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Cursed with an intense version of empathy Alice runs from a wasted life to start a new one somewhere no one will know her; Hell, Michigan. Alice works at a hole-in-the-wall bar in the middle of nowhere mostly keeping to herself to avoid the overwhelming emotions of those around her. She allows her best friend to convince her into taking a few college classes without realizing it would drastically change her life forever. From her first day of class she was hooked on him; his scent, his eyes, the way he talked to her inside her head. Throughout her struggles she learns about true love, true pain and the truth of her own heritage. Alice must quickly find out who she is because after all everyone else is out to find her. With Angels and Bounty Hunter's in constant pursuit she finds protection within a group of Fallen Angels. These Fallen Angels vow to do anything to protect her; for it is their belief she will save their kind and all of mankind.

Finding Alice Details

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From Reader Review Finding Alice for online ebook

Brianna Kilcrease says

The First Line: "I never knew love, not in any form. Unwanted at birth, I was abandoned by the very people who were supposed to love me the most. The truth is I never really minded it that much."

The Story: Surprisingly I really liked this book alot. I mean it's not one of my favorites but it's not bad either. The story was quite refreshing and I liked the whole angel history and how the book takes place in Hell, Michigan. It just sort of fits, don't you think? Well all in all this book was a little short and I felt like I didn't quite get the connection I could have. I mean I feel like the storyline sort of breezed by but at the same time I feel like it's fine how it is. i don't know I'm sort of torn about it. It was definitely a great debut novel and I can't wait to see more from Andrea.

The Characters: I really liked Alice as a heroine for this novel. She was badass but at the same time she was a little soft too. Coming into her powers was quite cool and I was especially intrigued with the feathers. If you watch the book trailer above it focuses alot on the feathers, which is what I like most about it.

Now lets talk about Cole. For smokin hott fallen angels, Cole takes the cake. He's soft, yet bad and at first you're not sure what role he plays but after a while he just seems to fit into the picture. Sometimes the romance went fast and I was like "woah slow down a bit" but other than that I really liked them as a couple.

Now when you add in her father, and grandfather and Cole's father into the picture, that's when it really gets good. All put together is a big whacked out family. Sometimes you laugh, and sometimes you get mad at one of them. But that's part of being related right?

The Cover: The cover is great. It's a great picture of how I would see Alice and I like the background and how her jacket screams "badass".

Would I Recommend? Yes I would definitely recommend this book to anyone. It's original in it's own way and has some romance, some mystery, some action and some good ol' comedy.

Lisa Markson says

Lisa's review of
Finding Alice
By Andrea Digiglio

This was a awesome book that I found in my TBR pile. I looked for it when I saw the cover for book 2. By the way it is a amazing cover for book 2. Alice ever felt like she belonged she was orphaned at a early age never knowing her birth parents. Moving from home to home. Alice moved to Hell and caught the scent of ocean air when she met Cole. From that meeting her life was thrown into another dimension that she didn't ever suspect. Se learns about her self and about her family. With the love of Cole she is able to stand up and ight or her right of birth. I am definitely looking forward to book 2. Andrea is an amazing and talented writer and we can expect big things from her. Thank you for taking me on this journey. Read this book in only one hour it was that good.

Keren Hughes says

I was on Twitter one afternoon when I asked if anyone wanted their book to be promoted on my blog. So I was approached by Andrea and after reading the synopsis, told her I would be only too glad to read and review FINDING ALICE. I love books about angels so this sounded right up my street.

First of all, let me address the cover. I am not good at picking up on subtle hints, so had I seen this cover and not read the blurb, I probably wouldn't be able to guess what the story was about. But having read the story, I look at the cover in a different light. I won't give too much away because I want to see if you come to the same conclusion as me. All I will say is, I love this cover and it's what I imagined in my minds eye whilst reading, even though I did not connect the dots at first. (I need to be hit over the head with a sledgehammer - no good at subtlety at all)

As for the story:

I have come to the conclusion that this is my new favourite book and any I read in 2012 will have this as their benchmark! The ARC of this book is my most-treasured possession.

The simple reason for this? Because I totally loved this book and it's characters.

The more complicated reason? Get comfortable in your seat as I delve into my review and explain in a little more detail.

