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Vanya D. says

NOTE: I received the book from the author through Xpresso Book Tours, in exchange for my honest review.

When I saw this cover (dark and all meaningful), and read the premise (death threats from a mysterious person), I knew I had to have this book. I really enjoyed reading it. It had a nice mystery/suspense factor that kept the story going until the very end.

The romance was a bit weird, but taking in account everything that happened, the characters' personalities and everything else, I think that it's believable.

Writing style:

Good, intriguing, makes the reader turn the page and ask for more.

Only downside is the need for a final proofreading.

Story line:

After Rebecca receives several text threats, it's like all hell breaks loose. She has to help clear the name of her best friend, Ryan, and in the mean time she meets lots of people, including some enemies she never thought she had.

Themes:

- Revenge
- Sacrifice
- Is telling the truth a good thing?
- The power of blackmailing
- The reality of love
- Best friends turned lovers, could it be?

Characters:

Rebecca(Beck) - being the only witness to a monstrous crime, Rebecca has nightmares since she was 11. The entire town hates her for blaming and sending to jail a 'good' guy. Even she begins to doubt herself until those text threats find her inbox. Then, after Ryan is framed for a school bombing, she decides to clear his name.

I could not believe how brave and resourceful Rebecca turned out to be. I didn't expect it from her, but it really did fit her character.

What I didn't like about her was how her mind strayed to other guys, when she was obviously in love with Ryan. True, she didn't believe there was a future for her and Ryan, but still.

Ryan seemed to be a bit of a wuss, letting/making Beck do everything on her own. Sure, he was wanted by the FBI for terrorism, and his face was everywhere, but I felt like he should've been more involved somehow. The ending put him in a different light. I liked how courageous he was in the spur of the moment, and how protective he was of Beck.

Andrew was a cop, a friend of Rebecca's and had additional involvement that we weren't told until the end. I had expected a revelation of some sort about his reasons to hang around Rebecca so much, but what I got was not what I'd had in mind. I never believed him to be a traitor though. He was way too straight forward

and predictable.

Jordan - I was glad Beck met him. He was a good friend, taken the circumstances. At one point of time I wished he'd become something more, since I wasn't sure Ryan was good enough for Rebecca. But then I was glad it didn't happen.

I really liked that he had style, without being gay.

Wade - now that guy was a total psycho. His reasons for helping out in the revenge of Mary Kay over Rebecca were ridiculous. I'm sure that without his help Mary Kay wouldn't have had the guts to do anything in the first place. He gave her strength to proceed, ideas and misplaced courage. He didn't feed her need for revenge, but he didn't do anything to stop her either.

All in all, *Before They Find Us* is a nice mystery/thriller/suspense novel. It isn't perfect, but it's quite enjoyable.

Linda Strong says

It starts with a text message ... I'm going to make you wish you were dead.

Rebecca Hales, a high school senior, thinks it's a wrong number, a joke. When a bomb goes off in her best friend's locker, she's not laughing anymore. Her friend, Ryan, is unhurt, but now he's suspected of being a terrorist. And when he runs to Rebecca, so do the FBI.

Coincidence? Or something deeper, darker? Could it be possible that its connected to a crime that Rebecca witnessed a few years before?

This is a Teens / YA mystery, a genre I seldom read. However, after a slow start, I found myself not thinking of the protagonists as teenagers. Rebecca and Ryan are finely drawn. The suspense doesn't come in spurts .. its more like a steady flow with a ripple here and there, taking the reader in new directions.

I liked the loyalty that is shown between the two main characters... that Rebecca travels across two states to help her friend find the person or persons responsible. Little do they know the more clues they find, the more they place themselves in mortal danger.

My thanks to the author / Priest Rapids Press who furnished a digital copy in exchange for an honest, unbiased review.

Rhea Dsouza says

Before They Find Us starts with a prologue from a character that finds it's way into the story later. However you wouldn't know who the character is unless you're at least 60% into the story. This was pretty damn amazing. Really.

Then comes Rebecca (Beck) Hale. I think Beck is one of the rare characters whom I could really see as a real person. I couldn't find one thing in the entire novel that lacked a sense of reality—at least when it came to what Beck did. She's loyal, she's fierce and she's a fighter. And she's one of the girls who are "Girls-with-balls" (Refer to the tags of this post).

Rebecca was a mere eleven when she witnesses the rape and murder of a young girl. She testified against the killer, Kyle, who ended up killing himself in prison on being convicted.

