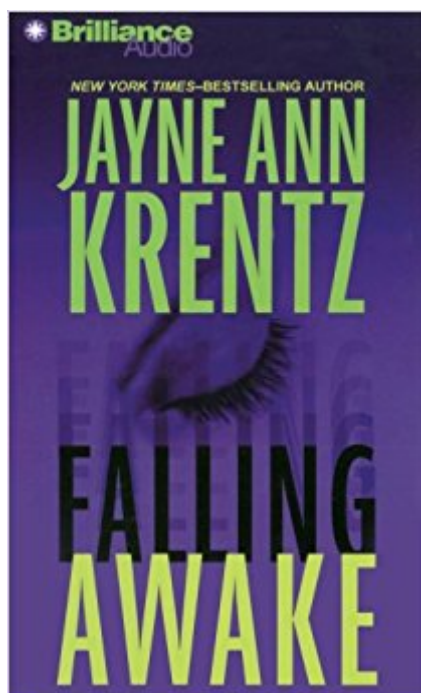


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Synopsis

A red scarf. A roller coaster. A tidal wave of blood. Isabel Wright spends her days at the Belvedere Center for Sleep Research analyzing the dreams of others. Dr. Martin Belvedere, a pioneer in the field, recognized her unique talent for what he calls Level Five lucid dreaming - and rescued her from a dead-end job at the psychic dreamer hotline. It's satisfying, lucrative work, but it can be emotionally draining at times. Especially when one of her anonymous subjects, known only as Client Number Two, captures her imagination through his compelling dream narratives. Secretly, she thinks of him as "dream man." Client Number Two's real name is Ellis Cutler. A loner who learned long ago not to let anyone get too close, he works for a highly classified government agency with an interest in the potential value of lucid dreaming. And he has just been ordered by his boss to make contact with Isabel, who's been fired after the sudden death of Dr. Belvedere. Heading to California, he pushes his own fantasies out of his mind, determined to maintain a professional relationship with the woman who reads his dreams, the mysterious figure he has come to think of as "Tango Dancer." But when they meet in the flesh, the dream becomes real enough to touch. And a waking nightmare begins - when a suspicious hit-and-run leads them into a perilous web of passion, betrayal and murder, and forces them to walk the razor-thin line between dreams and reality. . . .

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Customer Reviews

Isabel Wright, a Belvedere Center for Sleep Research analyst and Level Five lucid dreamer, meets the man of her dreams in bestseller Krentz's (Truth or Dare, etc.) romantic thriller. When Isabel's

boss, Martin Belvedere, is found dead in his study, his son, Randolph, who was always scornful of his father's belief in dreamers capable of uncovering secrets, takes over the business. He fires Isabel before he realizes that her crime-solving through dreams pays most of the center's bills. Isabel trains to be a motivational speaker while falling into the arms of fellow lucid dreamer Ellis Cutler (aka "Dream Man"), whose dreams she had been decoding and who has likewise been dreaming of her (he thinks of her as "Tango Dancer"). Isabel's former co-workers at the Belvedere Center and Ellis's colleagues from his secret government agency provide a rich assortment of suspects and victims who must be sorted out by the lover-detectives as they wrestle good guys from the dark side, repair troubled marriages and fix ailing businesses. Though her New Age imagination sometimes runs into overdrive, Krentz holds her readers' attention with attractive, appealing protagonists, flawed but sympathetic secondary characters and winningly self-mocking humor. Her unflagging positive energy proves so overwhelming that the reader will happily make her way through a story that defies logic, based on psychology that defies reason, to a happy ending that defies description. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Isabel Wright thought that the new director of the Belvedere Center for Sleep Research wanted to meet to discuss her promotion; instead, Isabel is informed that her services are no longer required. With the dearth of available openings for dream analysts, Isabel is prepared to return to her old job at the Psychic Dream Hotline. But Ellis Cutler, one of two anonymous clients from the sleep research center whose dreams Isabel had been analyzing, offers Isabel the opportunity to come work for his employer, Frey-Salter, Inc., a highly classified government agency involved in dream research and the use of extreme dreaming as an investigative technique. Working for Frey-Salter, Inc., would be a dream come true for Isabel, as long as it's on her terms. Ellis is more than willing to give Isabel a more active role in his investigations, but their mutual attraction may make keeping things strictly professional between them mighty difficult. New York Times best-selling Krentz excels at crafting superior, sexy romantic suspense, and her latest has all the ingredients her readers love: a riveting plot, a nicely developed romance between a smart and independent heroine and a tough yet tender hero, and her unique, delightfully dry wit. John Charles Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Like all of Ms. Kentz's books, this one was a jewel. The way she develops her characters grabs me every time.

Isobel Wright is in the perfect job at the Belvedere Center for Sleep Research. She interprets dreams of deep level dreamers. Isobel finds herself attracted to Client 2 and he begins invading her dreams. Then her boss dies and she gets fired. Enter Ellis Cutler who has been sent from a super secret government agency to recruit Isobel. The two team up to find the rogue agent who is trying to take over the agency. Usually with a Krentz book I am wrapped into it from the beginning sentences, not so with this one. But eventually I was enthusiastically reading to find out who the bad guy was. This reminds me more of a Jayne Castle book than a Krentz book.

Kept your interest going strong with a plot that made you think.....

I know I always say this but "I loved this book". Ellis & Isabel are great and there is more humor in this book. The scene with Isabel & Ian having lunch is hilarious. I loved the way Ellis comes to Isabel's defense when she is confronted by her family. Anyone interested in Romantic Suspense with some 'not overly graphic' sex will enjoy this book.

I have read this book before and I loved it then. Jayne Ann Krenttz knows how to write a book. I have every book she has ever written. I love the names she gives her characters whether contemporary, science fiction or whatever she writes. I hope you enjoy her books like I do.

I love reading Jayne Ann Krentz books. Falling awake is fun to think of the possibilities of what our minds can do.

Nicely written as always, enjoy the way her mind works, just wish she could write faster.

Truly enjoyed this book. I also love this author. No brainer for me. The characters were multi dementional & it kept my interest to the point that I wanted to read it straight through. I was a bit frustrated when I couldn't! If you like reads that are a little different you'll love this one!

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