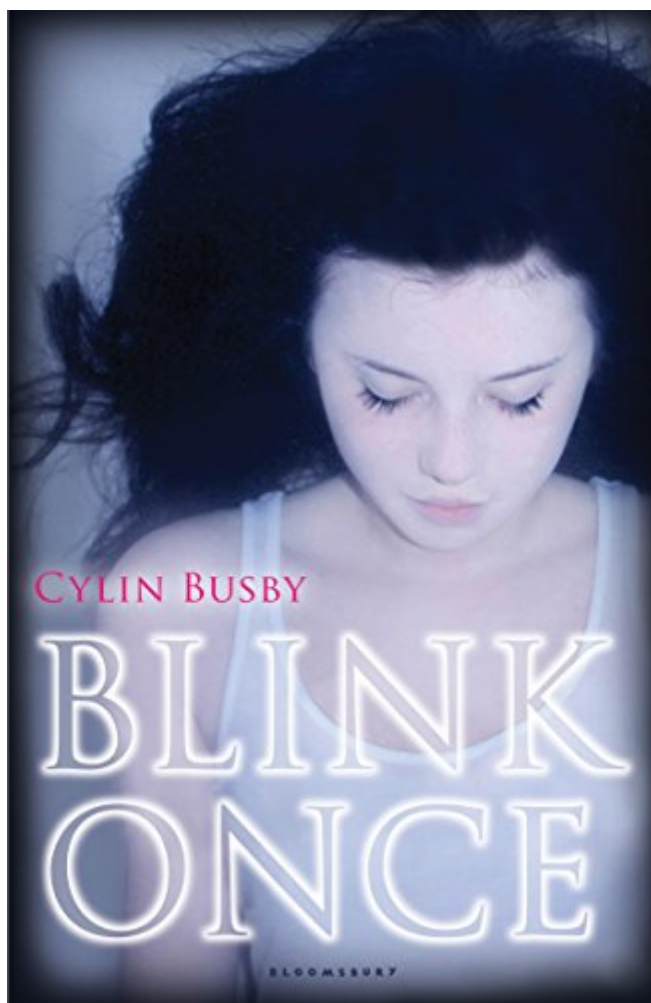


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# Blink Once



## Synopsis

West is a high school senior who has everything going for him until an accident leaves him paralyzed. Strapped down in his hospital bed, slipping in and out of consciousness, West is terrified and alone. Until he meets Olivia. She's the girl next door-sort of. A patient in the room next to his, only Olivia can tell what West is thinking, and only Olivia seems to know that the terrible dreams he's been having are not just a result of his medication. Yet as West comes to rely on Olivia-to love her, even-certain questions pull at him: Why has Olivia been in the hospital for so long? And what does it mean that she is at the center of his nightmares? But the biggest question of all comes when West begins to recover and learns that the mysterious girl he's fallen in love with has a secret he could never have seen coming.

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## Customer Reviews

I read her first book "The year we disappeared" and love that book... When I reached the end of that book, my kindle has suggestions for other books. Along with another novel (this one) written by Cylin Busby. Since I had enjoyed "The year we disappeared" so much I didn't hesitate. This novel

was up there with Stephen King, but not his real creepy books. It was fiction, and it had you going. It isn't something that will creep you out - where you are really on the edge like some of Kings book can do. It is along the lines of "The green mile" in the sense of "something special" something that could happen... I wish I could give you an example of what I mean, however I sure wouldn't want to give things away...This book is good!!! I truly feel you won't have wasted your money or time if you buy & read this book... As I wrote in a review for "The year we disappeared". I read on average a few books a week, I don't very often take the time out to write a review, so for me it has to really be something I truly, truly enjoyed before I will spend my time to do so.Thank you for listening to me...Vikky

Just when authors of Young Adult novels seem to be all alike...along comes Cylin Busby. Her newest work, Blink Once, is a YA novel that truly respects the intellect and emotional depth of young adult readers.Blink Once centers around a high-school senior, West, who lies in a hospital, paralyzed and heavily medicated. Only another patient, the mysterious Oliva, understands West's inner thoughts--including his haunting dreams. The author uses crafty techniques (such as semi-reliable narration) to guide her audience through West's lucid but confused dreamscape. As West grows to trust, depend on, and ultimately love Oliva, he learns of her past and why she stands at the center of his fate. Wonderful support characters such as Nurse Norris and Mike provide great contrasts and insights. At the end, there is a twist you'll never see coming.Other YA novels (Harry Potter, Twilight and Hunger Games, etc.) are well-written and clever, but ultimately shallow. The difference between reading JK Rowling and Cylin Busby is like the difference between watching a TV sitcom and seeing a live Broadway performance: the former simply entertains; the latter inspires. A writer at the top of her craft, Busby weaves her storytelling with mystery, poignancy and wit.Blink Once is a book a parent can be excited to give to a teenager (as I have), knowing that it will not only entertain their imaginations, but also expand their minds. Order this book, and keep an eye on this author; she is bound for great things ahead.

This is a heart warming story, that I fell in love with. It follows an amazing story line that swept me away to another world. The book is about a high schooler named West who gets into a accident putting him in the hospital. He's unable to move or communicate with others, the only person who is able to understand him and keep him company is the next door patient Olivia. Cylin Busby did a great job of bringing the story to life. My only problem with this book is that I want to read more about West's life after the book ends.

This is an amazing book. It actually is inspiring. I won't go into any details, because it is well summarized. But the prose is beautiful, and you really care about what happens to the MC, West (Where do they get these names by the way? I've never met anyone with a more interesting name than Francis. Anyhow...). Since it's told from his point of view, you get to know him well. The thought of being trapped in a hospital bed, unable to move or communicate is a frightening thing, and the author conveys the emotions well. As has been said, there is a twist. A huge one. I had a suspicion that I knew what it was, but it was only part of it, and when the other part hit, my jaw dropped. Someone mentioned that this book really didn't have a happy ending. I think it does. It really doesn't matter in the plot whether West walks again or not, or if he and Olivia are a couple or not. The point is that everyone winds up where they should be in their life. And that makes for a satisfying read.

(Spoilers) I love the idea of the book though I was saddened by the ending. I want to read a romance where there is a happy ending or at least another book coming out that will give me the fantasy ending I want. I didn't totally see what was coming at the end but had a pretty good idea. The book was interesting and kept me turning the pages. If the ending had a more appealing ending, it would have been a five star for sure!

The book sucked me in, I finished it in two nights. Easy read and very realistic. I enjoyed every minute of it. Left me feeling uplifted and the main character was very inspiring

This was a quick engrossing read. The main character is in a coma and communicates with the girl in the next room. They develop a relationship based on experiences that only the two of them can understand. A surprise twist at the end will leave you wondering where reality and dreams overlap.

Blink Once is so very good and heart wrenching; it actually made me cry a little. I don't want to say too much because I don't want to give anything away.

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