* Note, You may find this a little spoilery for your liking so beware before you read it. I will try my hardest not to ruin it for anyone but I can't help gushing about how much I loved this book!*

FINDING ALICE has a very poignant start. Jane comes from a broken background. But I would describe it more as shattered. She has had a rough start to life, but even that is an understatement. Why? Because Jane has never had a family. She has been shunted about from foster home to foster home. Life has been nothing but an uphill struggle for this poor, emotionally battered girl.

Then one day, along come a couple who want to take her into their home. Jill and Robert are desperate for a child.

Jill is sweet and kind. She lets Jane paint her bedroom in whatever colour she sees fit. The freedom to be whatever or whomever she chooses gives Jane a refreshing feeling. It's not something she is used to.

But then one day, all too soon, Jane is at home in the basement when she overhears Jill and Robert screaming at each other. Something she hasn't heard them do before.

They are rowing because Jill is pregnant and Robert says that they are just Jane's 'foster parents' and cannot afford a three-bedroom house.

Though Jill was defending her, Jane realised that she was just 'damaged goods' and nobody really wanted her.

So Jane waits for them to go to bed, writes them a note thanking them for having her, then leaves. She's sure that once the baby comes along, they'll forget all about her.

Having left the past behind her, Jane decides to reinvent herself. She has no friends or family so it doesn't matter to anyone who she is. She wants rid of the name her so-called 'birth parents' gave her.

So she changes it, to Alice.

Having got hold of forged papers and a paid for diploma on-line, Alice is now officially somebody. Not the nobody she has always felt she is.

It's time for Alice to forge a new future for herself. To make her own way in the world. She decides on a fresh start somewhere that no-one knows her. That's when she decides on Hell, Michigan.

Alice takes a job at a bar. This is where she meets a girl called Camille and they become firm friends, almost sisters. It's Camille that convinces Alice she needs to attend school. Camille thinks Alice is a little anti-social and needs to get out of town and meet some real people.

So Alice enrolls at college. She signed up for just two classes even though she could have handled more. She takes art class and History: Early Religion. She's not exactly what you'd call devout, but the class sounds interesting.

College is where she meets the gorgeous, delectable Cole Corvus. With intensely amber eyes and a chiselled jaw, Cole is certainly very easy on the eye. In fact, Alice thinks he is the most beautiful thing she has ever seen. She can feel her heart pounding in her ribcage every time he is near.

Luckily for Alice, Cole is in her art class, so she gets to check him out, a lot!

swoons dreamily at the memory of Cole - folks, I must say, I am a sucker for the chiselled jaw and seductive eyes

Just as life seems to be settling down for Alice, she is at work one night - closing up alone, when she is attacked by a hooded stranger in the car park. Alice wants to run but it feels like her feet are stuck in cement. She turns round just in time to see his fist and feel the impact it makes as he hits her in the nose. She wipes the blood from her face and attempts to run but he's on her faster than she can escape. He hits her again and then follows it with a kick.

Why on Earth is this stranger attacking her? What did she do wrong?

Alice can taste his excitement in the back of her throat - he's excited at the prospect of her fighting back. Little does he know what he's letting himself in for. Alice fights back, throwing her attacker into the side of her car. She won't go down without a fight and it seems like maybe she's not so weak and feeble as he thought she was.

Upon returning to school, her teacher Mr Riley sees her injuries and gives her the class assignment, telling her to go home and take it easy.

She goes out to her car, but she hears Cole's voice in her head telling her to wait for him in the car park. She would've been tempted to leave, but it was the first time he had spoken directly to her mind like that. I mean sure, she's had some weird feelings like maybe he can sense what she is thinking, but neither of them have confronted it head on. So she decides to stick around and see what will come of it.

This is the point where the story really had me turning the pages quickly. I was in hook, line and sinker from the beginning of the book, but this is where I got deeper into it.

I already feel like what I have said has maybe been a bit spoilery, so I will try not to divulge too much here. Let me tell you, that it a difficult task. I have so much love for this book that I feel I could go on talking, or writing, forever.

From here on in, Alice learns what Cole is - and what she herself is. She realises that there is a battle coming that no-one is ready for. They must fight against God's angels because it has always been that He thinks

Nephilim should not exist. He sends His angels to basically annihilate all the Fallen - they should never have been created so they shouldn't continue to exist.

