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Love is stronger than distance...

*Finishing senior year is supposed to be the best time in a person's life.
Finishing senior year as Julian's girlfriend should've been the icing on the cake.
Knowing the secret that could change everything for him is the only thing threatening to spoil it all.
Until Jack returns.*

Anna and Julian are together at last, and it's as hot and happy as they knew it would be. The only problem is The Secret.

And Jack.

But while Anna is determined to fight for the guy she loves, she could still lose Julian when he discovers the truth she's been helping to hide.

Watercolor Details

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Gabbie (Rampant Readers) says

Favorite Quote(s):

“‘That dress is causing a shortage,’ he teased. ‘I was going to say just the opposite. Something’s on the rise...’ I winked getting into the car. He caught me, holding me against the car. ‘Girl, your mom’s already crying. Hearing you talk that way would only make it worse.’”

“‘Where are you?’ Julian said in my ear, holding me close for a slow dance. His hands were at my waist, and mine were clasped behind his neck. A touch of spice accented his usual beach sen. I smiled. ‘Right where I want to be.’”

Favorite Character: Julian. Hands down.

First Line:

“Two nights ago, I stood in Julian’s arms watching as the New Year’s Eve fireworks exploded in a brilliant finale.”

My Musings: The Dragonfly series is definitely one of my favorite self published series. I positively fell in love with it from the very first book. And Leigh has been amazing with the short wait time between the books! I don’t know how I would have loved if I would have had to wait for longer than I did for the books after the first one. They’re seriously addictive.

Watercolor picks up where Undertow left off, with Anna and Julian finally getting together. And boy was I happy. This book was all about them! It was more of a romance book than the others in the series, which I loved, of course. I had been waiting for this! And I was definitely fulfilled with my lovin’ quota.

Everything with the secrets that Julian’s parents have been keeping culminates in this installment. Unfortunately, I was a bit let down by the actual climax. It felt like all of this build up for about 20 or so pages of resolution. The actual build ups towards it and the stuff afterwards were definitely more climatic than the actual climax. And well, Anna’s first time was kind of anti-climatic as well.

Anna definitely grew a bit during this novel. She definitely had some tough decisions to make regarding her feelings, her future, and the secrets she was hiding. Although she had her weak moments, she definitely pulled through just like she has in all of the novels.

Julian was perhaps the most effected character in this novel, seeing as he finally finds out who his father is and all of the stuff with his art. He took it well though. His character is something that I really admire. He was strong and stood up for himself. Sure, he had some self conscious moments, but he was confident for the most part and it was really inspiring. I’m glad that he finally found out who he was by the end of the novel. It hurt to see such a great character be so wounded inside simply because he believed his father didn’t care about him.

“Last night with Julian was amazing. I loved being with him. He was sexy and fun and even better, we’d started as friends. We knew each other so well, and I knew he’d never hurt me like Jack did.”

Julian and Anna together were the cutest thing in the world. They had some problems, sure, but they really were perfect together. And that's all that needs to be said. Get ready for some serious swoons if you pick up this book!

I just have to take a moment and say something about the sneak peek of Mosaic. Leigh, you're evil. Evillllllll!! I can't believe you out that in there! The suspense will give me nightmares.

Overall, Watercolor definitely wasn't a let down. Although some parts weren't what I imagined, everything else was wonderful. It's was full of romance and big decisions. I got my romance fill, so I'm content!

StacyHgg says

Watercolor by Leigh T. Moore

Series: Dragonfly #3

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Age Group: *See Review*

Release Date: September 28th 2013

Print Length: 274 pages

Overall Rating: 4 STARS

Review:

Watercolor is the third book in the Dragonfly series, and they must be read in order. If you have not read the first two beware of spoilers below.

Dragonfly focuses on Jack, Julian, and Anna. Undertow, on the parents. Then in Watercolor the focus is on the blossoming relationship between Julian and Anna. But Anna is hiding a huge secret from Julian, and it weighs on her heavily.

This series is just full of drama, and at its heart is Anna. At times I wanted to shake her I was so frustrated, I felt like she was being fickle. But she grew on me. She was always meddling in the previous books, sticking her nose where it didn't belong, but I think she realized she bit off more than she could chew. Her knowledge that Bill Kyser was Julian's dad and he didn't know it tormented her. She hated keeping this secret. And I think she knew she would have been better off not knowing.

