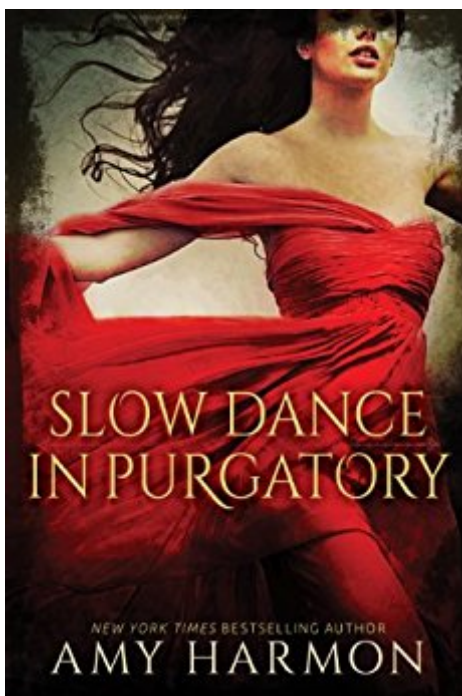


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# Slow Dance In Purgatory (Purgatory Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

The hallways are empty, the school day long over, the din of lockers and youthful laughter have dissolved into silence. It's as if the very walls are waiting. And then through the intercom a song starts to crackle, the soundtrack of a forgotten life. And the band begins to sing - "Lovely Maggie falls for Johnny, a boy no one else can see. Heartthrob Johnny, 50s bad boy, trapped for eternity. Lonely boy and lonely girl, unsolved mystery. Maggie and Johnny, only high school sweethearts, because Johnny can't ever leave. Do wop, Do wop.."In 1958, a rumble goes down outside the brand new highschool in Honeyville, Texas. Chaos ensues, a life is lost, and Johnny Kinross disappears. But in 2010, someone finds him. Orphaned at the age of ten, 17-year-old Maggie O'Bannon finally finds a permanent home with her elderly aunt in a small Texas town. Working part-time as a school janitor, she becomes enmeshed in a fifty-year-old tragedy where nothing is as it seems and the boy of her dreams might vanish when the bell rings. This volatile and mismatched romance is doomed from its start, as Maggie struggles to hold on to yet another person she is destined to lose. Secret love and hushed affection are threatened by outside forces, resulting in a desperate race to keep a secret no one would understand. Deeply romantic, funny and tender, *Slow Dance in Purgatory* captures the heartache of a love story where a happy ending might be decades too late.

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## Customer Reviews

The year is 1958 and Johnny Kinross is 19 years old. He arrives at the newly built high school for a rumble. Johnny is there to defend his younger brother against snide comments made by the mayor's son, Roger. The night ends tragically and Johnny finds himself trapped in limbo, invisible to others and unable to leave the school. Flash forward to 2010...Margaret "Maggie" O'Bannon has had her share of tragedy. After the death of her parents, she was bounced around the foster care system until finally coming to live with her great-aunt. Maggie is special - she has the ability to see ghosts. Normally the ghosts don't interact with her - she just sees them carrying out a moment from their lives before disappearing - but when Maggie sees Johnny, he is able to see, hear, and touch her. As Johnny and Maggie spend more time together, they find themselves falling for each other. But their relationship seems doomed from the start...how can they be together when Johnny is a ghost? I really liked this book. Johnny is just the right mix of a James Dean bad boy and a knight in shining armor. Maggie is an average girl with a tough backstory. I liked that she wasn't drop dead gorgeous and that she hadn't been broken by her past. It made her a relatable character and made me want to root for her. I was hooked into this story from page one and loved the fact that it kept flashing back to the 1950s. It is such a romanticized era in American history. It certainly had its faults, but it was a much simpler time with some fantastic music, which is why I think so many people love it. The story was well written and I enjoyed Amy's writing style. It is definitely a sweet, sigh inducing story that is well worth the read.

OK, I have to confess that I love 50's music, and Amy's use of many of my favorites as chapter titles strongly predisposed me in favor of this book. I found myself wishing that ABC Family or some other cable network would film this so we could actually see and hear Maggie and Johnny dancing in the school. Apropos to nothing, Slow Dance rather reminded me of the old Disney Channel movie, Susie Q, although Amy took Slow Dance into new and different directions. Even without the music, though, the book did not disappoint. The characters are likeable, the drama is sustaining, and many of the little touches, such as Irene's car, are delightful. Well, Maggie is a bit of a drama queen, but, considering her difficult personal story, that might be forgiveable. Gus and Irene, as the supportive adults, make a strong impression, while Roger, though long dead, manages to function as a rather chilling villain. Shad is a bundle of insecurities, but makes up for it with a fierce loyalty. This is a good read, and I intend to read the sequel. enjoy!

Amazing. Breath taking. Would give more stars if I could. I had read all of her previous books and saved this last because the synopsis didn't really catch me. Wow. It was way more than anything I expected. Personally, I feel this is appropriate for YA. Kissing and longing but no sex scenes and no even fade to black to imagine. Was very PG but still incredibly engaging for an adult. Multiple side stories and personalities both you get and much much older. Was just so incredible.

After having read all of Amy Harmon's books, I knew that rather sooner than later, I'd be reading this one and the sequel as well. Now that I finished them, I want to slap myself a dozen times over as why I didn't read these already ages ago! Beautiful, heartwarming story with very lovable characters. Once I started reading, I couldn't put it down. Captivating and gripping story. I barely read any paranormal books but I know that if they were all written in the way Amy Harmon writes them, I'd read them all. All of the characters touched my heart, each in their own way. I must confess I was a bit confused with their names in the beginning but the further I got in the story, it became more clear as of who was who and when/where they were. If you're a fan of Amy Harmon's writing, and you haven't read this (and the sequel) yet, don't wait any longer! Get on it, asap!

This story flowed with a life of its own. The author created rules in a world that was shifting and changing; outside of the definition of physics. It seemed difficult to believe, yet I believed--sold to the idea because Amy Harmon made the characters and setting so so real. I felt for Johnny and the confines of his existence. I loved Maggie and her strength. She was so sweet and good, yet was solid in what she wanted and pursued it with focus. Aunt Irene, Gus, Shad, and even Roger and Dolly just came alive--living on the pages and interweaving in each other's life to create a plot that was pretty cool. Buy this book! Right away, guys! Thanks for a great story, Amy Harmon! Because of this book, I have bought all your other kindle books and am proceeding to read them now!

I did not know what to expect when starting *Slow Dance in Purgatory*. It was a recommendation, but I had not even read a review or the synopsis. Just bought it and started reading. I was captivated from page one all the way through to the end. Now I am attempting to be patient until book 2 comes out. Completely thrilled to hear there may even be a book 3. The book is on that I could let my children read without worrying if it was too adult in content, at the same time it is a fantastic read for adults. The pace was perfect. I found myself not wanting to ever put the book down because I had a need to know what was going to happen next. Very intriguing content. Very well written. Definitely

deserving of a 5 star rating! Keep them Coming Amy - you have a new fan!

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