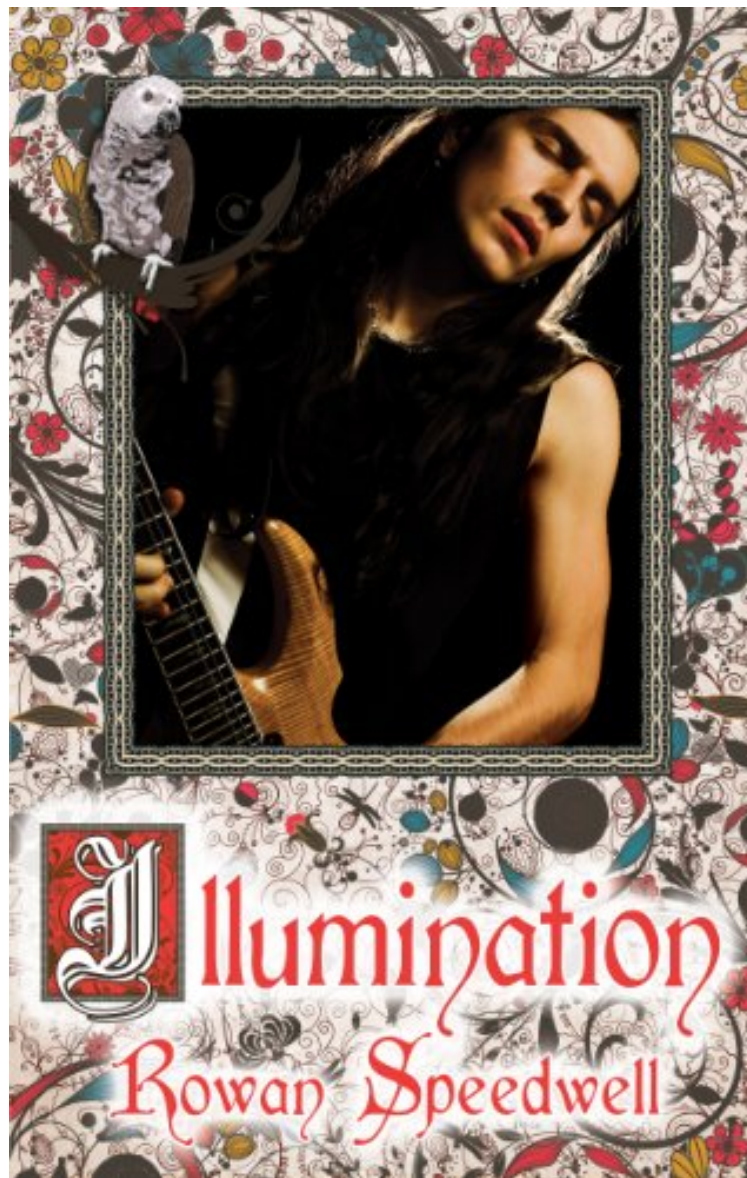


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Von Rowan Speedwell : Illumination (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Illumination (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A sweet, romantic fairytaleVon FelizAdam is the lead singer for a wildly popular soft metal band, Black Varen. Miles is a recluse who hasnt left his home for ten years since his emotional condition rends him physically unable to. Never the

twain shall meet you'd think? Yet, it happens. In the aftermath of a concert, drunk and high on pot and God-knows-what, Adam stumbles into a cab and somehow ends up on Miles' front porch, a Belle to Miles' Beast. And from there onward, things take their course. I was taken by Miles right from the start. Awkward, geeky, and oh so vulnerable, which is why he's developed a defensive strain a mile wide, but also sexy, smart and capable to love without restraint. Miles is an artist, he makes illuminated manuscripts which are to illustrated manuscripts, in his own words, like Notre Dame to your local church and I loved how the details of paint-making, calligraphy and illumination were seamlessly worked into the narrative; I learned a lot without ever feeling hit over the head with dry facts. (however, opinions might differ on said details; they actually tend to slow the narrative flow down at times. I didn't mind since I found that this fit the story perfectly, but that might be only me.) But Miles is also severely limited by his condition; years ago he lost his memory, his former personality, practically his whole life in an accident. His only companion is a parrot (albeit a VERY smart one), nearly his only human contact consists of his sister and of a friend who occasionally accommodates his sexual needs. But Miles is barely aware how starved for human contact, for a friend he is until Adam literally lands at his feet. No wonder Miles falls for him almost on the spot, and it doesn't hurt that Adam is beautiful and that his needs and wants fit Miles' like hand in glove, sexually as well as emotionally. Because Adam, although he seems to have everything—success, wealth, fame—is just as starved as Miles is. Adam has been sick of his empty Rock Star life for a while now. Drugs, false friends, meaningless fucks—Adam longs for the genuine, for something that matters. It would've been easy for him to take advantage of Miles, who is really rather clueless about a lot of things. Fortunately, Adam realizes very soon that Miles might be what he'd been looking for for so long, and so he is patient, understanding and as considerate as he can be. Which doesn't mean that he doesn't mess up on occasion, but so does Miles. Their road toward each other isn't without obstacles, one of the biggest of which is Miles' inability to leave his home. Because of that fact, Adam is forced to fight his hardest battles without his lover by his side, while Miles needs to work through a lot of distress and misgivings on his own. But they do, and it's so beautiful to watch how hard they work to make their unlikely love work. This is a very romantic story, with sweet moments that had me going aww, with angst and pain and also with some depth that made the anticipated solution altogether more rewarding. A pleasant and commendable read. Read more of this review at [...]

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