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### Rebecca says

As innocent children, we all seem to want and maybe even need the fairy tale and its happily ever after, hiding behind rose colored glasses and believing that good always prevails thwarting any attempt for the villain to win.

But the real world is not a fairy tale...it's not a place with only beautiful and angelic beings because perfection is impossible and the contradictory actions and feelings of love and hate, beauty and ugliness, and healing and destruction are the true reality of the world regardless of how sheltered and shielded parents try to keep their children, especially when they know firsthand what malice, mayhem, and savagery exists in the world because they were a part of it in the past.

The sins of the father...

Brye McCowan lives his life according to that dictate; in fact, as the heir to his father's 'unholy throne,' Brye revels in the mayhem, in the duplicity, in the savagery, and in the hedonistic pleasure that he takes without warning. He's a soulless murderer thanks to his father's iron fist and the vacancy in his eyes was placed and created by a monster whose controlling and manipulative ways forced a boy to become a man hellbent on becoming darkness personified in order to survive in this dangerous and deadly world that he never had a choice but to join.

Filly Ryan knows nothing of her father or her mother's sins; in fact, they have done everything they can to not allow their past to infect their daughter's present, but in doing so, their sins wreak even more havoc than they would have if her parents would have been honest and shared the reasons behind their insistence that she remain out of Chicago. But regardless of their shielding, she learns firsthand exactly who her mother and father were when she was faced with a monster who made it his mission to share her parents' misdeeds in exquisite detail, shattering Filly's world in one hellish and depraved night that never seemed to end her heartbreak or her feeling of loss.

How do an angel and a demon...a saint and a sinner...a heroine and a villain find a connection that they seem willing to risk EVERYTHING for, despite the depravity and torture that the innocent had to endure? It's not an easy question to answer nor is it a simple storyline to read, but it's a concrete representation of the darkness that invades the world and what occurs when a naive girl learns a truth she never wanted to but now can never forget.

Wow! Ace Gray DOES NOT take it easy on her readers, but I would expect nothing less from a story where monsters are out in the open and are willing to do whatever it takes to keep their depraved selves in full view of the chaos they create, and while it's difficult to witness what Filly must go through due to her curiosity and her pull towards Brye, a man she knows nothing about, the woman who Filly becomes because of her experiences at the hands of the McCowans is one who now understands life's paradoxical contrasts and that enlightenment allows her to survive...allows her to understand and even forgive her parents' past and a future that may be nothing like she thought it would be but it's one she chooses nonetheless.

I adore dark romances, especially ones that twist in unexpected ways and Ace Gray's Twisted Secrets is that kind of story. Gray constructs a duplicitous and deadly world with dynamic characters who change and grow as truths are uncovered and they find ways to face life's ugliness even when they want to give up.

Do horror stories have happy endings? I can't really say because one person's happiness is another person's nightmare. But what I do know is that Brye and Filly's story ends in the only way it can, providing them a choice - one that will determine just how far they're willing to go for themselves and each other.

4.5 Poison Apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

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### **Paperback Princess says**

Looooooved this book...omg!!!!

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### **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

So color me surprised, but I pretty much loved this one. I mean, it shouldn't have been such a big surprise as I quite like this author's writing. But the last book I read in this series was full on with cheating and other people sex scenes, and lately, I haven't been in the right frame of mind for that type of story. However, this turned out to be quite low on the other women drama especially considering the plot.

The writing was excellent. It was well paced. The plot was engaging and quite dark. There is drug use. Rape. Abuse. Murder. It was told in a dual POV format and took me around four hours to finish. It honestly wasn't all that spicy, and this couple doesn't have intercourse until very close to the end of the book. It was reasonably angsty. There was a little other woman action that the hero takes part in when he is high, but it was mild and didn't overly bother me. There is also a bit of forced F/F action. A little other man drama as well in regards to the heroine being touched sexually against her will.

There was an excellent cast of secondary characters. I loved seeing Cole, Elle, and Horse, and Conrad again. We also have some baddies thrown into the mix. One character I would love to read more about is Deirdre. Both of the main characters were enjoyable. Although I struggled with both at different points. Some of Brye's actions were unforgivable to me, and I struggled to believe Filly would have forgiven him so quickly. I also found Filly to be a bit...well...stupid at times. Most especially in regards to her going to Chicago in the first place. Last, it was all wrapped up in a sweet ending for the main couple. That said, I felt like there could be more to be told concerning the chaos that Brye left in Chicago. So I guess we will see...

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## **Jos says**

5 Stars

Holy hell, this book WAS everything you have been warned about!!!! Ok, let me back up....so this is my first read by this author, yeah I know I started late. I have the first two books on my kindle but yet THIS book was screaming at me so ya I just had to read it. Believe it or not, I am dying now to go back and read the first two books, I mean I need to know how this story began for sure!

Ok, first off the writing alone was superb, worthy of way more than 5 Stars hands down. The writing itself just drew me in completely, mesmerized me, gave me the feels, so much so I truly felt like I was living the story right beside them, it was so damn "real"! I mean this author totally captivated and held me spellbound from the very first word until the very last word, just hauntingly beautiful!

