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To survive where I live, you have two options.

You can be a Normal--a cheerleader, jock, member of the debate team, or on the yearbook committee. You pretend everything is normal.

Or you can be crew.

You insult us? We hurt you.

You hurt us? We really hurt you.

And if you screw with us, we will end you.

My name is Bren.

I'm the only female in the Wolf Crew--the best, fiercest, and most dangerous crew there is--and we have a rule: There's no falling in love.

Well... too late.

- \*This book contains mature young adult situations.
- \*Full-length novel. First book in a series.
- \*Book ends at 95%. Two bonus chapters are at the end.

#### **Crew Details**

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## Tijuana \*BookTwinsReviews\* says

Tijan did what she does best...penned a compelling Young Adult book. The drama and angst are provided by beautifully flawed and complex characters.

### Here's what you get:

An amazing start
Slowburn love story
Amazing chemistry
Complex characters
A dramatic storyline

The blurb and cover are to die for

The main characters are intricately constructed. Bren is such an enigma. A glorious question mark mired in unspoken grief. Peeling back her layers was such a treat. The psychology of the characters was AMAZING. Her inner thoughts and issues subtly take on a shape of their own. I was fascinated and completely invested in her story. Cross is one word – **PERFECTION!** Gah, I couldn't love him or his connection to Bren more. **ASTOUNDING!** 

The secondary characters, storyline and writing are all what you'd expect from this phenomenal author. My only issue was a slight lag in the middle. I have to admit, the slowburn got to me. I wanted to get to the main action, so it felt a little slow in places. Other than that, I had no issues. I'm looking forward to seeing what else is in store!

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### **Ashley Mayer says**

This book is titled "Crew." They are in a crew. They are crew. They do this or that because they're crew. They're tough because they're in a crew. He's my crew. She's my crew. Seriously, if there was ever a word overused it's in this book and the word is crew. I feel like I wasted my time on this one. All the times the author mentioned the 'crew' and there was never an explanation on why they were needed. It just read like a bad version of a high school wannabe mafia book.

## Sophie "Beware Of The Reader" says

4 stars

This is NOT a Fallen Crest 2.0 yet it has Tijan's signature all over!

## You might think it's Fallen Crest's twin because:

- -You get some characters from Fallen Crest beck Heather and Channing;
- -You have characters still in high school and it's "us against the world";
- -The female MC is thin has brown hair and is closed off...does it remind you of someone?
- -You get alpha heroes pissing farther than the other alphas from other packs meaning they are bigger and badder;

#### **BUT**

- -The kids are poor in Roussou, main characters included;
- -Bren has such a darkness inside that I expected something dramatic all the time!
- -There is not only one alpha deciding for everyone. Things are more fluid even if you feel that "someone" holds the rein even if he is not interested to fill in the role;
- -They know each other since childhood when they decided to become a crew. Yes, just like that.

So this story is of course about crews. What they are, how they work, how they compete ....

One crew in particular: Bren, Cross, Jordan and Zellman's crew.

A crew is not a gang. You are not killed if you want to leave the crew. They don't deal in shaddy things. They are like a tight knit family that would do everything to protect each other. Where one goes the others follow. When one makes a mistake, you forgive. They are one.

"You hurt, I hurt. You bleed, I bleed. You smile, I smile. You're happy, I'm happy."

Bren is our main character and is Channing's little sister. Dramatic events happened in her family and everyone she loved has left her one way or another. She also hides a secret weighting heavily on her soul.

You see pretty early on in the book that she might be brave outside she still feels lost inside, fragile, on the brink of doing something drastic all the time. She walks a fine line between sanity and darkness.

Bren may be a girl she is not "the girl" in the crew. She is one of them. She fights like the guys and loves using her knife. You don't joke with her. You don't disrespect her or you risk to be cut. Badly.

When Bren feels too dark she sleeps in Cross's closet. She feels safe surrounded by the darkness and his smell. Cross's room is her shelter. Her safe place. Always has.

They have always glued to the hip and it was eerie how Cross knew exactly what to say, what to do and when to remain silent to give Bren exactly what she needed.