Six years later, Kyle is back for revenge. Or is he?

I would say the first 20% of the book is slow. Ryan—Beck's best friend / love interest—has run from his house in Las Vegas and come to Beck in Wyoming because he's become a target for a bombing conspiracy he had no part in. And both of them are receiving death threat texts. So they run to Las Vegas.

I'm not quite sure I understand the logic of going back where you're in the danger of being arrested, but okay. Hansen made it work. On we go.

Jordan—whose girlfriend gets seriously injured in the bombing that is apparently Ryan's doing—meets Beck in Las Vegas. Convinced of her non-involvement, he agrees to help her find the real bomber.

Jordan and Beck had an amazing chemistry. I absolutely LOVED them together and I was honestly sad to see Beck with Ryan. Sure, they've got the whole I've-known-you-since-you-were-in-diapers thing going on for them but still. While Ryan is the gentle, loving type, Jordan is fierce and goes right to the kill. I like that in my men. Jordan and Beck kiss all of once and it is everything!

His hand slid around my waist, pulling my hips against him. There was nothing tentative about Jordan Bainfield's kiss. No testing the water. No slow build-up. He just threw open the door to lust and dared me to step inside. And I did. For a moment in that hot, spontaneous kiss, but Ryan's face flashed across my mind. This betrayal would cut him so deep. I couldn't hurt him like that.

This explains exactly what I want to say. Throughout the book, wherever Jordan and Beck were involved, I got the feeling that Beck held back only because she felt like it would have been betraying Ryan. She loves him, true, but it just felt like she didn't pursue this thing with Jordan because she felt an obligation to Ryan. Like I said, Jordan and Beck had amazing chemistry and they would have been real good together. *sigh*

I'd rather refrain from talking about Wade because talking about him is basically running the whole damn thing for you. The only thing I could say is that he's got personality. He's the bad guy and he does it so, so well.

The most important thing that Miss Hansen has going for her is the strength of her characters. The first thing that came to my mind when I finished the book and actually sat down to review it is that each character in *Before They Find Us* has a personality. These days, most YA novels lack that. The character is pleasant to read, sure, but lacks a voice, if you get what I'm saying. But Beck, Ryan, Jordan and Wade have strong personalities with their fixed demeanors and ways of reacting to certain situations. So much so, that they were almost predictable.

Almost, but not quite.

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Alicia says

I really enjoyed this book. Aside from one or two things here and there that bothered me, it was an excellent read.

The characters in this book were really interesting. I loved Rebecca. She was kickass heroine who knew how to shoot a gun, but also knew that she wasn't immortal. She was confident, but she wasn't confident. She understood and faced fear, but she never buckled against it. Her dynamic character brought a lot to this book and really made the novel feel real. It was interesting seeing the other characters ready to pledge their loyalty to her. She may be gutsy, but she was damn smart (for the most part). Ryan, on the other hand, actually didn't show up as much as I thought he would. While some may think this reflect badly on the book, I mean who wants a book with no leading man, I liked the balance it gave the book. Whatever romance there was between her and other characters, it never took away from the plot and I appreciated that, 'cause I REALLY wanted to find out what happened.

Getting into the two things that bugged me a little: I thought her name was Mary for a good chunk of the first chapter. Then realized that it wasn't when I read the name Beck and was like what?? and then figured out her name was Rebecca (yeah, I couldn't remember what the synopsis said...). Second, one or two typos left me a little confused, or maybe they weren't typos and I didn't get them? But there was an "inside" joke or explanation here and there that didn't make TOTAL sense to me. Maybe I missed something, but that was another thing that came to my attention. Honestly, it happened like twice, but I just got a little lost.

Moving past that, the plot was well constructed. There were hints here and there, but the way that they layered up, creating a puzzle, piece by piece, really kept me interested in the book. Sure, the twists weren't that twisty, but the connections made were really well done. In the end, all the strings were tied together. I also really liked how in depth she was able to get with the characters, fully immersing us in their personalities and backgrounds, without overwhelming readers with information. It helped keep the pace of the plot and gave us a good look at the characters, fully developing them. Hansen also went in depth with the computer programming and spyware material, which I found interesting (and a tad freaky), as it really made it seem like these characters knew what they were talking about. She didn't just label them hackers, she zoomed in closer, explaining how things worked, and how technology, honestly, wasn't as private as we'd like to think it was. It added to the whole thriller factor, but also gives readers some perspective when it comes to technology.

