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She woke in the dark. The sharp surge and sway of her world the only hints she has of her surroundings.

Penelope Santoro is alone, trapped in an empty room of what could only be a boat in the middle of a rough ocean. With no recollection of how she got there, and no escape in sight, she's quickly losing hope that she will ever find her way home.

Tag Reynolds is detached. His life depends upon it. But when the beautiful daughter of one of his biggest rivals winds up in his care, his entire world shifts. Drawn to her innocence, he desperately fights the feelings he can't have...feelings that could destroy everything he's worked for.

Penny is nothing more than a pawn in a deadly game -- a game that Tag cannot afford to lose. Can he save her without compromising his position, or will they become victims of their twisted desire?

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Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – Twisted Desire

Author – Laura Dunaway

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Cliffhanger - No

Rating – 3.75 out of 5 Stars

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My Thoughts - Story

Going in, I knew this wasn't as dark as mentioned earlier, so putting that aside – I did enjoy the story and OMG how I loved Tag...

It was suspenseful and held my attention while the author did a great job in attracting the reader, then holding the suspense while trying to figure out how the main characters were going to get out of their conundrum. It was pretty much predictable but Tag made up for all of it!

Re-Cap

Penny is kidnapped and is told it's in retaliation against her father. She is held captive on a yacht and Tag is put in charge of babysitting her. Not only so she won't escape but to also make sure none of the other cartel members hurt her.

Penny and Tag start to get feelings for each other and figure out that not everything is as it seems...

Reason for Reading – Great Buddy Read

Story – 4 out of 5 Stars

Steam – 4 out of 5 Stars

Angst – 3.5 out of 5 Stars

Writing – 4 out of 5 Stars

Content Flow – 4 out of 5 Stars

Told In – Dual POV

Heroine/Personality – Penny – kinda annoying – clingy

Hero/Personality – Tag – awesome hero in the book

HEA (Spoiler) - (view spoiler)

Would Read More from Author? Yes

Recommend To – anyone who likes mild dark/suspense

Megan says

5 Stars!

ARC Review for Crazy Daisy Book Whore by Megan

I loved this book! I didn't want to love this book, because I hated what happened to Penny. I was so mad at Tag through most of this book, but I knew there had to be more to him than what he led everyone to believe. He was rough but totally swoon-worthy! There were twists and unexpected turns that kept me on the edge of my seat. I couldn't put this book down. I'm officially a fan, Laura Dunaway!

Debbie♥ love my Ducks♥ says

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This book is in no way dark. I read a lot of dark reads and this is a sweet romantic suspense if I ever saw one. The writing style kept me engaged but just not my type of book. Tag was a swoon worthy MC but tough guy? I don't think so. Overall this was an ok read for me.

Blondies Little Book Life says

This review may contain spoilers

I was given an ARC for an honest review.

"Listen to me," he started. "No matter what happens from here on out , you need to know that I don't, and won't ever, regret what just happened between us." Elation soared through me, making more tears fall down my cheeks. He lowered his head and pressed his lips to them, his tongue reaching out to take them away, one by one."Penny Santoro," he said as he kissed each one. "Whether you believe it or not, you're a gift to me, one that I'll always cherish, one I'll never regret."

This book was by far Laura Dunaway's BEST Book Ever! I absolutely loved Distorted and Discovering Lucy, but this one has them beat! I love when an author can make you think you have seen the best of them, but then they blindside you with another Amazing Story and then you are just waiting to see how they can possibly top the previous book. I was hooked from page one. Everything about it, from the characters, to the story line was amazing. Major bonus for me was the dual POV. I love getting into both the hero and heriones head while reading. I absolutely loved Tag. He is sweet, caring, mysterious and most of all SEXY. He kept me guessing through out the book. Just when you think you know who is, you are wrong. Through out the book i was anxious to find out his real motives and if he was actually bad like he says, or really the good guy in disguise. I love when a book keeps me guessing, never really sure which way the book will go. The interactions between him and Penny were a mixture of heartbreak, sexual tension, friendship and complete

and undeniable attraction, no matter how much they both fought it. For an author who doesn't like writing sex scenes always succeeds my expectations. They have the perfect mixture of Lust, Love, Passion and an all consuming Desire. Penny's character was a nice change for me. She starts off very naive and innocent with no clue as to why she was taken and what is Tag's place in all of this. We are sent on this amazing journey with her as she questions those around her, who she is able to trust and questions that need answers. Penny's character was believable for the situation she was thrust into. I don't blame her for the way she hurt, cried, and lost hope of ever getting home. Her actions were believable and not played out. She grew to be strong character. She got braver and spoke her mind more throughout the book. There is a scene in this book that totally crushed me, I was so shocked and not expecting that to happen that I had no words. I was yelling at my kindle for Tag. I have no shame. There is so much going on in this book between Penny and Tag, Tag and Roman. It's not overwhelming, but enough to keep you hooked. This is a Must Read you do not want to miss. If you have not picked up your copy yet, what are you waiting for?! You will fall in love with this beautiful story about hope and love in the least likely of places. You won't regret it.