I have to say, this book was crafted so beautifully. I had a real connection with the characters that Andrea DiGiglio created.

Having had such a traumatic childhood, Alice emerges as a strong woman. Far stronger than she gave herself credit for being.

Cole Corvus is a beautiful, soulful character that I couldn't help but fall entirely head over heels in love with. I really wish there was a real life Cole so that I could fall helplessly in love with him. Though what my fiancé would say about that, I'm not too sure. As it is, he can't really feel threatened by a fictitious character (though perhaps he should)

The thing I liked most about FINDING ALICE was the fact that the characters were real and grounded.

There was none of this airy fairy business you find in some books.

It's like sometimes you can read a story and whilst yes it's interesting and entertaining, all it is is a story. But then there are some that you sink into and you know that they touch your heart in a way no other can hope to match.

FINDING ALICE is one of those for me. I really got lost within the pages. It was almost like I was empathic because I shared Alice's feelings. When she got hurt, I felt it in my bones. When she was happy, I felt a sense of utter joy. When she was sad, well let's just say there were a few places that really made me cry. My suggestion to all is, have a box of tissues handy when you read this. And if you don't need them, you must be made of stone!

All in all, I am so glad to have experienced this story. I am looking forward to ALICE'S SACRIFICE but wish it wasn't as far away as 2013. This year has only just begun, I will be having withdrawal symptoms in between now and next year

Andrea DiGiglio says

I of course love my book, I wouldn't be so excited to share Alice's story with you otherwise!

Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says

I received Finding Alice as an ARC from the author Andrea and I have to say HOLY COW! This is an EPIC beginning to a series! As most of you know I love Angel and Demon stories. They just fascinate me and when I started reading this book I could not put it down. Man has Andrea created a real world where good vs evil is ever present.

Alice is a loner who speaks to no one and minds her business. When she is not in school she is off drawing in her sketch book. Her last foster home is anything but normal so she decides to leave and never look back.

When she leaves her foster family for good she seeks out a place where it is quiet and no one knows her and where she can reinvent herself. She finds that in Hell Michigan where everyone there is quiet and minds their business. There she changes her name and starts working at a bar where she loves it.

Then she meets one of the bar workers Camille. Camille is full of energy and always telling Alice she should

enroll in college. So Alice decides she will enroll in two classes, one being a Religious History class and the other an art class. On the first day of class Alice is waiting for Camille when this GORGEOUS guy walks in and Alice's world seems to stand still. Alice is not sure if she is dreaming but she feels this instant connection to this guy and can't stop staring at him. Camille comes into the room and is totally laughing at Alice because Alice has never ever showed interest in anyone before.

As the weeks pass on Alice is starting to like school and even finds herself spending more time with Camille at the bar. Alice is also starting to come out of her shell and starts talking to Cole (Mr Gorgeous). Then things start to get weird for Alice. She starts having these crazy dreams and she can't decide whether or not they are real. The one thing she does know is that these dreams scare the mess out of her. What is Alice to do, should she follow the dream or should she ignore the dreams? Will she ever be able to open her heart and love? Will she be able to trust the one person she is falling for?

Alice will have to come face to face with her fears and figure out who she is and what these strange dreams mean to her. Will she open her heart up enough to be loved by the one person who is hiding a secret? What will her secret reveal? What is she to do about the bounty hunter's who are after her? Will she really believe her eyes when she sees one of God's chosen ones?

I felt the room catch up to me as his lips touched mine. His kiss consumed every inch of my being. It was intensely gentle with just the right amount of raw, rough passion. I could live in that moment for the rest of my life. We fell back onto the bed and a cloud of dark feathers flew into the air above us, hovering. His arms tangled around me as I ran my hands down his back. I don't think I could have felt any closer to him than I did in that moment.

Andrea DiGiglio. Finding Alice (Kindle Locations 633-637).

This book does not come out till February 19, 2012 and I am telling you this is a MUST READ! I could not put it down because it has everything from Angels to Nephelims to bounty hunter's and no one is as they seem.

Erica says

Alice has grown up in the system living in foster home after foster home. Each family was different and each caused her to learn about the harsh realities of the world. Abuse runs rampant in her past, and when she finally finds a home where she feels loved her foster parent's end up pregnant with their own child. She sees the love for this unborn child and knows she can never stand up to it and decides to take off.