Why couldn't I just have a normal life, a normal boyfriend, the things you see on after-school specials. Instead I had Jack, who'd spun my head then jerked me around. I had Julian, who I loved and couldn't tell the truth about something that was tearing him up inside. And now I had fake friends spying on me and getting me in trouble...

But at its heart is a heartwarming first love story. And I fell in love with Julian right alongside Anna. He was such a sexy charming young hero. *sigh*

This entire series is VERY unique. I have never read anything quite like it. The storyline is extremely original, and fascinating. And it's just keeps drawing me in further with each book. AND OMG there is a preview of Mosaic, the final book in this series, and WoW! I was blown away, and devastated. I mean I cannot believe Leigh did this to these characters so early in the book and then teased us with it!!!! I CANNOT wait until it's released! I'm dying over here!!!

Overall, I really liked this series and this installment and highly recommend you read Watercolor if you have read the first two. You will not believe what she has in store for us in Mosaic... And, like the first two, I have a hard time deciding what age group this novel belongs in. But if I had to, I would categorize this as a Young Adult novel with a few steamy scenes. The characters are seniors in high school and are sexually active so I don't think it's appropriate for younger teens.

Dragonflies meant deeper understanding. They meant new beginnings, and in some cultures they meant good luck.

~StacyHgg

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AnnCleire says

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“Watercolor” è il terzo volume della serie aperta con “Dragonfly” in cui Anna e Julian sono amici che condividono un’attrazione crescente e proseguita con “Undertow” nel quale il cuore di Anna è stato spezzato e Julian sta aspettando di raccogliere i pezzi. Sono molto legata a questa serie, sia perché mi ha dato la possibilità di conoscere una scrittrice straordinaria come la Moore ma anche una serie davvero molto carina. Poi ecco questo libro rimarrà per sempre nel mio cuore perché sono citata nei ringraziamenti, si sono citata nei ringraziamenti, anche se effettivamente non ho fatto nulla per meritarmelo. Posso solo dire che sono orgogliosa di essere citata in questo libro, perché probabilmente è il mio preferito della serie.

Finire il senior year dovrebbe essere il momento più bello della vita di una persona.

Finire il senior year come la ragazza di Julian dovrebbe essere la ciliegina sulla torta.

Conoscere il segreto che potrebbe cambiare tutto per lui è l’unica cosa che minaccia di rovinare tutto. Finché non torna Jack.

Anna e Julian sono insieme alla fine, ed è caldo e felice come sapevano che sarebbe stato. L’unico problema è il Segreto. E Jack.

Ma mentre Anna è determinata a combattere per il ragazzo che ama, potrebbe lo stesso perdere Julian quando lui viene scoprire la verità che lei ha aiutato a nascondere.

Dopo “Undertow” non sapevo cosa aspettarmi da questo terzo volume della storia, non solo perché finalmente vediamo Julian e Anna felici insieme, ma perché cambiano molte cose. Mentre il secondo libro è di passaggio e funzionale per capire il passato, in questo siamo completamente proiettati nel futuro. Julian e Anna, seppur insieme devono affrontare molte sfide, determinate soprattutto dai dubbi e dalla insicurezza della ragazza. È lei che racconta la storia in prima persona, è con lei che assistiamo al peso di tenere un segreto sconvolgente, è con lei che ci torturiamo. La sua storia d’amore viene continuamente messa in

discussione e lei si ritrova a contestare le scelte che gli adulti prendono, anche per lei.

Anna è la classica brava ragazza, è sempre lei, con la sua passione per il giornalismo, la sua voglia di eccellere e le insicurezze tipiche di una ragazza della sua età. Dai voluminosi capelli castani e gli occhi verdi, Anna sa quello che vuole ma non sa come ottenerlo. E mentre il suo ultimo anno al liceo scorre veloce insieme al ragazzo con cui ha deciso di stare, pure, a volte, il ricordo di Jack crepita, pure a volte, dubita di quello che ha. La scuola, le lezioni, le feste con i ragazzi, le passeggiate in spiaggia, il suo lavoro al giornale locale, tutto ha un'ombra gettata su quello che sa sulla madre di Julian. È difficile fare la cosa giusta, è complicato nascondere una verità che potrebbe aiutare la persona che si ama, pure, in qualche modo Anna deve assistere impotente a quello che Ms LaSalle vuol rivelare o meno. Anna è sempre lei e la forza del suo personaggio è proprio quella di essere una ragazza come tante altre, in cui chi legge è capace di riconoscersi. È una ragazza comune, non ha niente di straordinariamente speciale, una famiglia amorevole, uno stile di vita confortevole, la classica ragazza della porta accanto e il lettore può sempre riconoscersi in lei e vivere con lei le sue esperienze.

