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BOOK ONE of The Collide Series

Sometimes love comes unexpectedly...

Lauren is a spoiled daddy's girl, brought up under the protection of Miami's elite black society. With a law professor for a mother, and a state attorney for a father, she has been raised to understand the law down to its most fundamental form. She's what they call, in every sense of the term, a Good Girl. As her father prepares to take on the biggest case of his career--going against Miami's most notorious kingpin, Silas Montgomery--tensions begin to rise, and our Good Girl becomes Silas Montgomery's newest target. Now on the radar of the most dangerous man in Miami, Lauren's perfect world goes up in flames. Everyday becomes a constant battle to stay alive.

Kain is about as close to Silas Montgomery as most people can get. Unlike Lauren's world of sheltered ease, his world is dark and dangerous. He's been raised by the code of the streets, hardened by life's harshest lessons. Not many people are out here doing Kain any favors. Especially not the kind of favor he extends to Lauren. Protection--that's what he offers her. Protection from the most dangerous man in Miami.

Lauren and Kain's story is tale of love crossing over to the different side of the tracks. Their's is a tale of what happens when worlds collide.

Book one is told entirely in Lauren's point of view.

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Deedee Henson says

Intriguing

This was a highly recommended book from my reader friends. I wasn't too impressed in the beginning but it changed once I got into the storyline. What happens when two people are forbidden to be together? Their world's collide! This was a good read and I'm ready to see what's next

Tee the Reader says

Very Good

This book was recommended to me by another reader that told me it was an excellent read. The story of Lauren Kain, well written, great storyline and entertaining.

Tamara says

4.5 Stars! I would have never guessed this was written by a "new" author! It was so, so good... I need to take a few minutes to wrap my mind around that ending, full review to come.

Review added:

First off, I would have NEVER decided to read this book by the cover alone. Since I don't read blurbs, most of what I read is by the cover or recommendations from my book friends. Luckily, this one was highly recommended to me by a book bestie! But I must say When Worlds Collide (Book 1) is the perfect example of "don't judge a book by its cover!"

What I loved

The Characters..... Lauren and Kain (I feel like they need a cute lil nickname, but all I can come up with is Karen... and that ain't cute at all!!! OK, OK... back to the review). I loved that although it came across initially as that Lauren was weak, she wasn't... she was just misinformed and naive... there is a difference and she should not be branded as weak! I loved that there were so many layers to Kain, even exclusively from Lauren's point of view. I loved them together. I loved that their relationship was built from the ground up

What Needed Work

I was engrossed and all into the first 90% of the book... then the last 10% went sooooo fast and felt like it came from left field. Throughout the book, there were undertones of the urban genre throughout, but I wouldn't have classified it as such... until I read that last 10%, it's like there was an entire shift of the tone of the book and story. It wasn't enough to take away from the overall goodness of it, but it was a little

distracting.

Book 1 in this series had all of the makings of a great story, including the supporting characters. I'm always looking for books where the characters are surrounded by some sort of a support system (good or bad) because it adds to the character development. Without giving too much of the story away, I would say that Kain and Lauren's story is worth a read if you want a story that is more than just roses and sunshine and a HEA.

Tracey says

***** 4.5 stars *****

Wilki J says

Lauren is a daddy's girl, through and through. Being from an affluent Black society, she has her aspirations to keep her busy in school. But she gets a dose of the real world when a chance encounter with Kain leads to an unlikely pairing. As their worlds collide, will she be able to make it out alive?

Omg, I've been out of my mind for the past few days! This book has kept me up late at nights and has just consumed my summer break! I'm beyond elated that I decided to give this book a try! It's been on my kindle for a minute and to think I would have missed out on this gem! When I said this story gave me LIFE...oh gaddddd! This is one of the most unique plots I've read in a minute. The writing was effortless and the pacing was smooth. The drama was on from the jump as Lauren stumbled unknowingly into Kain's world! The twists and turns of this plot was beyond suspenseful and heightened my reading pleasure to the utmost!!!

Lauren and Kain were both oil and water but fit seamlessly together. The rose colored glasses appeal of Lauren was contrasted well by the gritty facets of Kain's life. You would think these two wouldn't make a good coupling, but nothing is further from the truth! Their attraction to each other and chemistry was palpable throughout the entire book. I could very well see in a short time how they had bonded to each other; had given each other what they never had in their own worlds. Kain is frig'n BAE, you hear me, Zaddy! His whole rugged yet calm persona literally had me trembling! I really enjoyed the first person point of view: seeing worldly encounters through Lauren's eyes made my reading experience more enjoyable. Her naivety was relatable and her bravery as the story progressed was true character development! Additionally, I LOVED every single sub character: they are so well written and everyone adds to the progression of the plot.