Fast forward a bit and we find our heroine living on her own and settling down in a town she is now considering home. This town is of all places; Hell, Michigan. She has a house all her own, even though it might be a bit creepy, it's still her's. And, Alice even has a great job at a bar that she loves.

Classes have started and she begins going to them like a good student does. Everything seems fine and normal until the first day of her religion class where this mysterious boy walks in. Her whole life changes from here on out, and reality itself is shaken.

Overall I really enjoyed this book and can't wait until the next one is out! The story kept me intrigued the whole time, and kept me guessing. I love books that are about fallen angels, demons, or anything like that. So, this was right up my alley! There was plenty of fallen angels to be had, and this made me a very happy bookaholic.

Andrea does a great job at developing her characters, especially Alice's character. Alice is a very strong, independent, and well developed character. I could have been a bit happier if Cole and a few of the other lead characters were better developed. I feel like they were a bit shadowed and thrown into the background, but maybe the next books will make up for that.

The plot line was great, and very suspenseful. I could not put the book down once it took off because it was so fast paced! I love that about this book, and I hope that Andrea can keep up this same speed with the next one.

I am also a huge fan of the religious ideas and the take on fallen angels in this book. It's good to see a different perspective on the mythology behind this, and the way that Andrea made her readers connect with the fallen angels is just spectacular.

This is a great read for the fallen angel, nephilim fan out there and I highly recommend it! After all, how many books are based around a city called Hell (that actually exists)?

Victoria says

Oh my goodness! This book was amazing :D

- I wish it was longer
 - can't say I was head over heels for Cole
 - I wish book two was written and edited and tested and published so I could read it now...
 - I wish some things were elaborated more
 - I thought it was awesome :D
 - why am I writing this in bullets?
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 - Can't wait for Alice's Sacrifice!!
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Jessica Gibson says

I was lucky enough to get an ARC of this book, and I struck gold. There was nothing about this book that I didn't like. The story sucked me in from the get go, I literally read the entire thing in about a day. I couldn't put it down. I grew to love the main character like she was my best friend. I had chills the whole last scene in the book, it was really phenomenal. I cannot wait until this book comes out so I can recommend it to everyone I know. If you buy this book, you won't be disappointed.

Luna Melissa says

" I would at least have lived, loved and been loved... And that's all that's really worth living for" ...
The Fallen Angels....(: Really Enjoyed THiss Book I Cant Wait For Book 2! You Were Right Andrea Only
In A True Fictious World Can One Allow THemselfs To Believe THank You.

Stacy says

I loved this book and can't wait to read what's instore fir Alice & Cole.

Julie says

Fantastic book I finished it within a few hours of buying it on my kindle. Superbly written and I would recommend this book to anyone. I can't wait for the next in the series to come out. A great book that I have given 5 stars to as I could re-read it all over again and not get bored of it, that is how good it is.

Allison says

So first of all the personalized signing was very cool - first one I've ever had and I couldn't agree more with Andrea's message: "To read is to love. Love often." Secondly, I think the plot of this novel is good and has great potential, but overall I felt the story should have been fleshed out more. The main character was decently developed, but all the other characters felt like they existed in the shadows of the story - I didn't get the greatest feel for them and I wish I had, especially Cole. In general I prefer longer stories to short stories which may be the reason I feel that this 183 paged book could easily have been closer to 300 or longer and benefited from it. Lastly, I think the editor or whomever proofread this book did a dis-service to Andrea. There were several word misuses such as two instead of too, imagine instead of image, fowl instead of foul (p. 161), loose instead of lose (p. 163), dammed instead of damned (p. 167). As you can see it got to the point of being distracting and where I started keeping track of where in the book they occurred. Overall, I think Andrea is a good writer and there is a lot of potential with this storyline so I will likely read the next installment "Alice's Sacrifice."

Jessica says

For readers thoroughly intrigued by Angel/Nephilim lore and stories, *Finding Alice* will be another book to add to their shelves, and here is why. One, there is a new take on the relationship between the Nephilim, Angels, and God Almighty. Two, the swoon-worthy relationship between Cole and Alice. Three, the addictive quality of the narrative.

