

Chrysalis: The Awakening (Book 1)

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Born a mortal, yet destined to be one of the most powerful of the Chosen Ones, Bree Campbell begins awakening to the truth of who she really is at the age of thirty-two. Her mortal life has been full of pain, and to protect her secret the memories of thirteen years of her life were erased. Escaping from a painfully abusive marriage, Bree begins to reconnect with who she is and discovers that she has a tremendous destiny ahead of her.

Bree has been selected to help save the mortal world by helping repair a rift that exists between it and the magical world. To make matters more difficult she has to help rid the mortal world of demons that have been wrecking havoc while trying to gain control.

Being reunited with people from her past, Bree starts coming into her power. Even as a mortal she discovers that she has acquired some very strong magical abilities. Fearing for her safety, because she is still mortal and there are many that want her dead, a clan of vampires comes to Bree's aid and select her to be a part of them. Included in this clan is Bree's forgotten love Steve. Bree has to deal with regaining her lost memories and her transformation. She also has to figure out who she can trust as her metamorphosis begins so that she can stay alive.

M.L. Lacy has written a powerful fantasy novel with "Chrysalis: The Awakening." Incorporating a variety of magical elements into her story makes it a very enjoyable escape. Underlying the drama of having to save the world, there is also a deeper theme for the heroine. Bree's human experiences have taught her to value her humanity. Even as she is beginning the process of becoming a very powerful immortal, a Chosen One, Bree still has to reconcile her human values with her new understanding of immortal values. I found this aspect of the story to be extremely interesting and well written. I truly enjoyed this novel and highly recommend it. I look forward to reading the continuing series.