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She was at the wrong place, at the wrong time.

It was supposed to be just another night of partying for Hayley Larson... that is, until things go horribly wrong. She witnesses her father's brutal murder and barely escapes with her life.

Now orphaned, Hayley's life quickly goes on a downward spiral. She is passed from one guardian to another and eventually ends up in the infamous Downright High, a place meant to discipline even the nastiest, most despicable delinquent. She is abruptly thrown into a life where indoor brawls, school lockdowns, and torturous hours of disciplinary isolation are all expected to happen before dinner.

Amidst the madness, Hayley meets Colin—an arrogant yet irresistibly captivating delinquent with his own set of issues. The attraction between them is unmistakable. And just when they begin to open up to each other, Hayley's dark past catches up with her. Will Colin look beyond his own problems and reach out to help Hayley? Or will he serve as the final straw that will finally push her to the brink of self-destruction?

Get a copy now and join Hayley and Colin as they sift through the riddles of love, deception, and survival in the perilous halls of Downright High.

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Debra says

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This is a cautionary tale of life for troubled teens. When her father is murdered her life do i s out of control. She has no one to turn too. She ends up in a struck boarding school. But things there are not right. Will she be able to get out alive? There is so much too g against her. Will she be able to trust anyone?

Suzanne Kinsey says

Almost !

I almost really liked this book,,,,all the way up until the author threw a "the sixth sense" plot twist at the end. It was over written and just plain too far fetched that it lost me completely. I was literally so bummed, it went from 4 stars to 2 stars all because of the ridiculous plot twist at the end. Ugh, Im still sad.

Harley says

3.5 stars

toxicsyndrome says

This book was amazing.

Dilyana says

Two things stood out for me in this book.

The first one was the repetitions. Not of events, but of words. I'm not talking about words like "eye" that can't be replaced (well, I guess you could use "orb" or "winker", but that usually ruins the flow of the story). Some of the words could've easily been replaced with synonyms or "it", "they", etc.

The second thing was the violence. Even though it was described in detail and not just mentioned, the scenes did not frighten me which is probably a good thing as this book seems to be aimed at teenagers.

The strongest emotion I felt while reading Downright Delinquent was indignation. The teens at Downright High were treated like criminals. Heck, I wouldn't treat even some criminals like that!

And yes, I am aware that there are some really messed up kids there. My desire to punch the guards did not diminish because of that. Especially with the way they “handled” Hayley after what she’d gone through. In their defense, the staff couldn’t have known about her past, but they labeled her as extremely volatile and dangerous from the moment the taxi dropped her off at the school.

And indeed, in some situations she was volatile and she could be dangerous, but the staff didn’t know that either. They just assumed that if she was in Downright High, she was trash and should be treated as such.

As for the pacing – I liked that. Most of the book takes place twelve months after the main character – Hayley, goes through an extremely traumatic event. The time that passes gives her a reason not to just curl up in a corner and stare at the empty space in front of her, but to still be shaken enough that her mental state would play a big part in the story.

Caitlin H says

Definitely went on my favorites list!
