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Tempest Maguire is happy with her decision to embrace her mermaid nature and live among her mother's clan within the ocean's depths. Even though training to one day ascend the throne for the aging mermaid queen is rigorous, she finds refuge in the arms of Kona, the selkie who first opened her up to her mermaid side. But when word comes that one of her brothers has been gravely injured on land, Tempest immediately rushes to his side—which also brings her back to her old flame, Mark. And in her absence, a deadly battle begins raging at the hands of Tempest's old nemesis, the sea witch Tiamat. As the dangerous war erupts, Tempest's two loves—Kona and Mark, sea and land—will collide for the first time, both to protect her and to force her to choose.

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Weronika says

Ugh this was so frustrating... The first half of the book was boring and the other half just plain annoying. I hate when the main character doesn't grow throughout the series. I mean Tempest is suppose to be this baddest of them all mermaid but instead she just turns into a bigger brat than she already was. The whole love triangle- so predictable. First book she was all over Kona because he finally made her feel normal and she just knew they were connected somehow and Mark was just a human boy she dated on the land that didn't understand what she's going through (and who she tells to date a fellow classmate at the end of book one because they are better friends than lovers). Now, Kona is the annoying and overprotective boyfriend Tempest can't stand and Mark magically happens to be the boy that makes her heart burst into million colors or whatever she says. Really??? WTF. How can an author do this?! This is stupid. Mark didn't even do anything special besides showing up on the beach every time Tempest came back and "oohhhh Mark I love you so much let's makeout so I can cheat on my boyfriend with you on land and then go back to the water and makeout with my selkie lover again"...Yeah such a fun read...NOT. And the Tiamat conflict? Don't even bother.

Kayla says

I loved everything about this book except the ending... I don't ship it, it better change in book 3 or I'll cry

Azbaqiyah says

Enough of this triangle love.....even though...I on Mark side.

Vicki Kline-saunier says

I dont care if its a teen book

I'm in love with the characters. And the story line! Love all the action and suspense and the love and angst!

Rose says

Initial reaction: Better than the first book and a fine sequel considering the scheme of events, but the biggest drawback for this book? The love triangle. It's always the kicker. =/

Full review:

Color me very surprised by "Tempest Unleashed." While the first book is easy to swallow down as a quick

but clichéd read in the scheme of paranormal romance with coming of age elements, this book upped the stakes by a good margin. I'll admit it had me more than the first book did for the level of conflict alone. But this is one of those stories where you honestly have to ask "Why did the love triangle have to be such a big part of the story? It's painful, and not in a good way." I think the LT undermined what was otherwise a strong story with its respective worldbuilding and conflict clashes as Tempest has to face up to her responsibilities.

This book begins where the first book ended. Tempest is adjusting to life under the sea away from her family at the surface. She pines for her family, but at the same time undertakes training for a potential clash with the evil Tiamat, and has her hands full with the jealous streaks of selkie prince Rona. I'll admit I had my concerns when one of the first scenes of the book show Tempest making her way back to the surface to check on her family, end up running across her old boyfriend/flame Mark, spontaneously kissing him and returning to the sea for no apparent reason. =/ I was already sketchy about the love interests in this series because I honestly think that was one of the weakest parts of the first book, and despite all things, they weren't as well developed as characters for me to care who she ended up with.

Thankfully, the story picks up the ball and starts running past that point with the primary conflict. Tiamat's forces start moving, and an attack on Tempest leaves quite a bit of the sea kingdom in an unsettled state about what the sea witch plans next. Tempest undertakes training with a rival, and there's some awkward anger/power struggles with Kona about "keeping Tempest safe." Thankfully, Tempest has none of that, and I'm glad to see her assert her own power and responsibilities with the grief Kona gives her in some details. I've always liked how Tempest stands up for herself and her attitude is one of the things that drew me to the first book. She stands more of her ground in this installment, though there are some clashes that I'll admit I rolled my eyes over for the nature of them.

The novel really picks up when a tragedy Tempest's family leaves her in a tailspin and returning home. Awkward times ensue with her family members, as does Tempest's relationship with Mark. In a sense, I'm a little glad that Tempest does return home for this event, because it allows for more character expansion from Mark than I saw in the first book, and I'll admit it endeared me to him a little more than Kona, who annoyed me for a good part of the book. I always thought that Kona was somewhat of a forced love interest, though the book attempts to develop him as well in "Tempest Unleashed", at least more than the first book did.