Finalmente vediamo Julian in azione, sia il suo lato artistico, capace di vedere in un pezzo di ferro qualunque potenzialità immense, sia il suo lato passionale, sia quello dolce e sensibile. Julian è quanto di più lontano ci possa essere da un bad boy, è il tipico ragazzo, quello che si incanta per la sua passione, che sia lo sport, le macchine o l'arte, che ha in mente solo una cosa, o quasi, e che in qualche modo però riesce a non confondersi tra la folla. Dagli occhi azzurrissimi, i capelli scompigliati, il fisico minuto ma forte, Julian è un romantico, di quelli capaci di trasformare un evento qualsiasi in un appuntamento speciale, eppure senza fronzoli, che non si formalizza, che prende tutto alla leggera. È un ragazzo speciale, che sicuramente fa subito ad entrare nel cuore dei lettori con il suo essere alla mano, sorridente e affabile, che non si tira indietro quando c'è da aiutare un amico e che c'è sempre quando si ha bisogno di lui.

In questo libro i protagonisti indiscussi sono Julian e Anna, pure il contorno dei personaggi secondari aggiunge colore, tra vecchie conoscenze come Lucy, assistiamo alla ponderosa entrata in scena di Summers, che ne combinerà delle belle.

L'ambientazione rimane quella del paesino di provincia, nel Sud dell'Alabama quasi sul Golfo e che si staglia sull'oceano che pure fa da contorno a molte scene, insieme alla camera da letto di Anna e la macchina convertibile di Julian

Il particolare da non dimenticare? Una scultura...

Romantico, dolce, imprevedibile e con quel pizzico di dolce amaro che non guasta mai, questa è una storia molto romantica, di vita vera, talmente verosimile che potrebbe viverla il lettore stesso. Assolutamente irresistibile, solo Julian potrebbe essere un motivo per leggere la serie. Ci mette un po' a carburare, ma sicuramente "Watercolor" è il meglio riuscito e quello più di impatto... forse anche per il fatto che io aspettavo il momento romance con ardore. Leggero, ironico, ma allo stesso tempo di riflessione, vi invito alla lettura.

Io intanto aspetto con calma il quarto libro della serie "Mosaic" in uscita a inizio 2014 con impazienza... Buona lettura guys!

Ringrazio immensamente Leigh T. Moore e InkSlinger Pr e Kelly Simmon per avermi permesso di leggere questo libro in anteprima e di partecipare al blog tour! Grazie!

Kristin (KC) - Traveling Sister says

3.5 Stars

A very sweet addition!

Watercolor is the third installment to the Dragonfly series, and although I didn't find it *as* alluring as the previous books, it was still a very sweet, entertaining read and a lovely addition to this series.

The story picks up directly where *Undertow* leaves off and the sole focus is back on Anna and Julian. The two are finally attempting to make it as a couple, and everything seems perfect. Except for that pesky, world shattering secret in Anna's possession ... looming over her head ... threatening to rip her world to shreds at any moment should Julian find out what she's hiding. All the more reason to persuade the others to come clean as Anna once again applies her clever Nancy Drew skills to get to the bottom of things.

The first time's different. You're going to remember it. I want you to remember it. You're my angel, and I want it to be the best thing we share.

This story is sweet and sexy in all the right places. What I love about Leigh's writing is the honest feel to her characters and their circumstance. Her stories are youthful but never feel juvenile. Her portrayal of high school seniors displays the perfect degree of maturity and innocence to provide a genuine interpretation. The pacing is always satisfying and allows the story to move fluidly.

This book does NOT leave off on a cliffhanger, but ends with a promising and intriguing segue into the final installation, *Mosaic*. I'm looking forward to learning the ultimate fate of these amazing characters!

Book Stats:

? **Genre/Category:** New Adult Romance

? **Steam Caliber:** Mild steam

? **Romance:** Sweet and slightly complicated.

? **Characters:** Dedicated, sweet hero. Strong and genuine heroine.

? **Plot:** Story focuses on the rocky relationship of Anna and Julian.

? **Writing:** Gentle and fluid.

? **POV:** 1st Person: Heroine

? **Cliffhanger:** None

? **Next Installment:** Continuing story.

? **HEA? (view spoiler)**

Anastasia says

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The characters

Watercolor,third installment in the Dragonfly series and it keeps getting better and better...

