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# Nostalgic Rain: Galaxies Away



## Synopsis

What seventeen-year-old Leland finds in the abandoned basement of his house is something he will never forget. Leland lost his father when he was seven. Since then, he has successfully adapted to the awful life of being a student, the man of the house, and a father figure to his two younger siblings. All of that changes when he and his best friends stumble upon a secret in his deserted basement, and fall into another dimension with three moons, foggy woods, and an ancient castle-Oremanta. Learning who he really is, how he came to this remote planet, and the shocking, ugly mystery of Oremanta aren't as bad as the quest he finds himself obligated to complete-killing someone he never thought he'd meet in Oremanta to save everyone.

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## Customer Reviews

Tremendous read!

"Nostalgic Rain: Galaxies Away" by A.S. Altabtabai. This is A.S. Altabtabai's debut novel, a young adult fantasy/epic fantasy which to my way of thinking is comparable to any adult epic fantasy out there, or that I've had the opportunity to read. The beginning of the book is a backstory taking place in the real world in the here and now. As the book builds, and continues we find ourselves in another time, dimension and location. As a matter of fact we are transported to a completely different planet called "Oremanta". The inhabitants seem to be humanlike in appearance, but have some abilities unlike that of earthlings. Fantastic story along with incredible characters and

world building this is a book for all ages. Once we arrive on

Oremanta the action and adventure is nonstop and fast paced. The book ends nicely but there are questions left to be answered and I am sure they will be answered in future books in what I think is going to be a fantastic epic fantasy series. I look forward to more chapters of this intelligent well thought out adventure. Synopsis (from back cover): What seventeen-year-old Leland finds in the abandoned basement of his house is something he will never forget. Leland lost his father when he was seven. Since then, he has successfully adapted to the awful life of being a student, the man of the house, and a father figure to his two younger siblings. All of that changes when he and his best friends stumble upon a secret in his deserted basement, and fall into another dimension with three moons, foggy woods, and an ancient castle-Oremanta. Learning who he really is, how he came to this remote planet, and the shocking, ugly mystery of Oremanta aren't as bad as the quest he finds himself obligated to complete-killing someone he never thought he'd meet in Oremanta to save everyone

4.1 Stars! 4.1 Stars! 4.1 Stars! 4.1 Stars! Stories that transport readers to other worlds are so interesting; they take you away from the known, a definite reason why I read. Leland gets a soul call to return to Oremanta, a land he didn't realize is his birthright, and ends up being transported there with his good friend, Jennifer, and also apparent schoolmate Dylan through a portal in his own basement. But Oremanta is preparing for war, the great castle, the domed areas, and renegade outposts, all. Leland starts out the novel a sad teen so this adventure ultimately is good for him I think as he completely transforms into a fierce warrior. His character development is gradual and well done. There is also a great twist about Leland's family that entwines him into what's happening now. The beginning is a bit slow but the pace of the story then goes well dipping between Leland and Jennifer's POV/experiences as they separate for some of the book as Jennifer is steered towards becoming a healer. I didn't get a sense of what Leland and the other characters actually look like. This leaves a sort of disconnect for me. But we do get good descriptions of their feelings so you're rooting for them. Overall the author might have spent more time fleshing out scenes rather than quick moves to new action. Nostalgic Rain is somewhere between a little bit of a gory Middle Grade style and thoughtful YA with a mix of both straight up monster and battle scenes sometimes and interesting, thoughtful observations/insights at others. Page 210 "It's haunting how a person can be so greedy and honorable at the same time." Page 230 "Healing is all about your

emotions and how you control them. The better you control your feelings, the better healer you are. Some unanswered questions at the end so we wonder if the author is going to write part 2. Dylan's story could be really interesting. Overall, Nostalgic Rain reads a little younger than I was expecting but is an entertaining if not somewhat bloody MG-YA adventure tale. Good debut effort.

Leland is a seventeen year old who lost his father when he was just seven years old. The years since his father has been gone Leland has stepped up to be the man of the house, the leader of his family. He does what he can to help his mom and protect her. He helps her take care of his little brother and sister. So when he starts hearing voices he doesn't tell her because he wants to protect her and not put any more on her than she already has. But when the voices start calling to him and wants him to go to the basement he starts to have a more difficult time of handling the voices and has to tell someone so he tells his best friends Jennifer and Dylan. So Jennifer and Dylan decide to help to Leland beside they are best friends and that is what friends do. Jennifer and Dylan go with Leland to his basement to hopefully learn what the voices are all about. They don't learn who or what the voices are at first but they find out more when they are transported to another time and place or should I say another planet. On this planet Leland learns a lot about himself and his family and finds out why he was summoned to the planet. War is on the horizon and Leland may have to fight someone that has always been very close and dear to his heart. Nostalgic Rain is filled with lots of mystery and twists and turns that it will keep you dizzy the whole way through right up until the end. You won't know which end is up or which end is down. Come join Leland on his ride of a lifetime to galaxies far, far away.

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