The story reveals that the tragedy within Tempest's family was more than just an isolated incident, and Tempest has to step up to the plate and decide what roles to take on both with her life on land and in the sea. There are a lot of heavy revelations made within the last half of the book, and I'll admit it kept me on my toes for the most part. I liked the tensions established and I liked the sense of loss and desperation that Tempest acts within - she really steps up in a big way for her respective role.

But again, I still think the love triangle is the part of the work that's still working against it. While I appreciated the fact that Mark and Kona seemed to have some role in the final conflict in the work, the note that the book ended on made me realize that the triangle really is the primary focus, and not so much the underwater politics or Tempest's fated role - of which the latter conflicts held my interest far more. They colored the best parts of the book and I was at least glad to the attention to detail on those and how those impacted Tempest, for sure.

I'm interested in seeing where the book goes in the last installment, especially given what's happened to the underwater tribes and the losses from that. For the love story, I could take or leave it, but I'm probably in the minority for saying I hope Mark/Tempest work things out, because I wanted to smack my harisen against Kona one too many times in this book.

Overall score: 3.5/5 stars

Note: I received this as an ARC from NetGalley, from the publisher Walker Children's.

Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says

A Mini-Review in Thirty Words (starting now):

- *Freaking love triangles! Me no likey!
- *Very cool under-the-sea action and descriptions!
- *Tempest is a bad*ss, so she gets brownie points!
- *Freaking book snuck up on me!

Reviewed for Affaire de Coeur in the June issue. <http://affairedecoeur.com>.

Nicole Wang says

Unfortunately, I did not love it, or even like it. It had a good plot, but the characters! Tempest seemed incredibly annoying, naïve and thought she knew everything. It just annoyed the hell out of me when she made everyone feel guilty when she was the one who was wrong. Really...she also kept switching from Kona to Mark. From Mark to Kona. From Kona to Mark. From Mark to...you get the point. It really did annoy me, even more when she said that she loved them both. And (SPOILER NEXT) I can't believe she abandoned Kona when he needed her most. Instead she picked Mark of ALL PEOPLE. Obviously, I'm Team Kona here. (SPOILER END) But even so...I just couldn't fathom how Tempest could be so oblivious, naïve, unforgiving, and smart-mouthed (when she really shouldn't be).

The plot was great and fun and Tempest learned more about her mom, and though she didn't completely forgive her mom, she started understanding just a bit more. She practices her powers more, learning both how to use them and trying to discover how to defeat Tiamat once and for all. I loved how Tracy Deebes described how Tempest channeled her power and I absolutely adore the underwater world she created! It was enchanting how all the pieces came together in their world and I found it just a tad amusing how all the "land-lubbers" didn't have a clue! Except Mark, but he's another story

All in all, it would've been a pretty good book (4 stars?), but I highly disliked Tempest in this book, so it dropped by 2 stars. I feel as if, even though Tracy Deebes did do a good job writing the story, Tempest was too...irritating. And characters are a MAJOR part of my reviews so...it's just how it happened.

Marie says

Not nearly as good as the first:(!
Really disappointing!

I LOVE Kona! I want her to be with KONA, I want her to stay with Kona and I want her to leave and stay away from Mark!

Oh gosh! This book really pissed me off! Tempest is really really annoying! She changes her mind like she changes the weather! It's so not faire, and definitely not faire to Kona!

In book 1 it was understandable but enough is enough! She needs to make her mind up and it better be Kona she picks or these books can burn!

~Tina~ says

4.5 stars

Tempest Unleashed is one of those really great reads that is perfect for basking in the sun on a warm summers day.

This was even better then the first! The under-water world is vividly gorgeous, loved the action and kick-ass powers and best of all, I didn't actually expect that ending. It's very rare where I actually see the girl pick the guy I've always secretly wanted for her. Brilliant!

We're getting another book, right?

Mary says

[was hardly ever in this book other than to make out with her or when h

Randi (The Artist Formerly known as Guitar Chick) says

Does anyone else think the mermaid on the cover looks old? I'll probably end up reading this anyway.
EDIT!

I read the book, and I really liked it!

A winning combination of action, very sweet romance, and realistic emotion. Perhaps the coolest thing about Tempest is her arrestingly human moments seen through the book. Very good.

Laura's Book Addiction says

So excited for this

Catarina says

Please let her stay with Kona! I didn't like Mark to begin with, I don't know why but I didn't. Maybe it was

his jealous nature. Whatever, PLEASE LET HER CHOOSE KONA!!!!!!

Muse-ic ? says

That was dreadfully boring.

There was a lot of action but I didn't get an action feel out of it. While reading, my main thought was:

Am I done yet??

The first book was fairly mediocre. But this one was worse.

