with fantasy and will surely keep your attention once it has it. I will try to update as I go through the remaining books :)

Originally posted on Goodreads There were parts I loved and those I hated. So I split the difference. Given BC's publication date, I can't get on its case about riding the cliche PNR train. Some could argue it was a trailblazer where that's concerned because it certainly does fit the mould being used to death today. There's definitely a winning formula, if you can call it that: mortal & immortal fall in love; star-crossed lovers; super duper powers; small town setting; it's us against the world & everyone wants to tear us apart; immortal saves mortals life; they share a super special insta-bond. I could go on, but you get the point. Well, this novel has it all, the one major deviation to note is the POV. Congrats! It's a boy! Only, he doesn't sound terribly boyish. He sounds awfully girlish actually. That's right, Ethan Wate's voice is far too feminine to be believable. In addition, I question whether this novel needed to be so long. There's a lot of extraneous information that, IMO, doesn't add very much to the overall tone of the book. As a matter of fact, it detracts. Rambling narration takes much away from the meat of this story which, if trimmed, would have made for a much better read because even though Ethan's voice is a bit jarring, the story itself is interesting. I actually quite liked the idea of a cursed Caster family. It's has great promise and, aside from Ethan, I found several of the characters quite interesting. Where cliches are concerned this book takes the cake. It's chock full of southern cliches that simply don't ring true. I've spent quite some time in the south, specifically the area in which this book takes place, and while I find some of the cliches to be

ring true, most don't and are used far too often. In addition, I simply couldn't get my head around the "accent" utilized in the dialogue. I get that the authors were trying to create an immersive, real experience but I found it distracting. With all the other arrows pointing the reader in a particular direction, this tactic seemed like overkill. What saved this book was its peripheral characters. Amma and Macon, in particular. I was looking forward to the times they would emerge on the page and I was eager to know more about them and what made them tick. I was also dying to know more about Ethan's dad and Sarafine. Sadly, these characters were, for the most part, overlooked. I checked out the books 2-4 from series from the library with the intention of reading them quickly, like I did the VA, Lux & Covenant series which I tore through in mere days. Unfortunately, it's taken me a week to get through the first book and I can't get myself to pick up the second. I guess that in itself says something. Usually I'm chomping at the bit to dive deeper into the story. This time, not so much.

so far I'm only thru the first book and just now starting the second one. As far as the story, I'm enjoying it. I like that it's from a guys perspective for once, too many young adult books are usually from a girls mind. I rated this book 5 stars merely for the fact that I got this set for extremely cheap, I read books so fast that I refuse to pay a lot for them. This was by far the best deal I've seen in a while. buying this was way cheaper versus buying the books individually. maybe once I finish this set I'll update my review. As far as story line goes I'm rating it a 4.

First of all as is the case with most books this is SIGNIFICANTLY better than the movie. I am still only about a 10th of the way through book 3, which shows how "into it" I'm not, I have had this series for a while now, and usually I have a book done in 1-2 days. Though they go into great depth in regard to the characters, it is more than a little repetitive, and there is always "another great peril" that they must face, but be "not suited to being together because of blah blah blah". I honestly think it could have been a two part series, as the end of the second book could have very easily finished the series. I will update this review when I finally get around to finishing the series, however I have no idea when that will be as I have a lot of other novels to read or that are due to be released in the upcoming weeks/months....

Read all three books in three days. Loved the writing and story. Even got my son to read the book for school and now he is reading the second book for himself! While it is definitely a great book for teenagers, It is also very enjoyable for the "older" crowd that likes this type of genre.

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