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# Westward To Strange (Dark Water Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

When surfer chic Lu meets Morgan, a peculiar boy who swims in the forbidden, shark-infested cove water at night, her sleepy beach life suddenly gets a whole lot less sleepy. Her teacher assigns a paper that casts Lu into an investigation about coastal urban legends - one in particular that is eerily connected to her own family history. More gets wacky, and quickly: she loses patches of time, has vivid nightmares, gets into a huge fight with her BFF, and is fiercely attracted to the new weird kid in town. Then Dad sends a warning. Only problem is...he's been dead for twelve years. Will Lu unravel the dark water mysteries before it's too late? Or will time land her on the wrong side of an urban legend?

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## Customer Reviews

My teenage years are very far behind me, and furthermore I'm male, so I'm

certainly not one of the readers this novel is primarily aimed at, but I enjoyed it nonetheless. Lately I've been looking at a few young adult novels because I'm toying with the idea of writing one myself, and this one particularly caught my eye because its language is quick-footed and fun to read. Practically every sentence sparkles with lively details that immediately bring the characters and places to life. The story involves spooky mermaids and mermen that will remind you more of H. P. Lovecraft than Hans Christian Anderson. But there's more to the story than sea monsters, and the author takes her time getting to them. A family mystery, a book of magic spells, folklore about a creepy cult, the first stirrings of desire and love (or at least infatuation), and a number of other elements are given time to develop before the tale leads us fully into the dark waters that are hinted at in the first chapter. Some of these plot threads may seem irrelevant at first, but many of them end up playing an important part when the whole tapestry is revealed. A few readers may feel impatient waiting for the good stuff to happen, but I think most will enjoy the motion and life and the gradually mounting sense of suspense that leads to the climax, which is well worth waiting for. The author has a gift for language that seems to flow effortlessly like the ocean that she writes about. Even when the ocean is calm it's always moving, its surface always glittering with gems of sunlight or moonlight until the moon itself vanishes, and then the ocean is black and seemingly fathomless, like the dark and mysterious place that this novel finally brings us to.

Excellent book! Can't wait to read the next book by this writer.

Pick this book up today. Ray Litt has created a page turning thriller here. Sorry to sound cliche but I couldn't put it down.

I was fascinated with this book! Is one of those you can't put down until you're done. I hope Ray Litt continues writing writing.

How do you like your mermaid stories? Do you prefer them to be Disney-esque? Or do you prefer them to teeter on the edge of creepy? If you prefer the latter, *Westward to Strange* is for you! The mermaids in *Westward to Strange* are not friendly. In fact, they are downright terrifying. I have to give the author props for coming up with an original take on a siren. There is an element of mythology in the book that is new and unique, at least to me. I also thought the concept behind these killer mermaids helped heighten the mystery of the subplots. Don't read *Westward to Strange*

thinking it's just about mermaids. There is so much more going on in this book! For fans of mysteries, there will be much to keep you reading. For me, though, it was the descriptions that kept me turning the pages. I enjoyed reading about this beach community. Being a Florida resident myself, I felt like I could visualize the setting in my own town. I also enjoyed some of the characters. I was instantly drawn to Jake. I didn't connect with Cass at first, but he grew on me. I'm always on the lookout for books with mermaids. With so many books in the genre already on the market, it's hard to find something fresh. *Westward of Strange* certainly delivered in the fresh and unique market!

I was given this book by the author to read. Have you ever wondered about the dark water? What is lurking just below the surface? This twist on the traditional mermaid is exciting and dark. I enjoyed the characters of this story and the dialogue was easy to follow and believable. I look forward to reading the second in the series.

This book is a unique coming of age story. With powerful descriptions and perfectly executed verses it is easy to loose yourself in the cove. I found myself thinking about my own dreams. The author takes you to another world and shows you that true long lasting friendship is sometimes all you need. I hope that a sequel is in the works. I look forward to seeing more of what she has to offer.

I really enjoyed this book. It was a fast paced book. It was not like the typical books I read. However I liked the magical aspect that was in this book. I think this book will appeal to teens and adults.

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