Anna and Julian are finally together.But their relationship is anything but easy.Julian starts doubting himself as a person and an artist.He also knows that his mom sneaks out in the middle of the night but there are sometimes that he just wants someone to talk to,someone like a father.

And then there's Anna.She's read all three journals and now she knows what really happened.She promised to never reveal the secret of Julian's father but being with him makes it harder when she sees how troubled and frustrated he gets.However,she's finally with the boy who has been her best friend all these years and the only person who understands her.But before Julian,there was Jack. She keeps having dreams about him and can't stop thinking about him.There's also the fact that she got in Loyola,which is great for her because it was the university she wanted to attend.She received a full scholarship as well!She should be happy and excited but she doesn't want to tell Julian because Loyola is in New Orleans and a few blocks from Tulane,the university Jack attends.

Let's not forget about Jack.He's attending Tulane but he never shows up in classes,he doesn't date anyone and he keeps drinking and putting himself in trouble.With a little help from his father, he decides to pay a visit to his hometown.....and run into Anna.He seems happy to see her but when he realizes that she's with Julian,he gets angry and walks away.I kind of feel bad about him.I think he broke up with Anna in the first place because he didn't want to hurt her or maybe he has some secrets on his own.

There's also Bill Kyser,who wants nothing more than officially being with Alex,Julian's mother,and announcing to Julian that he's his father.But Alex doesn't want that because she doesn't know how Julian will react.We also didn't read a lot about Lucy but I hope we will in Mosaic.Lucy and Jack's brother Will shows up as well.Let's just say that he never liked Anna..

Verdict

I LOVED Watercolor!Buried secrets,forbidden feelings,betrayal and mystery are just a few of the things that make this story not just worth reading but a must-read!

Chrissy (The Every Free Chance Reader) says

Did I enjoy this book: I did enjoy this book. When I began it, I thought I was reading the final installment of the Dragonfly series, however, it was not the last book. I wish I had known that (my fault entirely) before getting into Watercolor.

Watercolor was a good installment in the Dragonfly series. The reason I wish I had known it wasn't the last book is because it seemed a bit slow, full of unrelated events, and I just wanted to get to the big reveal. I couldn't imagine it only happening at the end of the book. There were quite a few events that occurred in Watercolor that felt unneeded but perhaps they will play a bigger role in the fourth book, Mosaic. I'm hoping those events (the fight involving Montage, Will's constant unhappiness and interference between Bill and Anna, and Summer's entire presence) will be explained later.

Anna is still as curious and as naive as ever. She and Julian make a great couple though. They work together. I don't know how she kept her secrets from him for so long. And I still don't completely understand Alex's reasoning behind her omissions. I can understand part of it but not really, especially considering Bill's

willingness.

As I said, Watercolor was a good installment, but felt a bit like a bridge book in the series. I was hoping for more but I think that hope was because I didn't realize there was another book. If I had realized that before I started reading (my fault for not knowing that), I would have had different expectations. But a good read that kept me interested until the end.

Would I recommend it: I would recommend Watercolor, but you must read the first two books—Dragonfly and Undertow.

Will I read it again: I will not but I can't wait to read Mosaic.

(I received a copy of this book for review purposes.)

<http://everyfreechance.com/2013/10/bl...>

Chelsea (Starbucks & Books Obsession) says

Wow. Watercolor was amazing. I mean, this series just gets better and better. While I enjoyed Dragonfly, I wasn't a big fan of Anna and I loved Julian but he was barely prevalent in the book. Undertow was such a unique and different storyline and I loved getting to see the story behind Bill Kyser and Alex LaSalle and how their past affected Jack, Lucy and Julian's life now. Watercolor was all about the growing relationship between Julian and Anna and it was fabulous. There was a ton of Julian and Anna definitely grew on me in this book.

Anna knows Bill and Alex's secret and I definitely admired her for keeping her word and not revealing what she knows. It was clear how much it was killing her to keep the truth from Julian and I loved that she tried to convince them to tell him the truth because she knew it wasn't her secret to share. She and Julian were building something really great but the secrets she was hiding constantly got in the way. On top of the secrets, memories of Jack kept creeping in on Anna and I was not happy. I wanted to shake Anna for even thinking of him when she had Julian in her life. I want to say I understand since they broke up only a few months prior but I was never a fan of her relationship or infatuation with him.

