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AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER

"Maybe there isn't any magic now," she whispered. Her breath formed white clouds, "maybe all the magic is dead."

"Clara," Jarno said, gazing at her earnestly. His eyes bored deep within her, reaching something that gave her a warm feeling inside her breast, despite the cold. "I sense that there was no magic while you were sleeping, but that it has woken up with you."

He really had fallen a bit in love with the mysterious marble figure, and had placed a tender kiss on her cold lips. Jarno is so bewildered now, with a young woman standing in front of him, who knows nothing about electric lights or torn jeans, and who has clearly been asleep in this old villa for a hundred years. What's a poor unemployed underdog to do with a girl from a former century? But there's no time for wondering because both Jarno and the lovely Clara suddenly find themselves in terrible danger. A game of life and death now begins...

In her incomparable style, which manages to be both poetic and raw, Jennifer Benkau has woven a Romantasy with thrilling elements of suspense and created, with her emancipated Sleepy Beauty and her

stumbling prince, a thoroughly authentic pair of lovers.

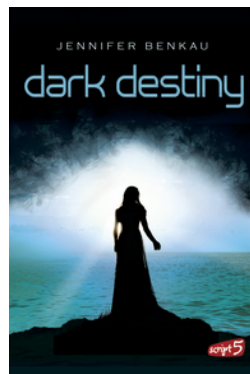
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Jennifer Benkau was born in 1980 in the neighbourhood of Cologne, where she still lives with her husband, three children and two cats. After spending her childhood days hammering stories out on a typewriter, she no sooner grew up when she fell promptly into a deep sleep, like Snow White, that lasted for ten years, until one stormy night, she was kissed by her first idea for a novel and awoke. From that moment on, there was no holding her.

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