Ok, so for Brye and Filly, OMG, these two, I can barely contain my love for them. Was it an easy read, NO, was it difficult at times, HELL YES, and were there a few scenes that normally would have pissed me right off and maybe even turned me off, yes BUT they were totally necessary and I mean these particular scenes HAD to have happened in order to make this story "believable"!

I absolutely loved this twisted and very disturbing story. It was truly a DARK, TWISTED and DISTURBING romance but gosh, it had my heart beating furiously one minute in fear and then next in utter love for these characters!

Loved it in a warped nutshell! Just brilliant..... "mic drop"

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## **Nicolette Eyssen says**

Ya know, I was a bit nervous to start this book. The Twisted books are a few of my favorite and I just wasn't sure where the author would take us on this journey.

I mean, could I love anyone more than my beloved Cole?

Would Ace ever even get close to pulling feelings out of me that she did with Cole and Elles story?

Well, hell yes she did.

The Twisted theme was defiantly present but it seemed totally different to me.

Twisted Fate and Twisted Death were pure Mafia where Twisted Secrets had such a poetic vibe. Although I worried what was to come, it was painted with such beautiful brush strokes.

Now don't get me wrong, you still the mafia grit but the underling current of this felt.....smooth.

Brye and Filly had a connection that sang to me in all the right ways.

Brye was bad. Plain and simple. Raised by the worst and tried with everything in him to live up to his fathers wicked ways. I loved that he remained the bad guy throughout most of the story. I wanted to like him but he destroyed every chance he got. He. Was. Delicious!

Filly was just like a mini Elle. She was raised better and out of the knowledge that the underground world really existed, she had her mothers loving, courageous heart. Tough enough to survive the Chicago streets! I do believe her best trait was her love of art. To see the good in the bad and the beautiful in the ugly. If only we could all be more like Filly. #swoon

Ok so the wrap up- I was impressed. It's another five star read from my Ace. Go check out all the deliciousness that is Twisted!

Happy Reading Peeps,

Nic

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### **Tamara Harrington says**

The first thing I have to say is...if you have any triggers, are sensitive or just do not appreciate the dark romance world then this book is definitely not for you!

Secondly, 5 stars is not enough!!!

Ace Gray has absolutely smashed this book. It is part of a series and you should definitely read the others first to fully understand the story. Also, why wouldn't you want to read them all, they are awesome.

Even though we have lived on the Twisted world before, this time it was so different. Brye is so different from Cole and Horse and in so much of a darker world than they ever could have been. It was hard at times to see what he and Filly were going through but it made the story all the more beautiful to me.

Filly was so different than what I was expecting, she was all sunshine and flowers but craved the darkness that she didn't even know was in her life. The way she sees people and the world has completely changed how I now view these things. An artists perspective is a great perspective to view the world from. It was also a very unique experience to view the book from an artists perspective, it gave the book so much more.

Don't be deceived by what I have said though, this world was dark and gritty with pieces of beautiful sprinkled in. Reading this story was intense, soul-wrenching and had my heart bleeding right from the start. The emotions were overwhelming at times but I wouldn't change that for the world, even when I had said emotions leaking out of my eyeballs. I don't think that there are really enough words to describe how much I really loved this book.

This is y honest and unbiased review.

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### **Dre says**

4.5 stars. I received an ARC of this story for an honest review. It's my first by this author but definitely will not be my last. I know it's an ARC and is still going through some edits, but I couldn't give this one 5 stars due to the grammatical errors. A lot of missing, incorrect and misspelled words as well as tense switching, which did pull me out of the story quite a few times. But the actual story had me hooked. The chemistry between Brye and Filly was beyond combustible, and their pull was palpable. I haven't read a book that made me cry in a LONG time, but this one made me cry, smile, cringe and really just feel everything the characters were feeling. If you're into dark and twisted reads, I highly recommend this! And I will definitely be going back to read Elle and Cole's story as well as Horse and Conrad's.

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## **Randi Maroney says**

Wow. This story is another great look into the Twisted life. This time we get a look into the dark side. Into the mind of Brye.

I was really excited to read this book. All the teasers were making this story seem darker than the first 3 books. And let me tell you it didn't disappoint. You get a view of someone who is stuck in the dark more than Cole and Horse were.

This story is another reason to believe there is light at the end of a dark tunnel. Never lose hope.

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## **Sarah - Musings of the Modern Belle says**

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I LOVE THIS WORLD. GOING BACK TO IT WAS LIKE COMING HOME TO MY DARK & DEPRAVED FAMILY.

One of the aspects that I love most about Ace's writing is the dichotomy of her characters. All of them, even the good ones, have elements of bad to their characters. Everything in her world is a shade of grey. What made me love Brye most of all, though, is his fight to be good. His arduous journey to be worthy of his heroine and to overcome the path that has been laid before him.