Thank you Laura Dunaway for the opportunity to read this AMAZING story! I can't wait to see what else you have in store for us. Thank you for Kimberly!

Tiffany Readz says

Twisted Desire was touted as a dark read and the blurb certainly makes it sound that way, I found it to be more of an action/suspense romance. For a darker read, I feel the captor needs to be more sinister than our hero Tag was. A guy you hate to love. Don't get me wrong, he was a great leading man, just not (and I hate to say this) as twisted as I like my captors to be.

Penny is snatched from a club and wakes up on a boat heading for who knows where. She's been drugged and has no memory of how she got there. Enter Tag. The handsome made man in Roman Vidal's cartel. Tag isn't there to hurt her, only to watch her until Roman's plans for her fall into place.

Penny is unaware of why she was taken, just that she wants to go home. With Tag's constant supervision, that isn't going to happen. Penny learns the hard way that staying in her room and listening to Tag is actually the safest thing for her to do at the moment.

There is something off about Tag from the get go. He isn't the usual dark captor you read about, this guy has more of a conscience than he should for a cartel hit man. The reader picks up on it pretty early as does Penny. Never the less, Tag is there to do a job and he does it well. Guarding Penny isn't nearly as bad as it seems and as the weeks go by, they forge some sort of crazy relationship.

Tag has secrets. Big ones. Ones that will get him killed. This is what saved the book in my eyes. We read along about the captive/captor without much fanfare. Although there is some steamy sex, I wanted a bit more struggle. At about the 75% mark the story starts to come together and it all makes sense.

The book is well written and while I like my dark a bit darker than this, it still kept my interest until the end.

Jennifer Kyle says

3.5 Stars

"She was an innocent pawn in a deadly game."

Laura Dunaway delivers a well paced story that has several twists and will keep a reader on their toes. The story starts with party girl Penelope Santoro (Penny) being kidnapped and lured by a hot guy at a club. I waited patiently for his reappearance anywhere else in the story and for some strange reason it made me nuts that he never reappeared.

Unlike other books where our main character gets kidnapped Penny isn't shackled in a cell or sexually tormented but is aboard a luxury yacht where she is feed well, given art supplies and falls in love with the man in charge of her safety Tag Reynolds. Tag is one of Roman Vitale the drug cartel leader's top men.

"Why did he have to be the bad guy? Why couldn't he be the good guy who came to rescue me?"

Tag and Penny slowly fall in love with one another while Tag protects her from the gruff men on the ship and all of her other needs. Things start to slowly deteriorate and it appears that there may be other reasons for her kidnapping besides business with her father that was originally thought.

Tug's arms become the only safe place for Penny.

"I'll never regret being taken though, because it brought me to you."

Overall, the story is a bit mild for my tastes but the twists were interesting and it made for a good read but there were some things that stuck out as odd to me like his smell of "pine and basil" or that "The next few days saw us pretty much in bed. Roman had texted Tag a few times, but for the most part, he left us alone."- why not escape? Also the real reason for her kidnapping didn't work because none of the characters interactions pointed to this reason at all. Nevertheless, I thought Laura Dunaway did a good job with the story since she is new to this genre it was never boring and very entertaining.

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KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

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MY RATING ????? Twisted Desire by Laura Dunaway

4 SICK AND TWISTED STARS

RETALIATION

This was nothing like what I expected it to be, a few twists and turns that I did not see coming..Definitely kept me entertained right up to the last page..

LINES CROSSED

Penelope Santoro has been raised in cotton wool knows next to nothing about what dark and twisted people are out there until the night of her kidnapping where she wakes up on a yacht under the care of Tag.

KIDNAPPED

"My name is Tag. You are not allowed to leave this cabin without me, I'm not going to sugarcoat things, there's a lot you don't know, and it's better that way, you were drugged, you might as well get comfortable. You're going to be here for a while."

BRUTALIZED

Nothing was what it seemed. Everything I knew was a complete lie ~ Penny

Rachel says

[no (hide spoiler)]

Jo ★The Book Sloth★ says

2 Not Quite What It Promised Stars

Penelope Santoro is kidnapped after a night out and wakes up on a yacht with no idea how she got there or why. Her first interaction comes with Tag Reynolds, a crazy hot guy, who sadly happens to be an enforcer in a drug cartel and one of the people who kidnapped her. It would be stupid to be attracted to the enemy, wouldn't it?

Tag Reynolds has worked hard to get where he is. He has done many things that would give anyone nightmares for years, but now, after all this time there is something that threatens him and his position in the cartel. Her name is Penny and she is an innocent caught in game she doesn't understand or know how to play. But getting involved with her could mean both their deaths.