I confess that I would have adored having a Cross in my life!

He is also very easy on the eyes and rumored to be good between the sheets. Total package!

Events happen in the book: fights, newcomers pushing the boundaries and reshaping relationships, threats, tension building between rival crews....but the book is mainly character driven.

This is Bren's journey really.

Her relationship with her brother that has to be mended;

Her secret weighting her down and pushing her on a dark path despite "The Badger" alias her counselor's best effort to make her open up;

Her traumatic past still haunting her that she will have to deal with;

Her....

You get it I think.

This is an enjoyable read written in Tijan's no nonsense style. Heads are butting, people fight then high five. It's heated, it's sometimes messy but above all else it's loyalty and family.

Have you read any Tijan's books? What did you think of it? Thanks for reading! Sophie

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# **Candace Tidwell says**

How to start this review?! Tijan is one of my favorite authors so I may be a little biased when I write this. Sorry honesty is my policy. When it comes to Tijan's books....I'm cookie monster with a jar of cookies! It may be funny but it's not pretty.

Crew.

I knew it would be good, duh, but it surpassed good and (in the words of my 14 year old) it became epic. A new series has been born! Get ready to laugh, prepare for the mischief and brace yourself for the ugly. Just be sure that if you have kids to read it away from them. I ended up putting two dollars, worth of quarters, in the course jar. Not my finest mom moment but what can say the words just slipped out.

Now back to the book. Crew is a must read. If you aren't big fans of this genre, get over it. Tijan could write about aliens and I would still gobble it up. She has a style of writing that sucks you in and it doesn't release you until you read the last sentence of the book and you are staring at the period. Even then you try flipping the page to see if there is an epilogue to the epilogue. Read it, love it and review it.

### Michelle says

**DNF** at 53%

I was really excited that we were getting another series from Tijan but this book didn't excite me. I'm glad others loved it but it isn't working for me. Time to move on:(

### Karen Mc says

I had no idea what to expect or what I'd get with Tijan's latest sensation, *Crew*. The thing is that you don't know what you'll get when Tijan brings books to life as each one is daringly different. I like the mystery of the unknown. So . . . the blurb? I didn't even read it. I dove into this book blindly so I could just feel the words. Oh did I feel! *Crew* hit like a sucker punch—fast, fierce, and furious! *Crew* 's words were bombs that made my emotions explode. Dark. Dangerous. Divine.

One line was all it took. One line. The first line. It broke me. I stared at it for minutes and could not stop repeating it in my head. Eight words. Eight words devoured me, dissected me, detonated me. I knew then that the rest of this tale would tear me apart and that it did. *Crew* broke me in the best way! I LOVED IT!

I met his mouth with mine, and I felt like I was drowning.

A fierce friends-to-lovers YA romance and dark jewel of a read, *Crew* shines and shatters with cutthroat characters and a spellbinding storyline that's gritty, edgy, and emotionally rich. Brace yourself, as you'll fall hard in love with the beautiful and broken heroine—the only female Crew member—who defines boldness and bravery. The quiet but strong and stunning hero will melt your heart too. You'll love the slow burn of these best friends and Crew members who morph into more. I MELTED for this hero and heroine! I felt so close to these *Crew* characters. Tijan made me part of the Crew. Or at least it felt that way.

"Your crew is aptly named. You're beautiful to look at, but lethal."

I couldn't stop devouring this addicting read! *Crew* is DARINGLY DIFFERENT. A darkly entrancing and emotionally explosive page-turner you won't be able to put down. It pushes you to the edge where you want to just free fall with the words. Full of hold-your-breath moments and edge-of-your seat thrills, this tale is A HEADY HIT WITH AN EMOTIONAL EDGE that's explosive and enticing. Crew is so bold and badass! A bit dark, a bit dangerous, and ALL THE DELICIOUS FEELS! *Crew* is an adventure that I felt with my heart. I felt this story from the very first line and never stopped feeling. INCREDIBLE! I NEED MORE!!!

"It's been you. It's been goddamn you all my life."