In addition, I loved the iPhone text pictures. They helped pause the plot for a second at a time, as well as added to the plot, while providing comic relief. I liked that they were added to the book, and they really helped put a semi-visual aspect in the book.

I really enjoyed *Before They Find Us*. While I wasn't always left guessing, the fact that certain details made me wary of characters was a interesting way of keeping me on my toes. This book was well written and I loved the characters and story. Overall, this was a great book, and I would definitely recommend you give it a shot.

Plot: 4/5
Characters: 5/5
World Building: 4.5/5
Writing: 4/5
Cover: 3.5/5
Overall: 4/5
GoodReads Rating: 4.24/5

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-review by Between Printed Pages

Carolyn Injoy says

Before They Find Us by Michelle Hansen jumped full force into a story line where I felt like I'd missed the first half. The characters were well developed but there were a lot of them so it took me time to sort them out.

In meeting Wade in the prologue Mary thought "The truck could have driven right out of her best & worst memories. She wondered if it smelled like chewing tobacco & pine tree air freshener the way Kyle's used to."

They were in the parking lot of an IHOP "'Mary,' he said when he saw her. She nodded, & he held out his arms.

"Never seen the guy before, & she walked right into his arms. He hugged her tight—in a real bear hug—like he missed her his whole life."

In the locker room of the high school Becca was working with a member of the football team: "Drake Yancey hopped onto the table next to Brandon. He kicked off his shoes. Drake had the hairiest feet I'd ever seen. The guys called him Sasquatch."

Becca's phone buzzed with a text. "'It's a death threat', Drake said. 'And, you know, it's Rebecca.'

Bam! There it was—the crime out of nowhere, & totally not forgotten. Drake might as well have said, 'half the town still hates her because she killed Kyle Rasmussen'."

"Even if he [Brandon] agreed, it's the unwritten rule that you never said it aloud. It was the kind of thing people said behind my back, never to my face."

Becca is interacting on the phone with Ryan who had been questioned by the Las Vegas Police & the FBI after a bombing at his school. "They wanted to know if I was depressed. Did I think about harming myself? Do I feel bullied at school?"

"I burst out laughing. Ryan was a homecoming prince last fall. Girls were always leaving flirty little notes on his facebook wall, which I teased him about. Plus, he was like the Old Faithful of optimism, which kind of

made you wonder why he was friends with me.” Becca thought.

Could Becca & Jordan help clear Ryan’s name before whoever was hunting them down to kill them found them? Could they avoid the police & the FBI? It was an interesting young adult suspense filled thriller & I gave it four stars because it kept me guessing.

I would like to thank Priest Rapids Press & NetGalley for the free kindle copy. That did not influence my opinion of this review.

Melissa Ann says

**** Review Originally Posted at
Pink Fluffy Hearts: Diary of a Coffee Addict ****

"Before They Find Us" by Michelle A. Hansen was one of those books that I literally could not put down. It was such a page turner that I was up until two in the morning because I was determined to finish it and see the end of Rebecca and Ryan's journey before I went to bed.

The book starts off with a Prologue that seems out of place, until you realize who the characters were and what they were planning. Starting the book this way shows the reader that there is an elaborate plan about to go down, and our main characters are going to be at the heart of it. We are clued in right away to the fact that this is going to be a book with some twists and turns that will leave us at the edge of our seat.

I really enjoyed the main character, Rebecca. The main story was told in her point of view, and Hansen did a great job of making a well rounded character out of her. She has suffered from nightmares since she witnessed something traumatic when she was younger (and is still living with some of the repercussions), but that doesn't turn her into a complete basket case.

She still lives her life, has her best friend, and has the perfect amount of sarcasm to balance out her personality. However, she lives in a small town where she is constantly reminded of that past event, and it makes her a bit of an outcast with some of the people in town.

Speaking of her best friend, his name is Ryan and they grew up with each other before him and his family moved to Las Vegas. Helping Ryan out of some trouble that he's put into is Rebecca's driving force in this story. These two were super cute. You could see how their friendship grows and changes over time, and you can also feel how much they truly care about each other. It was good to see a young adult relationship that was built on years of knowing each other, instead of the instant love that's mostly prevalent lately.

Both of them take their journey to Las Vegas (which I was excited to read about since it's one of my favorite cities!) to get to the bottom of who is trying to frame Ryan and Rebecca gets to know the people he goes to school with. For the first time, she's meeting and hanging out with people who don't know her entire life history and she definitely seems to branch out more.

