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# Dreamfall #1: Dreamfall

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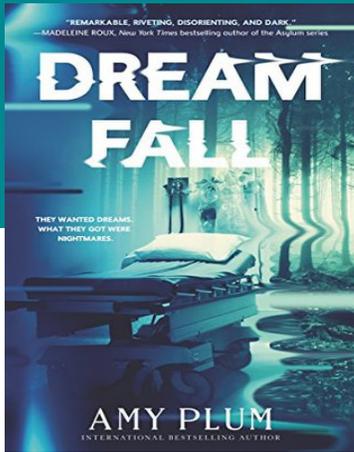
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## Book Review

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#### Rating

Dependable

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Young Adult

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293

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When an experimental procedure to cure insomnia goes wrong, Cata, Fergus, and five other teenagers are trapped in a world created by their own nightmares. When they wake up in this world they call Dreamfall, none of them remember how they got there. Nightmare after nightmare, the group must fight for survival and discover exactly what's going on—because if they die in Dreamfall, they will die in reality. Meanwhile, Jaime, an intern working with the project tries to discover what's happening to the seven patients. In his search he discovers the thing that threatens the patients the most is not the nightmares, but one of the patients themselves.

This novel is fast paced as the patients must continually fight for their survival as they face each nightmare. The horror of each nightmare keeps the readers pulled further into the novel and allows no rest for the characters—ironic, as the reason they got trapped in Dreamfall is to cure their insomnia and finally get some rest. But after a while, the action of the novel gets repetitive. The focus on the action doesn't allow much character growth, and each character stays the same throughout the novel. Additionally, the plot doesn't resolve at the end of the novel, relying on the sequel to tie the story up. But as the novel is quick and fun, readers won't feel cheated by dedicating too much time to this novel that doesn't completely resolve—just make sure to pick up the sequel right after reading the first one.

\*Contains moderate language and moderate violence.