????? fierce, feral, and feel-worthy kisses

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### **Bookgasms Book Blog says**

Gahhh!!! Reading a Tijan book is akin to opening a present on Christmas - everything she writes is a gift!! Crew brought me back to the feelings I got when I first experienced Tijan. The consuming need to devour every page along with the desire to slow down and savor. I.LOVED.THIS.BOOK!!!! HOLY CRAP IT WAS EVERYTHING.

Without giving any spoilers I can honestly say this book was one of the BEST books Tijan has ever written. IT WAS FULL OF AMAZING SURPRISES and a storyline that was just mindblowing. The only thing I will say about plot is that this book is an answer to all the questions we had when we wanted a better picture and then she gave us a window and I am in awe over it. This story was sexy and exhilerating and just phenomenal. Bren gave me all the feels. She was a pure badass that just wanted to protect her crew and family. I seriously loved EVERY WORD and every character and could not turn the pages fast enough. One thing I really loved was that we see a transformation of Bren in a way from being a lone wolf in a pack to realizing that she needs the people she loves around her.

All in all, Crew was so goddamn glorious and once again is a standard of excellence we will be comparing all future Tijan books to. This author did the damn thing and proves why she is one of the best. 5 Brilliant Stars! ~Ratula

## **GG** says

Meio perturbador. Bren, Cross, Jordan e Zellman são quatro amigos que formam uma crew. Eles operam dentro de um "sistema que segue regras próprias e tem seu próprio código de ética. Na verdade verdadeira, enxergo todos como uns meninos que precisam se sentir importantes e reconhecidos por sua força e coragem, para provar isso eles não pensam muito antes de entrar numa briga. Não tem como generalizar e dizer que eles escolheram esse tipo de associação pq têm uma sob story, pois alguns passaram por dificuldades e outros não. Há ainda outros questionamentos que tenho sobre uns aspectos do enredo que não vou levantar aqui por motivos de preguiça. Previno aos leitores q tem uma boa dose de infantilidade e drama.

Só sei que há violência, há amizade verdadeira (e um amorzinho entre membros - romântico e fraternal) e muita, muita confusão. Me peguei várias vezes perguntando: esses meninos não têm pai nem mãe não???????

O resumo faz parecer q o romance adolescentil é o foto da narrativa, mas frequentemente ele fica de lado, o q é tratado mesmo, do início ao fim, é a devoção dentro da Wolf crew.

Meu primeiro livro da autora e gostei. Não é uma leitura leve, é dark e tem umas coisas loucas e outras coisas bem bestas. O tom q ela usa é diferente do empregado normalmente nos YA, é mais sério e com menos alívios cômicos, o q nao quer dizer q é uma leirura chata. Vou ler outras coisas dela.

Li a palavra crew mais de 330x.

## Corina Book Twins Reviews says

TIJAN is an author I'll will always drop everything and anything for a chance to read her latest book. And CREW was one hell of a raw and gritty rollercoaster ride.

I didn't know what CREW really was about, I just new it was written by TIJAN and that was enough for me. I love her writing style and have been a fan of her work for years now. Going through all of her books, I would say CREW is one of her grittier and darker YA novels.

The emotional tension was high throughout the entire book. It was skirting the edges of OMG a couple times and it certainly left me wanting to know more. The entire premise was an utter surprise for me. Not only the location but also the characters took me completely by surprise. There was no way I could have seen any of the developments or revelations coming – call me INTRIGUED.

Here are the things I can tell you about this book without going into too much details:

It's a friends to lovers romance.

It's emotionally charged and delivers everything a fan of TIJAN would expect.

It's slow burn.

It has an AMAZING male character. He reminded me so much of Mason. His steadfast personality, quiet but intense demeanor, and his utter and absolute devotion towards the heroine was something I fell in love with him immediately. DREAMY!!!

The heroine was KICKASS!!! This girl was one of the coolest chicks TIJAN has written so far. She stood her ground, was ballsy and bold, and had so many layers that it will take more than one book to completely discover them all. I couldn't believe some of the things she did but it fit her to a T. WOWZER!!!