While in Vegas, Rebecca also meets Jordan, who helps her on her quest. I loved Jordan. At first the two of them butted heads more often than not, but eventually learned to work together. It's possible that I loved

Jordan so much because he brought out Rebecca's lovely snarky side. At one point, he makes her buy a new dress in order to seduce someone they need information from and when Jordan's uncle remarks on it, Rebecca tells him, "I wasn't upscale enough for the Palo Verde crowd, so Jordan repackaged me." Both of them tease and torment each other, and it's fun to see how they work together.

I definitely recommend "Before They Find Us." The characters were well thought out, as was the story as a whole. All of the different characters were woven together in a way that made sense to the overall story, and that story is one you want to just keep reading until you're finished with the last page.

Christine Wallflower & Dark Romance Junkie says

After witnessing a crime when she was younger, Rebecca has become isolated and with when her best friend, Ryan leaves that isolation is even more obvious.

A huge turn of events brings they're lives crashing together again. Ryan is labeled a terrorist, and with Rebecca's help they must expose the person who is framing Ryan.

The story is a perfect combination of twists and turns than will keep you interested. I don't read YA thrillers very often but this one was surprisingly good, Rebecca and Ryan's attraction to each other is tentative and cute. While I tend to read books that deal more directly with love, I could appreciate it in this case since it's a YA thriller.

If you're looking for a heavily plot based YA book with a crime and mystery trope, and a touch of romance, then I would recommend you read this book.

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Sunshine_btr says

Synopsis:

I'm going to make you wish you were dead. Just a text. Seventeen-year-old Rebecca Hales tries not to worry. Probably a wrong number. Not really meant for her, and definitely not related to the crime she witnessed six years ago. Right? Then two states away, a bomb goes off in her best friend's locker. Soon Ryan is labeled a terrorist and runs to the safest place he knows—Rebecca's house in small-town Wyoming. It doesn't take long for the FBI to show up asking questions. Rebecca lies, of course, and says she hasn't seen him. Now she's neck-deep in it with him, whatever "it" is. The only way out is to return to Vegas, where Ryan is a wanted man. The city of lies and illusion tests Rebecca's wits as she struggles to find the person who framed Ryan and why. Is Rebecca's text linked to the bombing? And what does it have to do with a six year old murder? Rebecca needs to find out before she loses Ryan—and her own life.

Cover:

They could have done better. The cover image alone didn't get me interested. If it wouldn't have been for the great Synopsis, I would have never read that book.

Title:

The title is great. It gives you a hint of what to expect: A thrill-ride, you are going to love!

Writing style:

The writing style is amazing! Honestly, that describes it pretty much. It just took me a few pages to get so hooked on, that I wasn't able to put it down until I finished it. I think the main reason for my addiction was Rebecca, she is such a great protagonist, that it is easy to sympathize with her. The book is written from the first-person perspective and in such an authentic voice, that it was actually pretty funny, because Rebecca has a great sense of sarcastic humor. Something I enjoy a lot. I could go on and on, but fact is, that the author wrote a great book, using her own voice instead of coping someone else's style. It was a fun and extraordinary read.

Characters:

Rebecca is an ordinary girl, that shouldn't have problems bigger than choosing the right college. But her life changes the day, her best friend is accursed to set up a bomb in his school. She tries to proof his innocence and becomes a target of the real killer and the FBI, because they think she is involved. She is a great character, doing everything for her best friend, that is just awesome. I liked Ryan too, he is a sweet guy. On the one hand, he is afraid of turning himself in, on the other he doesn't want to endanger Rebecca. Actually they all were deep sympathetic characters. Even the antagonist acted in a way that made sense. Great job!

Noteworthy:

I was surprised, how good this book was.

Stuck in my Head:

I lifted my arm from the middle of a cactus, taking at least a dozen little spines with it. The pain shot deep into the muscle, but I pulled myself to my feed. Nothing to see here, people. Never mind the trespasser crossing your back yard. Please don't look out the window to see what the awful groaning was. I tried to look nonchalant as I slipped on my shoes and cut between two houses to the front sidewalk.

What I didn't like:

Nothing to complain.

Quick and dirty:

My highlight of the month! That's how a thriller it should be. Gripping, fast-paced and captivating! Don't miss this book!