I still have a budding distaste for Kona. I must say I am glad she chose Mark, but I would like to know why.....

WHY....in Mark's right mind would he choose Tempest?

Also when she did choose Mark in the end, her finished relationship with Kona was so LAME!

Like COME ON, MAN!

Tempest and Kona throughout the book:

*"I love you soooooo much!" *make out* *shiver at touch**

At the end:

"Don't worry about it Tempest. We both have a lot on our minds right now."

That was TOO EASY! It was a lazy way for their relationship to end. Granted they DID have a lot on their minds since Tiamat (bad girl) held a mass slaughter for both their clans but still.

Too many times she has a "niggle" at the back of her brain. Too many times the word "niggle" is used.

Like....if I hear that word one more time I will kick something :P

Honestly I seriously don't care enough to write a really long review. I didn't *hate* hate it....I was just rather turned off by it.

Seriously though I'm pretty sure this could have been the end of the trilogy....but

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO.

There is another book in which our protagonist will *probably* defeat our antagonists.

Tempest has these kick-ass powers, but there is zero explanation as to where they come from! Like most mermaids in this world have some sort of powers, but Tempest is SO powerful, like "I can create thunderstorms and summon lightning" powerful.

I read this because I was in the mood for mermaids. I shouldn't have jumped on that impulse.....or at least read another book. Oh well.

Garrett says

WOW. This review is long overdue; like, three months overdue. But without further ado, here's my review for *Tempest Unleashed*, the second installment of Tracy Deeb's *Tempest* trilogy.

Unleashed continues the story of Tempest Maguire, a teenage girl who is growing into her destiny of becoming a great and powerful mermaid. Of course, the first book was supposed to be about that as well, but we didn't see an actual mermaid scene in the first book until the last twenty pages or so. I think that's why so many people had problems liking *Tempest Rising*: it was a mermaid book with barely any mermaids.

Unleashed makes up for that and then some.

Nearly all the book takes place under the sea with lots of mermaid and sea creature action. In fact, it's not until after the first hundred pages that there's even a scene that takes place on dry land. The mermaid world is beautiful and vividly described, from the cave Tempest discovers containing her mother's memories, to the final battle in the sunken ship. And the sea creatures: mermaids, selkies, sea witches, shark-men, and more. I mean, how many people even knew what a bunyip was (and who subsequently researched it) when reading this book? (I'd heard of it, but I still researched it.)

And now I reach the topic of romance. The first book was typical of a YA paranormal romance. Stranger comes to town, and despite being creepy more often than not, the girl falls for him and no one else in her life matters anymore. Not so with *Unleashed*. Tempest begins having feelings for Mark again, and at first I internally groaned, as I knew that meant a love triangle was evident. And usually the protagonist of a YA PNR strings the second guy around for a couple books, but always ends up with the creepy stranger. Oh, sure, she'd act like she loved Mark, but in the end, she'd end up with Kona, despite that being the most unrealistic outcome. Now, I'm not so sure. Mark is there for her, and they have history together, and he knows her better than anyone else. Kona? He's just the typical YA male love interest, and I don't think he's worthy of Tempest. Does Mark get overprotective and act like a jerk sometimes? Yeah. But then again, that's what makes him *human*. He's flawed, unlike perfect Kona, the douchebag who turns into a seal. And besides, Tempest needs someone human, as she even mentions that she doesn't want to succumb to her mermaid half. Normal, simple Mark can be the anchor that Tempest needs to keep her humanity buoyant. I can only hope she ends up with Mark (or better yet, no one: she's an all-powerful mermaid; who says she needs two guys bickering over her?), but with how most YA paranormals go, I'm not holding my breath.

Another interesting dynamic that I enjoyed about the first book is family. Rio grates on my nerves something fierce, but I can't blame him completely, although sometimes he acted more like a brat than what I felt was called for. Tempest's family means so much to her, and I hope she's able to accept her destiny without having to completely abandon them. I have an idea how the issues with her family and Mark will play out in the final book, but I'm just going to have to wait and see.

All in all, I loved the sequel so much more than the first. Tiamat's still a creepy but intriguing antagonist (plus, I liked how the myth of Scylla was thrown in) the twist with Sabyn was slightly predictable, but enjoyable nonetheless, and the feeling that war is coming to the undersea world rings through to the book's final pages. I'm ready to see Tempest kick Tiamat's tail...literally.

So in conclusion, *Tempest Unleashed* was a thrill ride of epic proportions, and it was everything the first book should have been and more. I can't wait to see how the final book plays out, and I know that if it's anything like *Unleashed*, it's going to be worth the wait.