One: I really enjoyed DiGiglio's address of somewhat sensitive subject matter. Which, of course, was the concept of how God would have reacted to his so-called perfectly created Angels cavorting and fornicating with his humans, much less spawning a half-human/half-angel race of beings never meant to exist

(Nephilim). Too often YA novels focused on fallen angels focus on a specific fallen angel's fate since the fall and their attempts to re-enter heaven (See Patch from *Hush, Hush*). *Finding Alice*, however, focuses more on the wrath that God and the remaining Arch Angels intend to reap upon the Nephilim walking the Earth because they see and treat them as abominations. Granted, there are still some staples from other Angel-centric novels, the one Fallen seeking retribution and admission back into the pearly gates, a large number of fallen angels who seem to suddenly trust a nephilim, Alice and her beau Cole, with the fate of their lives, and a number of people who are secretly part of the main protagonist's past lurking in broad daylight.

Two: To say that YA novels spend a lot of time on romance is an understatement. Alice and Cole's relationship, as predictable as it might have been at his introduction in the story, was still very organic and natural. I like how DiGiglio managed to approach the intimate sexual details with maturity and relative reality, which is uncharacteristic for a YA novel. (Most YA novels, if they include sex at all, tend to gloss over the details and don't include much concerning the emotional ties that sexual congress can incite). I think that *Finding Alice* really made sex seem as important as a physical extension of the intense connection between Alice and Cole. Although, I must admit that I am a bit of a hopeless romantic, so I enjoyed that my expectations that their relationship would be all butterflies and unicorns were shot to Hell (This novel is set in Hell, Michigan...get it?).

Three: The entire narrative, while not free of mistakes or awkward moments, was extremely addictive. Once I was drawn into the story of Alice (formerly Jane) I could not put the book down. I will say that this story read more like a novella than that of a full length novel, and it's size is somewhat indicative of that as well. In addition, there are some aspects that weaken the narrative a bit, especially when the narrator, Alice) begins lecturing herself in italics. I think that the internal dialogue is more helpful when a story is told in third person because the reader doesn't readily know what the narrator is thinking due to the POV choice. In a first person narrative, I think that the story is already inundated with the thoughts of the narrator. But I digress. Despite these flaws, which I'm sure DiGiglio will address in the subsequent sequels, the story itself was so consuming that I deem it worth reading.

Overall, I'm awarding *Finding Alice* 4 stars.

Cyndi Stauff says

Phew...I just made this contest! Thank goodness I was looking in the "Recommendations" area and found this. Regardless of if I win or not, I will be buying this book to read. It sounds like it's right up my alley! Will update this review area after I read it. :)

Cait Lavender says

Brain candy? Check. Hot love interest? Check. Strong female lead character? Check. Fresh and interesting plotline? Check!

Finding Alice is a great, quick read that keeps you invested into the story and turning pages. I haven't read too many books revolving around Nephilim so the world Andrea DiGiglio created was an interesting twist on the classic boy-meets-girl story. The main character, Alice, has some emotional baggage but that just adds to the believability of her character and helps the reader appreciate what she had to overcome in order to gain some happiness in her life. New to the world of the supernatural, she forges ahead bravely with the love and

support of her boyfriend Cole and discovers her inner strength.

While I really enjoyed DiGiglio's writing style, there are a few things I'd hoped to see different. I wished she had explained the nuances of who Alice was, her powers and how she somehow learned to control them at the last minute without much instruction. The reader is expected to just take things at face value. That wouldn't be a problem if this was the second or third book and the "rules of the world" have already been established for the reader. But as the first of, what I'm assuming will be a series, it would be nice if the author made "the rules" absolutely clear. As a writer myself, I understand how that can happen.

There was also a nice element of romance between Alice and Cole. Cole, a handsome and mysterious young man with an uncanny ability to read and speak into Alice's mind and Alice herself, an unloved runaway foster child who falls quickly head-over-heels in love. Unfortunately, DiGiglio never wrote any scenes past kissing. To my frustration, whatever was to come afterwards was simply implied. I like my romances with lots of description, what can I say?

But don't let my little opinions dissuade you from reading Finding Alice! It was fresh, fun, suspenseful and one of the most promising Indy Pubbed books I've read in a long time. I don't doubt that Andrea DiGiglio will be successful and I look forward to getting my hands on the sequel!