Sorcha O'Dowd says

What a clever, thrilling read. This was a brilliant story that I just couldn't put down until I'd finished! 5 Stars!
~ Full Review will be posted on my blog on the 28th March for my stop on the 'Before They Find Us' blog tour.

Well wow! This was one stunner of a book! I was intrigued from the start with 'Before They Find Us.'

The premise of terrorism and bombing in a young adult book drew me in and I was excited and apprehensive to see how this story would be carried out with young protagonists. I was amazed by how well the author kept the suspense throughout the novel. I was concerned that I wouldn't feel as worried about the outcome of

the story because it was aimed at young adults, and therefore couldn't end too sadly, but I was blown away by how original the storyline was, making me second guess how it could end at every turn, and how I sat on the edge of my seat throughout, biting my lip and reading late into the night to see what happened to the characters I had come to care about so much.

I loved Rebecca from the start. I loved the strength she had, despite the pain associated with her past. I felt for her and how isolated she was all for doing the right thing and identifying a suspect in a crime she witnessed at a young age. It really hit home how small town politics and family status can have so much power, and I felt bereaved for Rebecca for the loss she had experienced all for doing the right thing.

The storyline was paced perfectly, and I loved all the detective work that Rebecca did to help clear her best friend Ryan's name after a bomb goes off in his school locker and he goes on the run. I adored the relationship that the two had, with their close friendship infused with humour and light flirting as well as close intimate moments that make romance seem possible between them. I loved the devotion that Rebecca had for Ryan, even when she has her own worries when she receives threatening texts. Her complete faith in his innocence and the way she gave up her own life and safety for him was inspiring and had me so invested in both characters.

The story was thrilling and the suspense was balanced perfectly throughout. I couldn't put my kindle down when I entered the last third of the book, I was so engrossed in the story which is something I haven't experienced with young adult books for a while now. This book restored my faith in many book in the same genre and I commend the author for her incredible job in writing such a serious and emotional story whilst keeping it faithful to the genre it was created for.

On a last note, the extra features of the mobile phone photos was a great touch and made me feel as though I was actually interacting in the story and not just reading it. Brilliant job!

5 Stars and a definite recommended read.

FicCentral says

The lone witness to a horrific crime when she was a child, Rebecca Hales struggles with the aftermath. It was her testimony that put a murderer behind bars and left her with nightmares that still keep her up at odd hours. Her best friend Ryan has always been her rock, but now he's gone, leaving her in Wyoming while he finishes high school in Nevada. But all the distance in the world can't sever their bond. Even when the whole world goes haywire.

One threatening text is easy to write off. A wrong number. A bad joke. A fit of drama on a digital screen. But then there's the second text. And the third. And the creepy guy at the convenience store in the middle of the night. And when halfway across the country, a bomb in Ryan's locker kills several students and puts the the FBI on his trail, two friends find themselves on the run, trying to keep ahead of the cops as they scramble to figure out what's really happening and clear Ryan's name.

Every now and then I find a book that plucks me right out of reality and places me in another place, another character's shoes, another life so thoroughly that I forget dinner, forget about what I have to get done at work this week, and just about forget where I am. And to think I almost passed this one up.

When I first saw the cover of *Before They Find Us* on the tour announcement, I scrolled right past it.

Shadows in an alley? Looks like a mystery or a crime or some other dark mess I'm not interested in. But then I noticed it a few more times, read the summary, and thought about it some more. It was probably going to be far-fetched and borderline ridiculous. Maybe I'd figure out who the killer was (assuming there was one) within the first couple of chapters and then have to force myself to finish reading it. The characters wouldn't be believable, every plot twist would be predictable, or every stroke of luck would just be a little too convenient. Or maybe I'm just an idiot who doesn't immediately jump at the chance to read something fantastic. Yep, that last one sounds pretty accurate just about now.

It's rare that I enjoy a book so much that I'm still half in that other world hours after reading it, but that's exactly what happened with this one. I fell in love with Beck and Ryan, with their friendship and their easy banter, with their loyalty and love and determination to see each other through hell, no matter what came at them. The detailed scenes, the secondary characters, the fumbling to find answers... It was perfectly plotted and paced, and there was no way I was putting the book down until I'd read through to the last page. Not once was I tempted to skim or skip or just cruise past details. I wanted every single word of it.