I was proud of how Anna looked out for Julian and I was so glad when she realized how much she loved him and how her feelings for Jack could never compare. Julian was so much sweeter, kinder and better for Anna and I was glad that she was able to see that. They had a few moments of struggle and I worried that Julian wouldn't be able to get past the fact that Anna kept such a huge secret from him. However, he handled it really well and I was so happy that he didn't hold it against her and he saw and understood the position she was in. With all the secrets out of the way, Anna and Julian could focus on their relationship, which is exactly what I think they needed since they will have a tough road ahead of them since they will be going to colleges so far away.

Overall, Watercolor was fabulous and I enjoyed the continuation of Anna and Julian's story. It is well written and realistic. Julian and Anna were great together but they had real issues that they had to work for and everything wasn't sunshine and roses. In the end, they left things in a really good place but after reading the look into Mosaic, book #4, I'm a little nervous to see where their story will go.

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Mlpmom (Book Reviewer) says

I have been eagerly waiting for this book since finishing the last. I knew there was going to be more romance, more drama and just more awesomeness and I was ready for it. In fact, I did something I don't always do, I started this the same day I received it. I know what you are thinking, that doesn't sound too weird or strange but when you are a book reviewer is sadly is. You rarely seem to have time to just pick up a book just because you want to read it and not because you have an obligation in some shape or form. Not that I am complaining mind you because I also get to find and read some really great work as well.

Hence, how I came to meet Ms. Moore and appreciate her work.

This series really is one of those that somehow manages to capture your attention and grab hold once it has you in its clutches. I never thought after the first book that I would become as hooked and invested in Anna, Julian and Jack's life as I am now. And not only their lives but Bill, Lucy, Alex and Will's as well.

It was nice to finally see Julian and Anna together, really together. Although everything isn't smooth sailing for them, after all, Anna does have a very big secret from Julian, they do develop a sweet romance. One that melted my heart and had me cheering for them the whole way through.

They have their ups and downs and I am still very much nervous about their future, after all the sneak peek at the next book was absolute torture for some many reasons, but I am trying to stay confident that it will all work out in the end.

Ms. Moore once again brought a whole new depth into the story and really did capture my attention after the very first page. I know that this is one series that I will stick with until the end, even if that ending is a painful one.

I can not wait to see what she has in store for Anna and Julian next.

Leigh Moore says

It's here at last--Anna & Julian's love story!

And after what Anna learned and agreed to do in *Undertow*, and Jack's unexpected visit home, they're facing some big challenges...

Hope you love it as much as I do~

Check out the **NEW Pinterest Series Board** that features *real* location shots, shots of "Julian's" art, teasers

and more!

Here: <http://bit.ly/1kP9RCe>

#SOexciting!

<3

Kim says

Find this review and more on my blog...

After the secrets and lies uncovered in *Undertow*, I just knew I would be in for some serious drama - and likely more than a little angst - in *Watercolor*. Before starting the book, I mentally prepared myself for the return of Jack, what I assumed would be the reappearance of Anna's feelings for him, and the likelihood that I would want to strangle each and every one of the characters I've become so attached to for their behavior in this book. I was ready.

Watercolor was very different than what I anticipated it would be. I thought I knew going in what type of storyline I was going to be getting, but I was so wrong! It was wonderful. It kept me guessing. There were smiles and squees and tears and just a bit of angst. It was everything I wanted - and more.

"Julian LaSalle, I've loved you since I wouldn't look at you in algebra class," I said softly. He leaned closer, and I kissed him. "I wanted to die every time you said something to me. That's why I hid behind my books. I've been crazy in love with you for years."

I absolutely adore Anna and Julian. As characters, they're perfect to me. They're realistic and relatable and likable (yes, I haven't always felt that way about Anna, but I do now). I love them together and *Watercolor* is the first book where we truly get a large dose of their relationship. *Dragonfly* was more Jack-focused (grr) and *Undertow* had so many complex pieces, most of which focused on the history of Julian's parents. The focus in *Watercolor* is on Anna and Julian and I loved (nearly every) minute. It took me through the ups-and-downs of their relationship, the inevitable uncovering of secrets that had been hidden for a very long time and the impact those secrets had on the characters I love so much.

Because I don't want to give anything spoilery away, I'm not going to say more about the plot. All I will say is that it wasn't entirely predictable. It kept me guessing. Loose ends were wrapped up and secrets, lies and betrayals were addressed. There are some sweet scenes and a couple smoldering ones. I thought this was the last book in the series and I feel the story would have wrapped up nicely if it ended here. Then I saw there was a fourth book, *Mosaic*, being released in 2014. I read the sneak peek. Oh. My. God. I had no coherent thoughts. I still don't. There's a brilliant twist that just makes *so much sense* I don't know how I didn't see it all coming. The pieces of the puzzle are starting to fit together and I can't wait to see how it all turns out!