CREW really got me going around the halfway point. At that point I was grinning and sighing non-stop. The camaraderie and friendships in this novel were wonderful – again it reminded me of my favorite trio. There was so much heart and loyalty in this book – it's something the author does very well.

In the end CREW definitely left me wanting for more. It was reminiscent of her older works in regards to pace, formatting and plot construction. I want more of CREW, more of the supporting characters, but most of all more of the kickass heroine and the hero. This book has so much promise – being EPIC is just around the corner.

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## Jemima says

Title: Crew Author: Tijan Genre: YA

#### ~ ARC KINDLY PROVIDED IN EXCHANGE FOR AN HONEST REVIEW~

I dropped everything I was doing to read Crew. And I think a lot of people who read Tijan's work would agree that they do the same thing.

I'm addicted with Tijan's books and Crew was no different.

Without giving away spoilers, I will insist you read Crew.

A slow burn friends to lovers romance shrouded with rawness, a book that will put you at the edge of your seats.

Fans of the The Fallen Crest series will get to witness the 'spirited' side of Roussou. The complete opposite of Fallen Crest, Crew will give you ....The game of endurance, toughness and feistiness of the Roussou crews.

Crew wasn't a lot what I expected it to be but in a true Tijan form, the author has mesmerised the readers with a female protagonist that's ballsy and feisty AF, secondary characters that have a strong presence and a love connection that is filled with devotion and support.

Crew is an unswerving book filled with all the things we love about ANY Tijan book: Filled with angst, drama, loyalty and friendship.

# Namera [The Literary Invertebrate] says

Ridiculous book.

Look, I've been with Tijan since her FictionPress days; I know she has a formula - namely, the manwhore hero, OTT drama, tons of slut-shaming, teenagers acting like they're in their twenties at least. Sometimes the formula works.

#### This time it didn't.

The **OW presence** was through the roof. The hero, Cross, has an on-again/off-again girlfriend for at least the first third of the book (that's as far as I got). He however doesn't just have sex with her - as the heroine, Bren, muses to herself, he's a whore who doesn't let being in a relationship stop him. What a stand-up guy. There was no OM to balance out the massive levels of OW, either.

The premise of the book was also too much for me. Basically, Bren, Cross, and a couple of other guys are a crew known as the Wolves - essentially, a gang, but a gang-lite. A gang that only exists for the purpose of adding unnecessary drama to the characters' lives, without taking into account the real and terrible trauma caused by actual gangs. It was **insanely childish.** They were like little kids who wanted to play with knives.

Literally no character acted in a believable manner, either. As an 18-year-old myself, the Crew's behaviour required too much suspension of disbelief. They weren't teenagers. This was a book about people in their twenties and thirties shoehorned into teenagers' bodies.

Life is too short to read such pointless books, where neither the characters nor the plot can redeem it.

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## Alex ☆ Comets and Comments ☆ says

"You go after one, you go after all. You know the rules."

This review took a while because of the following;

- personally, this book dragged too much and it took self motivation to finish
- I really wanted to like this and I kept forcing myself because I really want to experience the hype behind TIJAN.

#### **Meet The Crew**

- i. Jordan Pitts
- ii. Zellman Greenly
- iii. Cross Shaw

#### iv. Bren Monroe

I nearly had a problem with all fucking four;

- i. Jordan was probably the only one I didn't really mind, and that was purely because his dialogue and scene presence was minimal.
- ii. "She gives good head." Zellman shook his head. "You know how rare that is? Not a lot of girls give good head. They're not properly taught." Enough said.
- iii. Cross felt too one dimensional. He is our love interest, and let me just say I did not even get a hint of chemistry. I actually was confused in the start and spent time trying to decipher who the love interest was because it felt like there was no spark. Then there's Bren...
- iv. Bren Monroe pissed the living hell out of me. I understood why she was the way she was, but I just couldn't get on board with how childish she acted. Mind you, she is a child and I often looked past different situations because of this. There was occasional moments where I sympathized with her, but those moments were short and far spread.