The ending had me on the edge of my seat and I'm so thankful I have part 2 to keep me busy. Listen, it also delights me to no end to have found a new author that I enjoy. It also pleases me that part 3 is only two weeks away...gasps*!

If you like suspenseful, dramatic reads with an urban flair and a love story thrown into one, then you will def enjoy this book!

Jazmen says

This book, ya'll.

Okay, so when the author asked me to review this, I'm like okay cool. Sure.

Absent mindedly accepting--not making any judgements.

But y'all, this book was bomb.

Lauren is well off. Her father is the state's attorney general, and her Mama and twin sis are sady hoity toity types.

Her father is working on his biggest case yet, a case against the infamous Silas Montgomery--when her twin drags her to a party.

At this party she not only comes face-to-face with a dire situation, but she meets Kain.

Meeting Kain and being face-to-face with a death threat--changes the course of Lauren's life.

Lauren is an integral if not the focal point of this story, but I need to take a second to talk about my man, Kain.

Y'all. YA'LL.

Kain was everything. While I felt the book could have easily fallen into the upper YA genre, Kain was all man.

At only nineteen, his character was goals. He was the epitome of street and sweet.

His fierce and accessing eyes, strong but quiet personality were just what I needed, after not being too pleased with my latest reads.

I've had to DNF a few--but we won't dwell on that.

Kain would say things, and I would feel like I could just slide out my seat like putty.

"How the hell does he set fireworks off in my insides without so much as a change in his intonation? Does he even realize that he's doing it?"

This quote about sums up my feelings towards Kain.

I secretly whispered to Lauren, "Me too, Sis. Me too."

I don't want to give too much away, but you will love Kain for both the obvious things and his flaws.

Lauren was a spoiled princess--but she was neither as weak as she thought she was or as oblivious.

I admired her strength and resolve. Her character was solid--as was all the characters in this novel--and I'm really intrigued to continue to watch her character grow.

Because obvs, after I finished this I immediately pre-ordered book two, outta' support, and sheer need.

This book was good!

It was well-written, really well written. There was obvious attention to detail, pacing, plot and background. Belizaire didn't just write this book, she **WROTE** it.

I was fully and wholly impressed with the pacing, writing quality, and plot progression. There was nary a flaw.

I could go on and on with the why's and the how's, but this is quality reading--with a clear talent at the helm.

Just pick up the book, you will not be sorry.

If I had more books like these now, I would be a more avid Urban Fiction reader.

Be prepared for that ending though--cliffhangers ahead. And, I was not prepared.

I was almost, **ALMOST**, tempted to beg for book two from the author--but I will suffer just a little longer--as the book will be out at the end of the month.

Critiques Corner says

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE-Lauren has an identical twin, Morgan (they are so different though) who takes her to a party one night. Morgan is a popular party girl type while Lauren is not so right from the beginning. Lauren is suspicious as to why her sister would want **HER** to go along? Immediately we find out she needs a designated driver. Lauren is offended and finds the bartender even though she doesn't drink and starts to take shots. Of course she gets drunk and then the real story begins. I couldn't put this book down (although I forced myself several times because I didn't want it to end). Lauren is so naïve, sheltered and weak. She comes from well off, hard working "country club" parents. Kain, her love interest is worldly, strong and dangerous. He doesn't know his mom and his dad is basically Miami's biggest crime boss. They meet and it's chemistry. But of course, they can't tell their families because Lauren's dad is the states attorney trying to put Kain's dad away. So begins a secret relationship. I was rooting For Lauren because she had nobody on her side and she was lost. She was never in a situation like this, no friends, never had a boyfriend... It was all new and she couldn't even talk to her selfish twin. The only person who really had her back was Kain (as you'll see when you pick this book up). At one point Lauren is grounded by her parents when they find out what's going on and then I start to think she'll get back to her normal boring life but her sister steps in to help her out. I was so happy with the new improved Lauren but sad because the book ended the way it did and I needed to see what would happen. Don't pass this book by @milliebelizaire did a great job and I hope the next part will be just as interesting. ~LEE~

Shay says

4.5 stars

This author has my FULL attention!

