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# Spindle



## Synopsis

In a world where fairies lurk and curses linger, love can bleed like the prick of a finger. Briar Rose knows her life will never be a fairy tale. She's raising her siblings on her own, her wages at the spinning mill have been cut, and the boy she thought she had a future with has eyes for someone else. Most days it feels like her best friend, Henry Prince, is the only one in her corner. Although with his endless flirty jokes, how can she ever take him seriously? When a mysterious peddler offers her a "magic" spindle that could make her more money, sneaking it into the mill seems worth the risk. But then one by one, her fellow spinner girls come down with the mysterious sleeping sickness and Briar is not immune. If Briar wants to save the girls and herself she'll have to start believing in fairy tales and in the power of a prince's kiss.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed this fairy tale re-imagining of Sleeping Beauty and the unique new setting involved. This

isn't a historical novel exactly, but has a historical flavor to it, involving cotton spinning mills, women's voting rights, the "safety bicycle," and labor rights in the late 1800s. The main character isn't just waiting around for a Prince to rescue her; she's nicely proactive even though there's some romance going on. Some good female friendships are portrayed, with some developing bonds and loyalties. I really liked the fairy characters • those scenes were interesting. It has a satisfying ending and thank goodness, it wasn't left up in the air waiting for a sequel.

Awesome book good buy and free 2 day shipping with prime membership so you can't go wrong I highly recommend it

Once again, Shonna Slayton drivers an historically intricate yet fantastical adventure. Her blend of history and fantasy leaves the reader believing that anything is truly possible! The characters are grounded and likeable, making it easy to relate to their circumstances. This book kept me up late more nights than I can count- that is my mark of a great book!

'Spindle' is a wonderful young adult fairy tale - a twist on the story of Sleeping Beauty. The author does a great job of keeping original parts of the tale in sync with the novel. I liked that it had a lot of the same aspects of the fairy tale, it made it feel familiar and easy to slip into Briar's world. Briar is a fantastic main character for the book. She's raising her three younger siblings on her own after the death of her parents. She works long hours at the mill as a spinner and does other sewing on the side for extra money to help provide for the kids. She's a loving and very devoted sister - it's pretty much her main concern in life. Briar's also practical, down to earth, smart, and hardworking. I found it easy to connect with her early on in the story, and I loved watching her conquer all of the obstacles she comes across. The story is told from Briar's point of view, so we really get to know her character on a deeply personal level. Her thoughts, dreams, hopes, fears, and everything else are exposed for us to see. The first person point of view is my favorite writing style, and I'm very glad the author chose to use it for the story. I personally think it makes a big difference on how the story effects a reader - and the first person style seems to be the best option, in my opinion. One other part of Briar's character and background is her Irish heritage. I'm part Irish myself, and I liked reading about the different stories Briar had heard from her parents or others from the 'old country.' Some other readers probably won't think twice about this part of the book, but I liked it so much I

wanted to at least mention it. All of the other aspects of the story are well done, from the setting and other characters to the plot itself. It felt a bit slow at the beginning, but once things started happening - it picked up speed and had me hooked. I definitely recommend this book to fans of fantasy and fairy tales - it's one you'll want to pick up!

Spindle by Shonna Slyaton is a young adult fairy tale retelling of Sleeping Beauty. I knew I had to read Spindle because I love retellings, because Sleeping Beauty is one disney classic that I never watched too much and because the cover is bea-u-ti-ful! I mean, seriously it is so pretty! I loved Spindle. I thought it was well executed, had a great flair for the classic story, but Shonna Slayton still made it her own. Spindle is the story of Briar Rose, a young girl trying to work for a better life for her siblings. I really loved Rose. I thought her work ethic was admirable and I loved her dedication to her brothers and sister. But no story is complete without a prince. In this case, her best friend Henry Prince. Which I thought was a cute twist. His family is hiding a big secret, which totally intrigued me. I had my guesses from the beginning but I would be lying if I said I easily had this one completely figured out. Shonna Slyaton does some really cool things with the twists and secrets in Spindle. The only thing that annoyed me about Briar Rose was her continued fascination with Wheeler. I thought he was a jerk, but she couldn't seem to get him out of her head. But other than that, and a few slow points in the story, I really really enjoyed this tale. I thought it was a lot of fun. I think fans of retellings will love Spindle. I do wish there was a little more romance. It builds throughout the story but it is loaded heavier on the back end of the book. The industrial revolution time period is the perfect setting for Spindle. In fact, I think that was my favorite story telling decision. It set the mood of desperation perfectly. Spindle is a retelling take you don't want to miss. I can't wait for more from Shonna Slayton.\*Disclaimer- I got a copy of this book for free from the publisher or author.

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