I received a copy of this book from the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Jessica says

Holy macaroni! This is my favorite book of the Dragonfly series yet! Why? Oh, that's easy. Anna+Julian= LOTS of kissing. And we all know how much I like kissing. :D

Ok, in all seriousness. I love how much Anna has matured and transformed from the first book. She is no longer obsessing over Jack Kyser (the rich bad boy who kept jerking her back and forth) and she is starting a new relationship with Julian. All sounds perfect, yes? Not exactly. Anna has knowledge of a powerful secret that could change a lot of lives- Julian's included. This book really shows just how much she is tormented by this fact and she tries to convince Julian's mom and dad to tell him the truth. While his dad is all for it, his mom is less than willing. She doesn't want Julian to have this information because she doesn't want it to change him. Yet, she doesn't see the insecurities Anna does. Julian has a right to know the secret, as the not knowing is inadvertently hurting him more.

I adored Julian for pretty much the whole book. He is a great guy and is very patient with Anna, even after he finds out she is keeping things from him. There is one scene where I was quite irate with him, as what he does is completely out of character for him. Luckily, he redeemed himself, but I was still a little peeved about it. Boys. Sheesh. The big secret does come out in this book and I was really grateful for how Leigh handled it. Anna was in a difficult position and never wanted to keep it from Julian, but it wasn't her secret to tell either.

The one thing that drove me crazy about Anna is her communication skills with Julian. Sure, she had to keep the big secret from him, but she is not upfront with him about other things and they could have avoided some of their problems had she just talked to him more! (Less kissing Anna- more talking!)

While Anna has matured, she isn't perfect. She still struggles with lingering feelings for Jack, even though they are fleeting. Julian is becoming much more important to her than Jack ever could be and the pivotal moment she realizes that, she is hurting deeply. I definitely don't wish heartbreak on Anna, but sometimes in order to realize what you truly had, you have to see what it's like without.

I am nervous about what the final book will bring, as Anna and Julian are going to be heading their separate ways for college. Anna will be attending school in New Orleans, while Julian will be in Savannah. Only time will tell if the two's relationship can withstand the distance between them or if outside forces will tear them apart. Both Anna and Julian are driven and quite stubborn, but I for one am holding out for their HEA.

Received a copy of this book in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Ilaria says

Ritroviamo i nostri amati protagonisti, Anna e Julian, alle prese con l'ultimo semestre dell'ultimo anno del liceo. Li abbiamo lasciati la notte di capodanno sulla spiaggia a baciarsi. Ebbene si ora stanno insieme. Esultate con me!

Anna, la conosciamo, futura giornalista e amica di Julian da sempre, ora si trova ad essere la sua fidanzata. Da 'Undertow', Anna ha il segreto dei segreti da custodire, segreto che collega Bill Kyser – Meg Kyser – Alex LaSalle. E' torturata perchè vorrebbe confessare tutto a Julian ma non può, ormai la promessa è fatta e,

in questo libro, scopriamo pian piano il perchè la signora LaSalle non vuole svelarlo e, per certi versi, concordo con lei.

Julian l'ho visto sotto una nuova luce. Nel primo libro, l'abbiamo visto attreante, divertente, player a volte, ma anche dolce con Anna. Qui vediamo un Julian, sempre attreante, dolce e divertente, ma vediamo una dolcezza che non ci saremmo mai aspettate e, anche, una grande fragilità. Cresciuto senza un padre, non sa quanto vale ed è pieno di dubbi. Sua madre dice che è 'una fase che passano tutti gli artisti'. Non credo. Crescere senza un padre che apprezza quello che fai e ti sta vicino, è dura e le insicurezze ci sono. La signora LaSalle ha fatto un lavoro eccellente, ha cresciuto Julian nel migliore dei modi, ma nessuno può sostituire nessuno. E' un fatto.

La loro storia passa attraverso una Renee, la donna dei facili costumi presente in ogni scuola e in ogni libro, che vuol fare di tutto per riavere Julian. Ringrazio Julian per la sua moralità e per averla mandata a quel paese più volte, ma non ti perdono di averla portata con te al falò. Che cavolo stavi pensando? Ovvio che Anna sarebbe andata! Uomini!