Before They Find Us perfectly folds young love, teen drama, and true friendship into an incredibly gripping tale of suspense and danger that simply blew me away. For once, I couldn't connect the dots to unveil the mystery before the story did it for me, and while there are some intense scenes, it's not too gritty for teen readers. I'm tempted to say I want more, but that would imply that something's lacking, which is definitely not the case. Perhaps when I finally get my mind out of the story and back to my incredibly boring reality, I'll be able to better explain what makes it such a great book, but for now I think it's safe to say I'm on board for pretty much anything else Michelle Hansen writes.

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Books Movies Fandoms says

My star rating for 'BEFORE THEY FIND US' is: 4 1/2 out of 5 stars! :)

My 'Blogging Reader's Review' after reading 'BEFORE THEY FIND US' by Author Michelle A. Hansen (via: Booksmoviesfandoms.wordpress.com):

I've come across a number of YA novels that are great stories, even though I am not in the target-audience age group for that genre. This one is definitely one of those rare jewels that truly was entertaining and endearing throughout the entire story. Even though the story is written in the main female character Rebecca's P.O.V.(Point of view), you also get a bonus 2nd P.O.V. from a vengeful girl named Mary in the prologue. The journey that this story takes you on still feels very fulfilling in all of the aspects it tries to

cover within this novel. This is all thanks to the likeable characters, the mystery surrounding the main characters and the story that hooks you and never let's go through each chapter.

First you have Rebecca "Becks" Hales who is seventeen years old and lives in a small town in Wyoming with her parents and a cute hunting dog named Bullet. She is a beautiful girl who doesn't really put effort into her looks but still get's crushed on occasionally, nonetheless. She's not your average teenager because she's haunted by a crime she witnessed years earlier in the park across the street and doesn't sleep well at night because of the nightmares that replay in her mind of that night. Thanks to her, the person who committed that horrific crime was caught and sent to prison. Unfortunately, something happens in her present day life, causing a whirlwind of events to flip her life completely upside down.

Then you have Beck's best friend since they were toddlers, Ryan Forsyth. They have always been close, best friends through thick-and-thin and they even made a pact with each other that neither of them had ever broken. Ryan's family moved away to Las Vegas from Wyoming, leaving Rebecca to try her best to continue through her days like normal, while inside, she always missed her best friend. The distance didn't get in the way of Ryan and Rebecca's friendship, especially when things went bad and Ryan became the main suspect in a school bombing.

Ryan confesses that he's innocent and Rebecca is firm about his innocence too, but most people around them are assuming the worst since all signs and evidence is pointing at him. To top it all off, there are some threatening text messages they've been receiving, making them wonder if one thing is related to the other. Only time will tell and it's quickly running out. They take off back to the town where the crime was committed, Las Vegas, to try to prove Ryan's innocence. This story was superbly entertaining and I enjoyed every twist and turn that their journey takes the reader on. I highly recommend this book for any age because it's well told story. Honestly, I would like to see this become a series because the extra characters in the story like Andrew, Jordan, Tate, Brandon and even smaller characters like Anson and his sister Zoe seemed like interesting characters and I'd like to read more about their own stories. I'd be excited to read about them as well as hear how Ryan and Beck's lives are going. Fingers crossed. So back to 'Before They Find Us', it's a great suspenseful-thriller that has the mystery to keep you hooked till the end. Check it out! :)

My Blogging Reader's Star Score for 'BEFORE THEY FIND US' is: 4 1/2 out of 5 stars! :)

Visit my Blog and see Memorable quotes and photos of how I imagined Rebecca, Ryan and Jordan while reading BEFORE THEY FIND US. Here:

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Kiersten says

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To be completely honest, when I got the initial tour email regarding *Before They Find Us*, I didn't remember signing up for it. Me chose a thriller? Highly unlikely. However, I'm very happy that I did sign up for this

tour and that I read this book because it was absolutely incredible and so much better than I thought it would be.

One of the greatest things about *Before They Find Us* is how well-written the characters are. All of the characters were believable and came to life on the page. When things were getting crazy, they all responded in a way that seemed real and logical for who they were. On top of that, they were all interesting people and I felt invested in the outcome of their lives. I *wanted* Rebecca and Ryan to clear their names. I *wanted* everything to work out for them.

Speaking of Rebecca and Ryan, the way they interacted was just magical. The relationship felt so real and natural. These two characters really were people who grew up as best friends and stayed friends despite Ryan moving away. Michelle A. Hansen did a fantastic job building this relationship throughout the book.