With a premise like that you would expect a dark romance book. Well, you would be disappointed. This book was way more light and fluffy than the BLURB suggests. I have read YA romance that was much darker than this one. Still for me that wouldn't have been a problem if it was well executed since Dark Romance isn't really my style. Sadly the book failed to deliver in many aspects.

The most glaringly obvious problem was Penny and Tag at the beginning. Penny latches onto Stockholm Syndrome so easily I was kind of embarrassed on her behalf. After a point she seems to almost forget she was abducted and go on to have a yacht vacation. The guy is nice, compassionate, understanding and loving. He was actually great, too great. This guy is supposed to be a badass enforcer in a drug cartel but he read like a love-struck teenager in a high school romance. (view spoiler) He was too soft for the job and my only question is, how the hell he managed to get there.

My second huge issue... The writing. The repetitions were sooo many and so annoying. They would go around the same dialogs in circles again and again, information repeated for no apparent reason at all. And there were phrases and words used way too much in the book. An example(the worst in my opinion).

p.83

I dropped my head back down and slowly sucked the stud into my mouth, tracing it with my tongue. The gasp of pleasure that came from her mouth only edged me on more. I released it from my mouth, making a small pop with my mouth...

Half a paragraph

Word "mouth" used 4 times.

p.84

he arched up into my hand, her own pressing me closer to her mouth, hungrily moving her mouth over mine in a bruising kiss.

p.87

I lapped at her harder, taking the bud into my mouth and sucking so hard she exploded right there in my mouth.

And a bonus...

p.87

There was no question this girl would be the death of me.

This phrase was used for the 4th or 5th time so far in the book.

No need to say I was too distracted and detached to enjoy the sexy times the first time and just skimmed the rest of them.

Until 60% in I was sure I'd give it 1-1,5 stars at most. After 60% it improved a little, at least the story became a little more interesting with a few twists, although by that point most of them were predictable.

My final rating will be 2. Quite simply the book was full of problems. Sometimes the main characters behaved like teenagers, most of the times they behaved like love-struck idiots but almost none of the time did they behave like they should(one as a woman abducted and held against her will and the other as the enforcer of a drug cartel). Honestly if the villains weren't so ridiculous in their crazy, these two would have died halfway through the book. And what was up with that too? All three of them(bad guys) seemed like they came from some ridiculous American parody. The writing while not completely unreadable also left a lot to be desired.

I may have missed the whole point of the book, it definitely wasn't my usual style, but the end result was that I didn't enjoy it. Maybe it was just me because it has a very good rating so far. I didn't hate it completely in the end but I didn't like it either.

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SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Stand-alone. Thanks Jess!

BLURB:

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Candace says

Didn't Hate It, But Didn't Love It Either

I'm somewhat disappointed in this story. The blurb was promising and I read many other reviews that were promising. So, I'm probably in the minority here. It just fell flat for me. It wasn't horrible, but I probably won't remember the names of the characters tomorrow. It just didn't make much of an impression on me, much to my disappointment.

When I read that this was a story about a crazy drug lord that kidnaps a young woman he's been obsessed with for years, I thought it was sure to be a favorite. After all, a story with all of those qualities has got to be a dark, mess-with-your-head, suspenseful page-turner. Right??? Not quite.

This story was tame, bordering on boring. Most of the emotions and responses seemed almost force-fed. It was like somebody held up a cue card that said "be scared now" or "now they're in love", and it just was, not because I actually felt scared, but because I was being told that was the reaction I should have. A great story elicits the emotions, based upon the content of the story as it plays out. I just didn't feel that with this story at all.

For example, the only thing that made Roman, the "super-scary" drug lord, "scary" was the repeated comments about how dangerous he was. This was largely unsupported by the actual events within the story. Yes, he did a few dangerous, crazy things, but nothing that made him rise to the level of a villainous drug lord that would incite a great deal of fear in my mind. Yet, the reader is constantly told in the dialogue how wicked this man was.

From the beginning, I struggled to connect with the characters. Penelope seemed nice and so did Tag. I just didn't feel particularly drawn to either of them.

All in all, it was "okay". I didn't hate it or love it. It wasn't a stand-out for me either way.

Tiffany Willams says

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"My name is Tag. You are not allowed to leave this cabin without me...It's for your own safety, Penelope. Trust me. I'm all you have right now."

What would you do if you woke up on the floor at the bottom a boat, and having no idea of how you got there? Me, personally, I would freak! Shiver.

For Penelope Santoro, she could not be more scared or confused. Who would want to do this to her, and why? What makes the situation even more weird is the attractive man that has been sent to watch out for her.