"That was my crew. Along with Jordan, there were two others besides myself—Cross Shaw and Zellman Greenly. My name is Bren Monroe, and even though I'm in the middle of this whole dark diatribe, and even though we look like the bad guys right now, things aren't always as they seem."

#### The Plot

I feel like this was the biggest issue I had with this book. Nothing hooked me enough that I didn't forget about the page count. I love that feeling when you're so into a book that you suddenly realize you only have three chapters left because HOLY SHIT! you've been glued to the page.

no.

this did not occur in this one, folks.

Half the time, I had no idea what the hell was going on - nearly every second chapter there was a brawl or a fight and it had nearly no advancement in the plot or character development. This is definitely a slow burn in the romance department as well. Yet, I didn't feel a spark in the start to even start the burn; so when the h and H actually ended up getting together it felt like a straight forest burner. The plot moved way too slow for me and it dragged.

I know a lot of people who really enjoyed this, and I've been recommended the Fallen Crest series various times. So in my plight of trying to salvage love for both TIJAN's characters and writing, I might venture into that series later this year.

However, this one contained slut shaming, unrealistic teacher-student relationships and personal space violations galore. *Not for me*.

#### The "Normals"

"Sunday night. People had been to church this morning, and we'd beaten someone bloody this evening."

I felt like the concept of "crews" vs. "normals" and that segregation was too pushed. The concept was something really simple, yet the world building was inorganic because every possible time Crew was mentioned and the 'rules' that surrounded being in one, I felt like it was a research chapter. The idea is so unique and the blurb really had a lot of potential in my eyes but unfortunately, I felt like the execution could have been done better.

This review is really straight to the point and I feel like it might come out harsh in that way. I really do hope people don't experience what I did while reading this. You could completely tell the author spent a lot of time building both her world and her characters. You can also tell that there are subjects that could be so relevant to today's youth. Overall, I just couldn't get behind it (doesn't mean you cant;)

## KAT? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books? says

A slow burn best friends to lovers romance, all the feels  $\checkmark$  all the angst  $\checkmark$  all the High School drama at it's best  $\checkmark$  Hot hero  $\checkmark$  Rival gang wars  $\checkmark$ 

**CREW:** Is the first full-length, young-adult book, in the 'Crew Series' by Author Tijan.

This story is told solely from seventeen year old Bren's perspective, Bren is not your typical heroine she's attending her last year of high school at 'Roussou High' the only girl in her 'Crew' a band of misfit friends that have each others backs no matter what. "Blood makes you related, But its loyalty that makes you family."

Jordan Pitts (who is the self-proclaimed leader of their Crew) Cross Shaw Zellman Greenly and Bren Monroe

Known as the wolves but that wasn't their official name, when Bren pulls out a knife, her throwing skills were above average, but her sole talent laid in slicing and dicing her victims. There were other crews within the school that are bigger than their group but 'Crew' were the most feared.

When you become one of us, you have to agree to three oaths.

The first: will you treat us as family?

Will you fight for us as you'd have us fight for you? And third: Would you forgive as if we're one person?

Bren was a hot mess, she was all over the place, volatile, cold, closed off all due to her losing both her

parents drastically, her mother passed away and her father ended up in prison, and her brother who stepped up and took the reins wasn't a constant figure in her life either, until now, other than her best friend Cross she never really had anyone. His devotion towards Bren melted my heart, he stood by her through every obstacle in her life, Tijan brought his character to life, he was to die for. The silent but violent type, press his buttons and he'd detonate, touch Bren and he'd kill for her.

These two had a very complex friendship, you could feel the build up into more coming at you, chapter by chapter, every time she needed to get away you'd find her in one of two places, either in Cross' closet which was her sanctuary when things became too much or keeping watch over her old family home.

This was nothing like what I had expected, first I thought Crew was the hotty on the cover ????Secondly I thought it was going to be his POV wrong again!!

## Terri Lynn says

I am glad I one clicked the E-book. If I would have bought the paper back, I would of played a "Bren" and cut that bitch to pieces!

