All that writer Cece Caruso -- a thirty-nine-year-old former beauty queen from New Jersey -- really wants to do is finish her biography of Erle Stanley Gardner so that she can finally stop obsessing about Perry Mason. Well, that and find a 1970 silk chiffon Ossie Clark to add to her collection of vintage clothing. And fix the broken front doorknob on her West Hollywood bungalow. But first she has to help save her daughters foundering marriage, which is more than Cece could manage for her own. Everybody's got problems. In a last-ditch effort to kick a bad case of writers block, Cece pays a visit to a prison inmate who had once corresponded with Gardner, pleading his innocence. Her impetuousness lands her smack in the middle of a case worthy of Perry Mason himself -- a double-edged mystery linking a forty-year-old murder to one where the body is still warm. Propelled by tenacity, curiosity, a sense of humor, and an understanding of human nature's dark side, Cece will channel the inner sleuth she never realized she possessed to find a killer who is all too real -- and all too close. I Dreamed I Married Perry Mason is hip, sexy, and smart. Susan Kandel has created an unforgettable cast of characters planted firmly in terra California. Join Cece as she breaks into crime scenes, outfoxes lawyers, rekindles a romance with a police detective, and -- oh, yes -- finally makes her peace with Perry Mason.

My Personal Review:
This book had all the elements I look for in a light read. The main character has a style all her own (even though most of her vintage clothing is borrowed), the story is implausible but good, and the author has done some fascinating research to bring alive the ghost of Earle Stanley Gardner, author of the original Perry Mason series of books. Ms. Kandel weaves the crazy story of a convicted murderer whose innocence she is forced (by guilt via the prison Priest) to prove around the details of Gardners life and the well-described surroundings of West Hollywood and Northern California. A true sign of success... the book makes you want to visit the places described within... and also to pick up

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