Incotriamo Summer. Una ragazza che sembra scontrosa, poi vuole eccessivamente 'amica' di Anna. Alla fine scopriamo chi veramente Summer sia e il suo scopo. La sua maschera cade e inizieremo ad apprezzarla un pochino. Un pochino, non un poco.

Julian si merita la strigliata precedente, ma anche Anna se ne merita una. Anna dovevi dire a Julian del college prima di dirlo a Rachel! Ovvio che Rachel parava! Ed è amica di Renee! Che ti aspettavi che la vipera Renee non sputasse il suo veleno appena poteva per riavere Julian?

E' un duro lavoro rimettere in riga questi protagonisti!

Devo ammettere che avevo smesso di leggere libri dove i protagonisti andavano al liceo. Non faceva più per me, volevo gente più grande. Questa serie mi ha spiazzato, mi ha fatto ricredere che esistono libri eccezionali che narrano di persone al liceo, me li ha fatti piacere di nuovo. Certo, con 'Dragonfly' ho avuto difficoltà ad appassionarmi, e l'ho ammesso, ma con 'Undertow' non ho avuto più dubbi quanto fosse straordinaria la storia. 'Watercolor' è la glassa sulla torta. La ciliegina sarà il quarto libro di cui sappiamo il titolo, 'Mosaic' e che uscirà agli inizi del 2014, non si sa ancora bene quando perchè la mitica Leigh T. Moore lo deve ancora scrivere, ma so che sarà una conclusione da fuochi d'artificio!

'Dragonfly' mi è piaciuto. 'Undertow' l'ho adorato. 'Watercolor' l'ho amato. Ad un certo punto stavo per mettermi a piangere! Devo ammettere che io difficilmente mi metto a piangere mentre leggo un libro. L'unica volta che mi è capitata è stato mentre leggevo 'Marley&Me' e 'The art of racing in the rain'. Con altri mi sono commossa, ma arrivare alle lacrime non mi capitava da tempo. Se sono arrivata a quel punto, significa che il libro ha toccato i tasti giusti ed è un libro fantastico. L'ho amato all'inizio, al centro e alla fine. Non cambierei nulla, lo lascerei così com'è. Anzi l'ho iniziato ad amare dalla copertina. Quando l'ho vista per il cover reveal, ero in fermento. Purtroppo Leigh lo sa. Quante volte le ho rotto le scatole su Twitter per dirle della serie, quanto l'amavo, quanto Julian fosse stupendo. Penso che tra poco mi dirà 'Smettila di rompere le scatole'.

Il momento più bello è stato il 10 settembre quando ho ricevuto una mail da Leigh stessa che mi chiedeva se volessi l'eARC del libro. Ho ancora la mail e non la cancellerò mai! E' stata la prima autrice a contattarmi per chiedermi una cosa del genere e si è fidata di me per leggere questo capolavoro. Non potrò mai ringraziarla abbastanza per avermi dato questa enorme possibilità. Sono una principiante in questo mondo di recensioni, release day launch e cover reveal, ma lei mi ha dato fiducia e possibilità che non sapevo di poter

avere. Si è fidata per l'intervista a inizio settembre, si è fidata ad affidarmi questo capolavoro e ha pubblicato la mia recensione di 'Undertow' sulla sua pagina facebook ad agosto (si ricordo tutto). Ripeterò fino all'infinito che mi sta dando una delle più grandi possibilità che esistono e che la ringrazierò per sempre. Ora mi sto per commuovere, quindi è meglio che smetta. Grazie mille!

Quindi, dopo queste parole mielose, torniamo al motivo vero per cui siamo qui riuniti, 'Watercolor'. Penso che sia stato abbastanza chiaro che l'ho amato, ma perchè? Perchè non puoi superare una pagina senza provare qualcosa. Segui i sentimenti dei personaggi come se fossero i tuoi. Trasmette talmente tante di quelle emozioni che non pensi sia possibile provarle mentre leggi. Dici 'E' un libro che cosa vuoi che ti trasmetta?'. Trasmette tutto. Sia se leggi un libro cartaceo, sia se leggi su kindle o su e-reader. Non ti stanchi di leggerlo e non vuoi lasciare il kindle perchè vuoi andare avanti, vuoi provare sensazioni. E' quello che è riuscita a trasmetterci Leigh, emozioni tramite carta o schermi.

Mi sono dovuta calmare per non correre a leggere tutto in poco tempo. Ho sempre trovato il momento giusto per lasciare la lettura, così da non rimanere con il dubbio su cosa potesse accadere e leggevo a velocità di lumaca per poter assaporare tutto per bene.