54 Chapters, Epilogue.

When I saw advertisement for, "Crew" I was so anxious for the release. The blurb automatically drew me in. After devouring Fallen Crest High series and loving it, except for the ending I couldn't wait to read, "Crew."

"You and Monica break up again?" She was his on-again, off-again girlfriend, but I knew they gotten back together on Friday.

> I Dislike other woman problems, especially when it drags through most of the plot. It takes away the romance between the main characters.

Bren's character is annoying. Maybe because every chapter is her perspective. I was hoping it would have rotated between the main characters. Bren is a drama queen. Some of the things she does I just can not picture it playing out.

I found the whole closet crashing thing just "Weird." A 17 year old girl sleeps in an 18 year old boys closet. \*Laughing\* Are you serious? I am sure there is a reason, but how immature can these characters be?

\*Taz said, "There are no couples in crew."

And this right here, is what I truly hate. I thought the characters would have been more mature. I was expecting drama, but I was also expecting romance. And this was a total letdown This is definitely to Young for my liking.

I have enjoyed YA romance, when the characters are maturely written. I understand Bren is 17, Cross is 18. but usually Tijan characters are mature.

I fell in love with Fallen Crest High characters. This one flopped. Really, it was just to much over rated

drama, that didn't flow well at all. It seemed to forced. Didn't hold my attention, caused me to skim some chapters. It was a tough one. I tried to like it. I really did, but I just couldn't.

\*I whirled to him, seeing red, and a second later, I had him backed against a tree, my knife at his throat. < I like a strong heroine. Bren is so tough it is unbelievable. She takes on dudes and gets the best of them. I just can not picture this 17 year old girl, who is skinny mind ya, taking on these tough boys.

I think it would definitely of been better getting into both characters head, instead of only Bren, because her train of thoughts is just ridiculous.

I stopped reading at 42% There is so much drama (fighting) (Toughness) I love romance. If there was romance tossed in the mix I would of stuck it out. I can't finish this. To many eye rolling moments. This is to young for me to enjoy. I won't be continuing to the next. Dam shame, because Tijan writing is good, I just can flow with this absurd plot. The fact it is told from Brens perspective is boring. The drama is just too much, no romance. Too young for me.

If your looking for romance, and your an adult, I don't recommend this. I am in my early 30's, and this is not something I can enjoy. I definitely will not be one clicking any more of this authors books, unless she steps her romance game up a degree or two.

### Wendy says

I am not a big YA reader, but I definitely make an exception, when it comes to Tijan's books. "Fallen Crest High" is one of my all time favorite YA series and re-reading them never gets old. I am deeply in love with Mason and Logan;)

Which is why I was a very happy camper, when I found out, we were getting a new high school series from Tijan!!

Now I promised to keep my review spoiler-free, so I won't be going too deep into the storyline. What I will say, is that I was very pleasantly surprised by this one, for more than one reason.

This story is told from Bren's perspective....and she is pretty messed up, if I do say so myself...

I liked her very much, and of course there are reasons for her though shell. She is 17 years old and in her last year of high school... She is also part of a **crew**..

I have got to admit, that I took me a bit of time to understand what a "**Crew**" really was and that's saying something because this whole "*Crew Bussiness*" is mentioned a lot....

Best way to explain, it is to say that it's sort of like a gang, but without the "blood in blood out" mentality.
They are groups that stick together and most importantly "stand together". They have one another's
backsalways.

There are multiple "crews" in Bren's high school, and there are 4 people in the one that she is in. Her and three other dudes. There are a few rules, but one of their crew's rule is not to fall in love..... but it seems Bren is about to break that one;)

Now I can't really say much more without spoilering, but I will say this....I am so glad I am not in high school anymore!!!!

There were a couple of times, I felt like the heroine was acting a bit childish, but then I had to remind myself she was 17...so she is a child !!! I don't read much YA...so it's easy to forget they are all still so young.

I really enjoyed this one, and I can't wait to see what's gonna happen next;)

This one doesn't end on a big cliffy, but it is a continuing series so the story doesn't end here... Fallen Crest is still my favorite, but that's a hard to one to beat...but who know with the future books:P

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