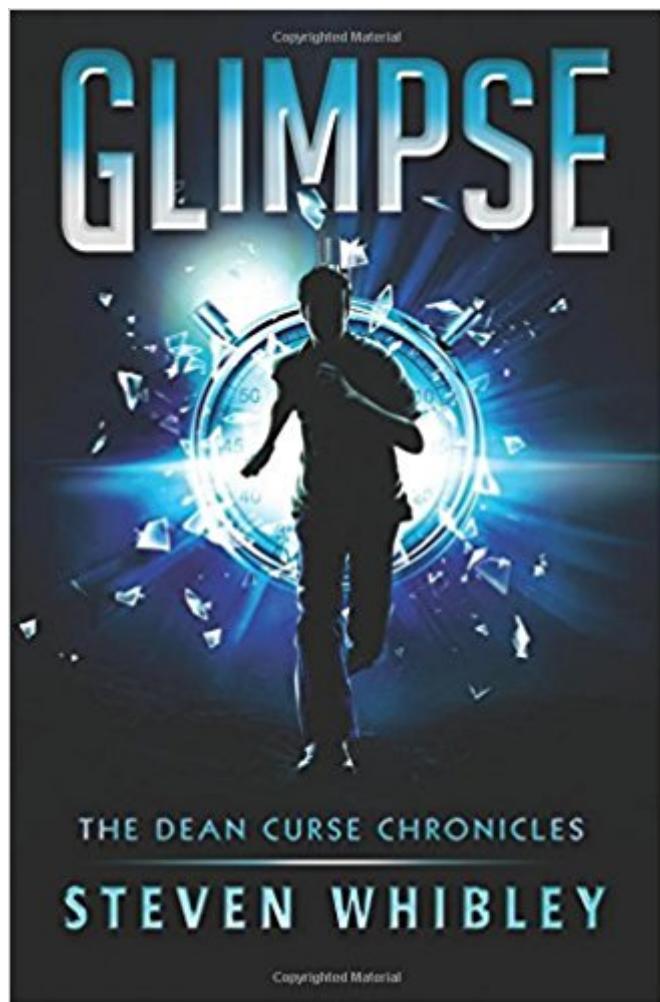


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This book popped up on Bookbub a while ago, so I thought I'd give it a go. The great cover was a definite hook. In the wake of a lifesaving event, Dean Curse is given the power to glimpse events before they happen. Glimpse is an original story with very likable characters and plenty of twists to keep you on your toes. We follow Dean as he tries to come to terms with the good and bad points of his newfound talent. I won't go into detail, but it wouldn't be the best thing to have to deal with everyday. I found the character voices and their interactions spot on. Dean's friend, Colin, is the likeable mate that we all like to have. Always there to lighten the load and give loyal support. IMO it was one of the underlying strengths of the story. My favourite quote | "Morning was like a kick in the shins: unexpected and painful." In a Nutshell | Glimpse is an interesting, entertaining, and clever story that should appeal to YA/Teen readers. I plan to continue reading this series.

This series must be read in order. This is the first book. I can't wait to read Relic! Dean is an ordinary highschool kid. He has two bestfriends (Colin & Lisa) who are always by his side. Everything is normal. Bullies, a kid sister & tests are his main worries until the fateful day he is late for school and sees a man being beaten in an alley. He can't help himself... He has to do something! He chases the guys off by pretending to have a cellphone and tries to help the bleeding man. The man touches Dean's blood covered chest and murmurs "Glimpse" before passing out. Now Dean gets terrifying visions of people contorting and screaming in agony. What did the man do to him? Is he cursed? What do the visions mean? Will he ever figure out what is going on? *** Though written about a

highschool student this series is (so far) suitable for middlegrade through adult readers who enjoy modern fantasy with plenty of mystery, action, adventure and suspense with a group of diehard friends to always find the truth :)

When Dean's visions start to come true, and people really start dying, he has to race against the clock - literally - to figure out what's happening. This was a funny, easy read from beginning to end. Great language skills and editing. In some ways, it brought to mind Harry Potter. You have Dean (Harry) in the limelight no matter how hard he tries to be invisible, you have Colin (Ron Weasley), Dean's sidekick friend always where he probably shouldn't be and you have his female best friend Lisa (Hermione) (sorry, probably spelled that wrong). This group of characters interact in many ways like their counterparts but the resemblance ends there. The only magic in this book is what comes from the Authors fingers. Meant as a compliment. A young boy, Dean, starts to experience visions of death. Not so much dead people as how they became during their death. Dean and his friends search for the reason this is suddenly happening to him. It's a great read that goes from a good laugh to some very serious stuff. Young and old will enjoy this read so I would recommend it to all ages. Well worth the time. *Glimpse (The Dean Curse Chronicles)*

This book reiterates an important life lesson: Stay out of alleys! Bad things happen in alleys. Am I right, Bruce Wayne? As for what happens to the book's main character, Dean Curse, in an alley, get a copy of *Glimpse* and find out for yourself. The answer is worth the read. *Glimpse* was very engaging with a good balance of action, humor, and suspense. Despite the tragedies that occur around Dean and his friends, the overall tone of the novel is upbeat. This was a very quick read, and not just because the book's target audience is younger young adults. The story drew me in and made me want to find out what was going on with Dean as quickly as possible. Dean was a good character, but Lisa intrigued me the most. Nothing rattled that girl. Nothing. She was a constant voice of reason for Dean and Colin. I wouldn't want to play poker against her. *Glimpse* is a fun YA read that sets up a promising series. And remember, kids: Just say "No" to alleys.

This book had me hooked from page one and just kept getting better. It's hard to believe it was a debut novel since it was so smoothly plotted and beautifully paced and the characterisation was so realistic. And as some have mentioned, mercifully free from typos & other grammar mistakes or 'poor writing' that often plagues ebooks. Many say that as long as the story is good, you can ignore those technical details but I disagree - a really "good", professional author should be able to tick

both boxes - and Steven Whibley shows that you can certainly do both! Just an all-round great story and as some other reviewers mentioned, without needing to be dragged down by angstsy romance or tedious love triangles. Love the banter between the friends & the siblings - the author somehow manages to make it witty & humorous but also realistic too. You could just picture the characters in your head. Dean Curse, the "hero" is a very likable and again, realistic, character - you can really see him as a decent 14yr old boy who tries to do the right thing but isn't some saintly martyr trying to change the world. His frustrations & dilemmas come across very 'real'. The end had an emotional moment that had me unexpectedly tearing up (especially after developing a strong dislike for one of characters - definitely didn't see that coming! I appreciate an author who can still surprise & challenge my emotions and make me do a 180 ;-) - and like another reviewer said, it does a great job of giving closure on this story but also including a cliffhanger for the next. Again, Steven Whibley shows how it should be done! I thoroughly recommend this to everyone young & old - I can't wait to read the next one in the series!

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