Tag Reynolds has one job...Watch the girl. Sounds easy, right? Well, he didn't expect Penny to turn his world upside down. She's a spitfire, but at the same time she is a scared girl that just wants answers.

"Soon enough she'd wake up and see that this wasn't a nightmare; it was her new ugly reality."

Spending a lot of time with each other proves that the attraction between Penny and Tag can not be ignored. But how could she possibly be falling for the man who plays a role in her captivity? With danger lurking around every corner, Tag's job on the line, and Penny's life in jeopardy, can they really go after the Desire they both feel?

"I was clearly falling for Penelope Santoro, and it might literally be the death of me."

"He was affecting me more than ever, and he'd barely touched me. I was falling for my captor, and falling hard. Oh, who was I kidding? I'd already fallen."

This book had page-turning suspense, shocking moments, and some HAWT *fans self* scenes! I love how every time I thought I had figured things out, I was thrown another curve ball. I loved the dynamic between Penny and Tag. It's like you pulled for them from the start. I could never be mad at him.

"Shit, Penny. What the hell have you done to me?"

"Probably the same thing you've done to me."

Such a great story! Laura did a great job bringing this Twisted tale to life!

"Penny Santoro. Whether you believe it or not, you're a gift to me, one that I will cherish, one I'll never regret."

Katie says

5 AMAZINGLY AMAZING STARS

"I've loved you from the moment I saw you in that cold, dark room. I've loved you since you told me to go to hell; I've loved you since I first held you in my arms. I have no idea what I did to deserve you, but I'm never taking you for granted. You're an angel from heaven sent just for me, and I'm never letting you go, no matter what. You're mine, always."

::swoon:: Oh man, I loved this book. Especially Tag. Oh Tag. You devilishly sexy man. Loved him from the beginning to end.

oh yes. every interaction between Penny and Tag had me feeling like I was having early onset hot flashes.

The story itself had a dark tone (kidnapping stories tend to be like that...obviously...) but the chemistry between Tag and Penny was CRAZY! And let me tell you, the sex scenes did NOT disappoint!

I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys

- * kidnapping romances
- * dark romances
- * sexy heroes and strong heroines
- * amazingly detailed sex scenes (noticed I mentioned it twice? yep...def bookmarked a few scenes to go back to later on)
- * some intense action scenes that leave you holding your breath
- * and of course love stories that leave you SWOONING ... and yes, I swooned. A lot.

TEAM TAG FOR BOOK BOYFRIEND OF 2014

Laylaw says

3 this is not what I expected stars. This book was mentioned as being a dark read, so to be fair I will say while the lady in our story is kidnapped and almost raped, this book to me is NOT a dark read. There is a lot more fluff to this story and while there is a constant suspense factor that keeps you on the hook and wanting to know what the kidnappers motives are, there is also a lot of repetitive scenes.

Penny finds herself kidnapped after heading outside from a club that she was dancing at with a guy she just met, she finds herself taken from there and wakes in a locked room with a small window. We find Penny on a yacht with only one person to watch her, the bald and sexy Tag.

Tag is not what you would expect from a kidnapper, he is sweet and promises not to hurt Penny and cares for her throughout. There are a lot of unanswered questions that slowly get pieced together but it doesn't happen until the end. I wish it would have been tied up sooner with some hints of things along the way. Penny is very childish and I found myself not drawn to her at all, but Tag is very likeable and makes up for it. The book does have some predictable parts to it, but its a quick read that I liked. I didn't love it but I didn't hate it. I think that if this book with the dark romance is was made out to be this could have been something really sinfully sweet. I would like to have seen Tag's character in another context or a little more gritty. But the author still gets you on the hook with the opening scene and makes you want to see it through to the end.

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Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

3 Trust Me Stars

What happens when your world is completely shaken- kidnapped for reasons unknown except for retaliation. Your captor tells you to trust him- he will not let anything happen to you- he promises no harm will come to you as long as he is at your side. Penny Santoro, 21 yrs old, is abducted for Roman Vitale, a drug cartel king pin. Tag works for Roman and has been given then task of watching over Penny, to make sure she is safe and well cared for while in captivity. The reasons for her abduction are not clear but Tag's job is to watch her. When Tag meets Penny, Tag is drawn to her. His job is to keep her safe, not feel anything for her. But with days turning in to weeks, turning into months, how can they both not start to feel something for one another. Especially when Penny senses that Tag is different. He isn't evil- he definitely wants her safe and does the extraordinary when Penny's life is at stake. When Tag discovers that Penny is in real danger from Roman and other forces, Tag sets out to get Penny home, no matter what the cost are to him.

This story has intrigue, suspense, romance, twist and turns, kidnapping, and love. I will say that the story is well written. I tend to like my stories a little more on the gritty side when there is a kidnapping involved. If you enjoy romantic fluff with a side of suspense, you will enjoy.

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