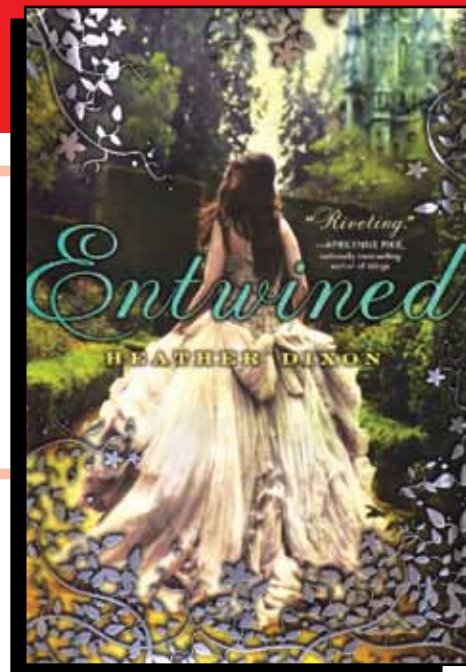


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Entwined

Written by Heather Dixon
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Teen Case
Fantasy



About This Book

Azalea is trapped. Just when everything is within reach . . . beautiful gowns, dashing suitors, exquisite balls. . . it's all taken away.

The Keeper understands. He's extends an invitation.



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of the palace. And so he

Every night, Azalea and her eldorado in their room to dance in his silver forest. But there is a cost. The Keeper likes to keep things. Azalea may not realize how tangled she is in his web until it is too late.

In the half-magical world of Eathesbury, Azalea is the oldest of 12 daughters and heir to her father's throne. When their mother dies after a long illness, the siblings find a hidden passageway to an enchanted pavilion under the castle where they can dance all night, secretly breaking the rules of mourning. The mysterious and alluring Keeper makes this possible, but he also seems to have less-than-honourable plans for the girls, especially Azalea. The tale becomes increasingly dark and brooding as the truth from ages past comes out, and Azalea realizes precisely what evil they are pitted against. With unexpected twists, the story — based on the original Grimm's tale, *The Worn-Out Dancing Shoes* — plunges toward a harrowing conclusion.

Tips, Scripts and More...

This first novel is richly imagined with a gothic feel, and Dixon's descriptions of the many dances are captivating. This romantic fantasy is dark in tone, and the villain resembles a sinister faerie. The story gracefully explores significant themes of grief and loss, mercy and love. Full of mystery, lush settings, and fully-developed characters, Dixon's debut is both suspenseful and rewarding.

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