Mary says

A Must-read

New author to me and highly recommended. Great start to this series. Very well-written and hard to put down. Now on to Book 2

Eviankorey says

A lot of things in this book went right over my head until i read it the second time. i was enjoying the story but when i went back and reread the story i realized how the author was foreshadowing in practically every chapter and i'm just amazed. i don't even write reviews like that but this story was so good and i want to reccomend it to people so that i can have someone to talk about it with. you can tell the author is from miami or close because Kain is a Miami dude TO THE T with his fine ass

SHANOUX says

I was kind of holding out for a part 2 of The Alphabetic System but since that never came I'm not going to be salty. I've got trust issues though. You say this series is a trilogy. Well I hope so. Now my review. Okay so this was classified as urban fiction but it was more like crime fiction. Idk. Aside from the dialogue and a few themes, this seemed a lot wasn't really what I'd classify as "urban". Both Lauren and Kain come from wealth although Kain's wealth is from illegal means. I dunno. He's still a rich college boy. Which isn't a bad thing. I like him more than the average no goal having street thug. This was more like watching Power than watching The Wire. Does that make sense? They both deal with similar themes, but the package that it comes in is different. Yes Kain comes from a kingpin dynasty or what have you but he's kinda complex. It's like reading about two characters who aren't really bout that life. Similar to how Ghost is a reluctant participant to crime in Power, but he does what needs to be done. Kain reminds me of a younger Ghost lol who doesn't cheat. He may be misclassified but he's still my favorite. He's complex where I'm not all the way sure if I'll still see him the same when I read a whole book in his pov. I read the excerpt at the end and that's what's really got me hungry for part two. Kain from his own perspective sounds so much better than from Lauren's. To be honest Lauren gets on my nerves. I hope that change in her character in the last chapter means she's gonna stop being so annoying about everything. It's like she keeps forgetting who she's laid up with. There was a part in the book when Kain said, "you think because I don't look at everything so wide eyed like you do that I don't see?" He kinda dragged her and I was here for it. I hope Lauren continues to grow up.

Shanelle Shamblee says

WOW

My very first time reading a book by the author and I enjoyed it. Very well written storyline and character development. I couldn't stop reading. I love the story of Kain and Lauren, which is told by Lauren as opposites who end up meeting by chance and the drama immediately unfolds. Lauren is naive with a beautiful heart and as Kain helps her in an unsuspecting way she gradually gets him to open up to her. Kain is definitely bae in this book but after everything that has unfolded will he still have room for the precious Lauren. Can't wait to read Kain's side of their story in part 2.

Gina says

Loved it!!

I really need to give this more than 5 stars because this is one book you won't want to put down!

Michelle Davis says

This is my first read from this author and had I not received an email notification of this release I honestly feel that I would have really missed out on a fantastic read. From the very beginning, we are able to see Lauren and Morgan twin sisters born to affluent parents whom both have expectations for the two of them. They are entrenched in the upper echelon of Miami's Black Elite and while Morgan is okay with this way of life and seemingly tows the line with looking, acting, and presenting herself as the polished daughter that her mother has always dreamed of, Lauren is a little different. She is the quiet studious twin of the two and is very socially awkward. After being tricked into attending a party to be the designated driver for her twin sister that she loves but doesn't really like very much, she finds herself in a very precarious situation only to be saved by someone she would NEVER have crossed paths with had she not attended the party. Kaine isn't your typical street thug. He is highly educated and a dichotomy of contradictions that only serve to allow the reader to enthusiastically await as the multiple layers of his personality is revealed. As the book progresses we get to see the good, the bad and the ugly from both of these characters. We begin to see Lauren evolve from this insecure, innocent young girl with no real understanding of what happens outside of her fully insulated world to someone that is eager to learn, grow, and become the person that Kaine so desperately needs. She quickly surmises that he isn't looking for a 'Bonnie' to his 'Clyde' so to speak. He likes her for who she is and doesn't want to see that change. Initially, when I began to read the book I thought that it was a little slow but I had to remind myself this is a novelist who has taken the time to not only develop the story but the characters as well. These three-dimensional individuals could easily be depicted on the big screen and capture our imaginations long after the ending credits begin to roll. I thoroughly enjoyed this book. From the irrational comparisons that Lauren's father made between Kaine and his father Silas, to the catty and sarcastic remarks uttered by Cierra regarding Kaine and Lauren's relationship, there was NEVER a dull moment. I anxiously await the release of parts 2 and 3 and will share with everyone that are lovers of urban fiction to quickly get their copy of this FANTASTIC release!! Great JOB Ms. Belizaire!!

Laneka says

The title explains it all

Good read can't wait for part 2 hope Lauren stop being stupid and weak. Kain was the man Silos needs to go.