Quello che voglio dirvi è che dovete iniziare questa serie appena potete. 'Dragonfly' potrà piacervi ma è da 'Undertow' che amerete la storia. E' quasi sempre così. I primi libri si presentano, ti dicono chi sono e cosa raccontano, sono i successivi che ti rapiscono. A volte bisogna essere fortunati perchè non sempre è così. I primi ti dicono tutto e i successivi ti annoiano, o i primi non ti dicono nulla e vuoi lasciarli. Qui non accade. Il primo si presenta e ti dice che devi continuare perchè è solo un assaggio e che saranno i successivi a convincerti che continuare non è una cattiva idea.

Meglio che termini qui perchè mi sto dilungando.

Riassumendo.

Dovete leggere la serie? Sì.

Cosa ne penso di 'Watercolor'? Che è stupendo. Un libro emozionante, non riesci a cambiare pagina senza aver provato almeno un sentimento. Ti appassioni e non riesci a lasciare il libro. Vuoi un Julian a tuo fianco ogni giorno, vuoi un'amica come Anna e vuoi stare lontano da Renee.

L'elemento che non cambierei? Quella stupenda sorpresa che ho trovato a fine libro. Cosa sarà? Ve lo lascerò dire da lei nella prossima intervista a cui si sottoporrà per parlare della serie 'Dragonfly'.

Sono pazza? Molto probabile.

✿kawehi.reviews says

- *"My biggest fear had been treating Julian like a rebound guy. Was my brain trying to tell me that was exactly what I was doing? Everything I believed felt shaken. It was like I'd been betrayed by my own body when I was completely unconscious and powerless."*

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The good: Intriguing, suspenseful, and there's much more romance featured between Julian and Anna which I liked. <3

The bad: Some minor pacing issues but nothing much if at all.

****A short, cute excerpt that made me giddy:**

- *"Tell me the truth. Do you just love me for my money?" I laughed. "Of course!" Then he tickled me and I screamed. We both dropped to sitting on the sand, me in his lap. My arms were around his neck, and his hands held my waist. "Julian LaSalle, I've loved you since I wouldn't look at you in algebra class," I said softly. He leaned closer, and I kissed him. "I wanted to die every time you said something to me. That's why I hid behind my books. I've been crazy in love with you for years." He laughed and shook his head. "Life is so screwed up." "But somehow it all seems to work out."*

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My thoughts:

Leading up to "Watercolor," I felt that where "Dragonfly" set the stage for the story and "Undertow" served as the catalyst where many secrets of the past were brought to light; "Watercolor," on the other hand, was more so where characters' choices and secrets fluctuated and culminated altogether.

During the course of this book, you will notice that a lot of the time what it came down to was making a decision and standing by it. It was more less controversial than "Undertow" but it still had it's elements of surprise that kept me guessing as to what was to come next.

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My Verdict:

Very solid read! "Watercolor" lived up to my expectations. It was nicely crafted and developed and I enjoyed the dynamics between the characters and the story.

"Watercolor" will take you on a sweet and emotional journey filled with an interesting plot and unique story elements that will test and challenge the characters in every way.

I'm now super curious as to where Ms. Moore plans to go with this series next. I just read the sneak peak for the next book in the series, "Mosaic," and I have to say that my interest is peaked!

- *"The future never works out as expected.
People are not always how they seem.
And time changes everything."*

ARC kindly provided by author in exchange for an honest review.

Auhmanduh says

12/13 - updated to 5 stars, I completed the book yesterday and I am still stuck on the ending.

Seriously, i need January to come sooner (well, let me enjoy Christmas with my daughter AND THEN JANUARY COME QUICK!!).

This is book 3 of 4 in the journey of not only Anna, Julian and Jack but also the past that brought them to where they are.

I'm looking for HEA's all around but goodness, from that preview I am thinking the past has indeed repeated itself?!

I'm pre-ordering book 4 now.

Love it.

12/12 - 4.5stars

There aren't many YA books that I like to read, but I really like this series.

The preview for book 4 completely threw me for a loop. please, please, pleaseeeee do not be what I think it is!!

Until January, Leigh Moore you have broken my heart.

Sara Swager says

After getting the first book in this series for free through BookBub, I purchased the next two in the series and fell in love with all of the characters! Ready through journal entries made the story even more amazing! I can not wait to see how the rest of the children react to the situation and to see how Jack handles his new brothers relationship with the girl he cared about.