Then, of course, there's the plot. Although I've never thought of "thriller" as a genre I liked, Michelle A. Hansen has made me rethink that with *Before They Find Us*. This book kept me invested and interested through every page. A lot of the time in reviews I'll say that I couldn't put a book down, but in this case it's the truth. I was up very late into the morning reading this and only went to sleep because I felt some obligation to do so. I wasn't even tired - the excitement of *Before They Find Us* was keeping me awake.

Normally I write a lot about the books I review, but in this case, I think it's best with less. I'm sure I can come up with many more ways to tell you that this book is incredible, but the only way you'll know for sure is if you pick up a copy and read it!

Erin Block says

THIS IS SUCH A GOOD BOOK. I love love love loved it!

Olga says

You can find my review here: <http://shattering-words.blogspot.com/...>

BEST BOOK EVER! Okay, maybe on this year, but it was just so good, people. For all the fans of 'Gone Girl' out there, this is for you AND for all the teenage and young adults, you **MUST** read this book like... **RIGHT NOW**.

Seriously, you don't see me so enthusiastic about a book, and in the mos cases I'm not, being a book lover will do that to you, but this book has been a mind fuck, I didn't know for one moment who the killer must be, and all the adrenaline is still making my blood pumping through my veins. PLEASE! PLEASE! For all the lovers of a good book out there, read it, or shall the Gods books make you regret this decision, and they exist I'll tell you that, I've had my fair share of sins and now I regret that lost time...

In the beginning we have Rebecca, who has nightmares and is terrified, but she doesn't show it because she's a tough girl like that, of a crime that happened six years ago when Kyle Rasmussen kills a girl after he raped her. It was horrible to hear that a golden boy, apparently perfect and the star of that city will do that to a innocent girl. But he did it, and Beck couldn't hide something like that, it's not in her character, and she tells

this story to the cops. Kyle is arrested and condemned to spend some time behind the bars.

All seems to be indicate a future more bright now that a crime is solved, the criminal is punished and the town is safe again, until Kyle kills himself and now Beck is the criminal because Kyle killed himself there. All his friends, family, even the town itself, for God's sakes has accused her to be Kyle's criminal. The poor girl has to live with the suspicious looks, the whispers are hateful and spewing venom because she had to tell the truth. I was blown away how good people would rally to support something like that...

Now, after everything she's been through, she receives texts from an unknown number who threaten her and her loved ones. In the same time, in another city, her best friend Ryan is interrogated for five hours because the police received an unknown tip from someone claiming that Ryan is building a bomb, only to explode that said bomb in his school building the next morning. Now, she must find a way to demonstrate, without a doubt that Ryan wasn't the one who blew up the school, and for that she must go to Las Vegas and find the real criminal.

Normally, I would present the characters, but now I won't do such a thing because, YOU must find out how are they and what are their real intentions. But I would say who are the possible suspects:

- Andrew Cross- the cousin of Kyle and the crush of Beck. After Kyle was accused and behind the bars, she spends some time with Andrew, but he doesn't tell her about his identity and hides his blood line, until the tings get a little serious and complicated.

- Kyle's father, Robert, who may seek revenge for his son's death.

- Brandon, because of Beck's refusal to sleep with him.

- Ryan- the principal suspect

- OR someone else entirely, someone from Kyle's past, someone who is death bend on revenge...

Final Decision- A thrilling book that is like a breeze in the YA genre. If you are a fan of the thriller novels, than that's the novel for you, because you have to find out how Beck's journey will end...

Will M. says

I received an arc from Netgalley

It's very risky to request for a book on Netgalley, because most that I've read were really awful. There are times thought that you get lucky and actually read a good one. Before They Find Us falls in the middle of good and bad.

This novel had huge potential, but it ended up disappointing and entertaining me at the same time. The plot could've been way better, but it contained mostly cliché events. Nothing really shocked me except what

happened in the end. The plot's shallow and decent at best. I repeat, it's not bad, but I can't really consider this as good either. The plot twists were predictable, some were even bad.

The characters were also decent at best. The main character was pretty much stupid for me. All her decisions were stupid, but I guess she's a teenager for a reason. The other characters were also dull. I didn't really like any of them.

I gave this 3 stars though because I was honestly looking for a light novel to read. While this had a shallow plot and dull characters, the novel as a whole was not as bad as the others I've read. I wasn't really expecting much, so maybe that's why I wasn't really disappointed in the end. This is not a novel that I would buy for myself though, and also not a novel I would recommend.