Filly is seemingly innocent and naive, and she learns quickly what the world is truly like when she returns to the crime ridden world her family left. She maintains her light even in the darkest times and this pulls our hero out of the depths of darkness.

Like most of Ace's books, it is well written, provocative, sexy, bold. I love this entire world, her writing, and these characters. I will read anything she writes.

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## **Rhonda Ziglar says**

5 DARK TWISTED SECRETS STARS!! OMG....I loved being in this dark twisted world. Brye and Filly's story had so many feels, dark, sexy, craziness and love. These two had chemistry that steamed my kindle up. This was my first book by Ace Gray and I can't wait to read more of her words. If you love dark twisted stories make sure you 1-click this book.

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## **Jill says**

Twisted Secrets is the fourth book in Ace Gray's twisted world and it...was...wonderful! Before reading the book, I will admit that I was hooked. I had to meet Filly, the daughter of Cole and Elle, 'niece' to Horse and Conrad—all characters that were introduced in the previous books; and all characters that I fell in love with in some way or another. Filly is more her mother with a bit of her father, and with a dash of some of her

uncles' foresight and personality. I loved learning about their little family unit and the art and culture that she was raised around. In comes Brye, our mafia prince with a seemingly dead heart. No one in my eyes will ever live up to Horse, but damn if Brye doesn't come close. He is death and debauchery epitomized. He knows nothing else, and he was made to hate the Ryans—Filly's family. His first encounter with Filly surprises the shit out of him because there's something else there he doesn't understand. They share an immediate connection over art, and beauty in the ugliness. But their story is anything but your typical girl meets boy happily ever after. Twisted Secrets once again is full of the dark and tormented fantastical hot as hell poetry that Ace Gray does so, so well. Bravo Ace. 5 stars for Twisted Secrets.

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## Serena says

This is NOT a hearts and flowers loves story. Oh hell no. It's TWISTED. Great title by the way....

I didn't realize what I was getting myself into when a friend told me I HAD TO READ THIS! And man, I'm glad I did! I would say this book was definitely on the dark side, tough at times to get through, and definitely mind bending with it's twists and turns and HOLY FUCK moments! It kept me turning the pages. I loved the characters, each were so freaking memorable. Well, there is one motherfucker I hated. You'll see what I mean. Get ready to rage.

There were so many times, I had to cover my eyes, felt sick to my stomach and screamed at what was happening on the page. I even had to pause several times because I couldn't believe what the hell I was witnessing. BUT, DAMN. DAMN! What a ride! I adored Brye and Filly's love journey. I LOVE these two together. They had to overcome so much! I will definitely be reading more from Ace Gray. TWISTED SECRETS can be read as a standalone, and this is the first book I've read from Ace Gray. I'd love to find out more about Filly's family, so I'll be circling back to the previous books.

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### **Lozzie says**

Just when I thought Horse had stolen my heart, Brye McCowan just comes in sweeps it away.

Twisted Secrets is a sexy tale about Brye McCowan and the beautiful Ryan herself, Filly. A beautiful bombshell who blew Brye's world apart. It's dangerous and dark, and incredibly addictive.

With a mixture of her mother and father, Filly was always going to be different from everybody else. Her character was innocent, but strong, strong enough to deal with the Demons that Brye held from his life. Her story was worth telling, and I ate it all completely.

What can I say about Brye? Only that the author creates the most perfect alpha bad boy: dark, dangerous, brooding and irresistible. Brye is all those words inbetween, with a little hint of sensitive and broken. I could feel the power and tension between these two, and their story was beautiful in its own way.

This novel was incredible. I felt this huge ball of energy and excitement when reading this story, and feeling almost all the characters' emotions. It was nice to see a glimpse into the Ryans' future; to put it more plainly, it was freaking incredible!

Twisted Secrets deserves more than five stars. If I could give them, I would, but I can't. What I can say is that I would recommend this book for everybody to read... Well those who can handle it ?.

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### **Amber- Leave Me Alone I'm Reading says**

So I've been waiting for this book for awhile and when I started it, I just wasn't sure... the beginning had me feeling deja vu quite a bit. I didn't know how it would play out, but it ended up being totally great. Ace's words slay me every damn time. So poetic and magical and just... I don't know... They make me feel all the things. I loved the connection between Filly and Brye despite their insane circumstances. Brye is a dick, but he came through for me in the end. Maybe not as much as Filly did- that girl is classic Ryan gold! Ace knows how to kick ass with the grand finales. So much suspense! Gah!! I loved this story so much! Definitely start at the beginning with Twisted Fate. If you like dark romance, this series is TOP NOTCH!!!

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### **Emmbooks says**

More time spent with my favourite Twisted Family?

Yes please.

Except this time we get a super sexy, dark and twisted hero in the form of Brye.

This book has all of Ace Gray's trademark poetic lines. It has the dark plot line, the depravity and the shocking twists.

But it's also full of beautiful kind of love. A connection between two characters that seeps from the pages.

Another fantastic read.

Five stars

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