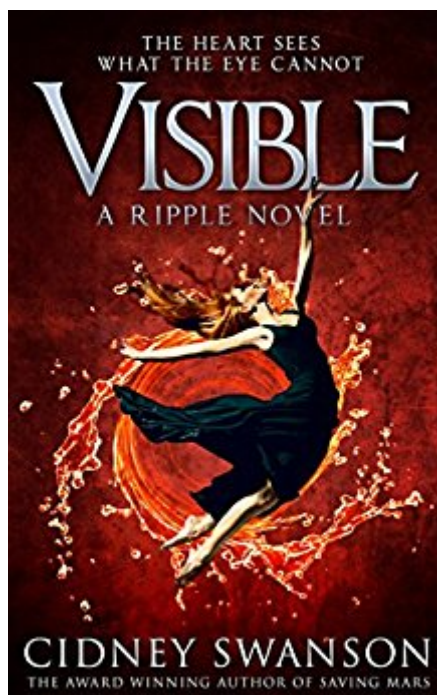


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## Visible (Ripple Series Book 4)



## Synopsis

Gwyn Li survived assault and abduction in UNFURL, and now she's more than ready for a little happily ever after with her seventeenth century crush, Chr tien de Rochefort. As Chr tien spins tales from his background as Cinderella's original prince charming, he casts an even deeper spell on Gwyn. But Fritz Gottlieb, son of arch-nemesis Helmann, is still hot on the trail of Helmann's secrets and comes up with a more deadly way to use Gwyn to get what he wants. And if Fritz succeeds, Gwyn won't be doing any midnight dancing with anyone.

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## Customer Reviews

I was skeptical about this next book in the series. I thought everything had closure in book 3. Continuing with a different character's perspective was kind of brilliant. I loved Gwyni's thought process considering she's not a Rippler. She's a bit impulsive, but always trying to keep people smiling. Her speaking in third person concerning her many selves...too funny. Her character

narrative was such a great addition, as were all the characters. Her pursuit of love was both comical and sweet. I laughed more in this book. Chretien was adorable trying to understand so much. This is not just a love story. It has drama, bad guys, kidnapping, a lot going on. I love being surprised by a book. Well Done!

Well, that's sad. I am officially out of Cidney Swanson books to read. This was such a fun romp. After finishing all the Saving Mars I could find, I decided to read this fourth book of the Rippler series. This one was from the best friend, Gwen's point of view. That caught me off guard at first. I hadn't read the rest of the series for a while so I felt I missed something. But after reading reviews and blurbs I finally got back on track and enjoyed the rest of the book. This story is more fantasy, though, I suppose there is an element of science here, it felt much more the fairy-tale. In fact, you will find a few fairy-tales retold in this book that were very apropos to the plot and characters. Speaking of plot and characters, Ms. Swanson did her usual believable, lovable characters in an enchanting, exciting story. For me, Visible wasn't as fun as the space sci-fi of Mars, but the Rippler series does offer enough adventure to help me ease back to other books and stories. Visible is aimed at young adult. Saving Mars didn't feel dedicated to one group or another. Oh, and though there wasn't a cliffhanger and all plot strings were clean up, there was enough left that should she decide to, Cidney could write more to this series. I look forward to reading more!

This book, the fourth in the series about rippling, or the ability to become invisible at will, is written from the perspective of Samantha's best friend Gwyn, in the first person. Gwyn very much wants to have Chretien in her life. He's been alive for centuries, thanks to his ability to ripple and to remain that way for as long as he wishes, but, in actuality, he is very close to her in age in terms of how much he's actually aged. In the meantime, there's a plot involving one of the sons of the original bad guy who wants to continue his father's work, and he tries to get the infirmity he needs from the group by threatening family members and pets. In the end, he does not get what he wants; no one does, except for the fact that Gwyn does get her man! This is a very sweet story and it made me smile. I especially love the way that fairy tales were interwoven into it as a means of telling the story of Chretien and his long-dead wife. In this retelling of the fairy tales, it turns out that the written tales as we know them are changed versions of actual real-life events that occurred in Chretien and his wife's lives. This, to me, is a very clever plot device. One other thing that I really like about it is that Gwyn learns some things about herself and that she grows up along the way, too. I really enjoyed this one and would highly recommend it to anyone who likes this type of fiction.

I wasn't sure when I first started this book, that I would like it coming from Gywn's perspective. I had just finished the first 3 from Sam and Will's POV and it was a bit of a jolt that the books took a turn. It quickly grew on me when I decided it was a good thing to get to know the other character's better. Considering it was meant to be a trilogy and turned into 7 books, it makes sense that we would spend more time with the members of the group. Gywn is quite the character, sarcastic, funny and a big personality. I very much enjoyed this book. I would recommend this series to anyone who enjoys fantasy/sci-fi. Definitely start with book one, they are meant to be standalones.

Unlike the first three books, this story focuses mostly on what is happening rather than making the main story be Gwyn's angst over possible relationships. Gwyn certainly thinks about potential relationships, but that part of the story does not overshadow the action taking place. Instead, the relationship thread flows organically with the progression of the story as a whole. Altogether, this book moves the overarching story forward in a delightful manner. The main characters continue to grow and new characters are sufficiently developed to make the story intriguing. Although this book is told from Gwyn's point of view, for the most part, everyone is involved. Lots of interesting events transpire and there are enough twists and turns to make the story interesting. I lost sleep so I could find out what happened next. Definitely a good addition to the trilogy.

I've always loved Swanson's Ripple series, and Visible was no exception. This book was different from others in the series in that it is told entirely from Gwen's perspective. Gwen has always been a favorite character of mine: I love her sass, wit, and humor. I love the way she looks at life and how adaptable she is. She's also a cat person, which makes me like her even more. The plot from the other books in the Ripple series continued in Visible, but it wasn't the entire focus of the book. For me, the main focus was Gwen and her love life and personal growth. I loved that aspect of this story, especially the historical fairy-tale element. The issue of the 'sleepers' was a huge part of the story, of course, but it took a backseat to Gwen's happiness (at least for me). The only thing I didn't like about Visible was that it felt slow at times. Overall, it was a great read and I look forward to the next installment in the Ripple series! An added bonus: this series is very clean and that's refreshing.

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