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At one time my life was simple. Easy. But that was before the war. Now I was no longer an average college student. I was a survivor. A woman living in a ravaged world. My future was not bright and my life was far from perfect. The war had taken so much from me... but it wasn't finished yet. It wanted more. It wanted my heart. My soul. The one person I couldn't live without. It wanted Ryder Delaney. My best friend. The bad boy. The one person who could fight like no other and love me like no one else. He was the father of my baby. I watched him walk away one hot summer day and I prayed he would return. I needed him like I needed air to breathe and water to drink. Without him I was lost. A light without her darkness. Until he returns, I'll wait for him. And I believe he will return because love is powerful... And so is the light calling him home.

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From Reader Review Promise Me Light for online ebook

Danielle says

Well worth the wait!!! Fantastic ending!!! Love you Paige Weaver!!!!

AJ says

Oh so close! But the angst-fest continues!

This book picks up a couple of weeks after the ending of Promise Me Darkness. The US is still under the control of terrorists, and the country is without power, with dwindling food reserves and a rapidly approaching winter.

And in the middle of all of it, Maggie is trying to cope with a missing Ryder. She is broken and shattered without her best friend, soul mate and love of her life, and it was truly devastating watching her trying to cope with not only Ryder's absence, but also the reality of trying to survive the horrific conditions, as well as all of the personal issues she is dealing with.

I found this book to be a lot more emotional than the first. And, with flashbacks to Maggie and Ryder together over the years, I was feeling their connection a lot more strongly.

"This was it. The truth. The reason we both lived and breathed. Some called it friendship. Others called it love. I just called it each other. We needed each other to survive."

And then the big moment – Ryder's return (this isn't exactly a spoiler, because duh, it's a romance book! Of course he was going to return!). My heart was pounding, and I had a massive smile on my face as I read. It is so beautifully written, I felt everything right along with Maggie. But their beautiful reunion is tainted by tragedy, as Ryder is gravely wounded, and not the same man that left all those months ago to rescue Eva.

I was loving this book through all of this turmoil. The blend of drama with romance against the background of their fight to survive, was really well done. There is a lot of character development, not only for Maggie, but we get to know Gavin and Cash a lot better, and I really liked that these guys got some more story time. And while Ryder may not be himself, he is back to his swoony, sexy best (hotness!!! *fans self*), and I was really involved in the story and enjoying where it was going.

And then it all hits the fan and Ryder becomes an ass of EPIC proportions! Oh my God! Seriously, I was past the 80% mark of the book, and wanted to put it down and just stop reading. What. An. Asshole! His insecurities and the whole 'I'm only going to hurt you' thing is alright for a little while, but it just kept going on and on, and his reactions are ridiculously melodramatic and, for me, it all just got to be too much. I really started to dislike him. I get that he's tortured, and that he's got issues, but come on! How moody and insecure can one guy be?

And rather than standing up to him and telling him he's being a supreme jerk, Maggie, as always, stands by her man and forgives him everything...

“Being with Ryder was like a roller coaster ride that never ended. There were sharp turns and up and downs. You never knew what was waiting for you around the corner. The ride was bumpy and sometimes rough. One moment you wanted to laugh, the next moment you wanted to scream. But through it all, it was exhilarating and fast-paced. The ride of your life. And I never wanted to get off.”

Well, Maddie, this just proves to me that you are an idiot and a glutton for punishment, and I have no sympathy for you at all! Although I did want to give her a cheer when she came out with this line:

“I want you. But I really want to punch you in the face right now”

YES! YES, YES YES!!!!

The one benefit of Ryder being a douche, is that Gavin gets a chance to shine, and I really came to like him as a character. Especially as he wasn't afraid to give his brother shit.

“Don't stare it in the eyes. It makes it angry,” he whispered, dramatically. “Out in the wild like this, it has been known to attack innocent bystanders for looking at it directly. We must be careful not to wake the beast.”

... The sides of Gavin's mouth shot up in a grin. He glanced at Ryder with a challenge in his eyes, smirking.

Thankfully, the tantrum throwing doesn't last for too long, and there is a fair bit of swooniness, but, to be honest, I was still too pissed at him to really enjoy it. Although I did recover enough to appreciate the gushy HEA, which left me with a huge smile on my face.

“I may be a sonofabitch but I'll always love you,” he whispered against my lips. “You're my everything.”

Overall, I have enjoyed these books. Yes, aspects of it left me supremely irritated, but the writing is really good, and I like the actual story, the setting, and the characters. There is a bit of a set up there for another book featuring Gavin and / or Cash, and if so, I'll be all over that one! I'm just hoping that they have learned what NOT to do by witnessing Ryder's epic meltdowns, and if we do get a book for them, it will be a whole lot less dramatic.

If you like a lot of angst with your romance, this book will probably really appeal to you, but it was just a bit too OTT for me.

3 stars.

Jess says

4.5 Stars

“Death. Violence. Grief and sadness. They had tried to conquer me and lost. Now, I faced another enemy, one that would torture before it killed. Hunger, an ugly creature that gnawed at a person's stomach. A symptom of the starving.”

If you haven't read book 1 this review will contain spoilers.

The story starts off just after Ryder, Gavin, Cash & Byron have gone to save Eva, it's been 2 weeks and they still haven't returned, Maddie is just about to run off to search for them when everyone returns except for Ryder. While saving Eva, Ryder is shot and taken by the enemy and no one knows if he is still alive or dead.

“Sunlight filtered in through the window, brightening the room, but only darkness surrounded me. The light in me was gone. Like a candle with its flame, I sat alone without purpose.” – Maddie

For months Maddie struggles to go on without Ryder, she tries to do everyday things but she has a huge hole in her heart and she keeps praying that he is alive and will come back to her. Maddie is a survivor through and through in this book, she really amazed me with her strength and her ability to keep trying when a lot of people would have given up.

“I forced my feet to move and my heart to beat. I told my lungs to breathe and my mind to think. Every day, I forced myself to go on, surrounded by people I loved but feeling more alone than I had ever felt before.” - Maddie

The memories Maddie had of her and Ryder broke my heart you got to read about their past as children, teenagers and memories from book 1. The writing in this book blew me away it was so much more beautifully written than book 1.

“Leave me. Run as fast as you can” “Never,” I whispered. “I’m not running unless it’s to you.” – Ryder and Maddie

“So many important days – some happy, some sad. But the day that changed my life forever was the day Ryder didn't return. That day, my world crumpled. Now all I had left were memories.” – Maddie

(view spoiler)

(view spoiler)

The ending was good. I got my closure (view spoiler). I think there is room for another book possibly about Cash or Gavin.

There is a lot more to this book but I don't want to say too much ;)

This would have been 5 stars but there was still some confusing words and repetitiveness but again the beautiful writing and suspenseful plot was worth getting over that.

I would definitely recommend this series!

Sheyla ✍️ says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review.

Book 2 picks up fourteen days after Promise Me Darkness ends.

Maddie is still dealing with Ryder's absence. She misses him dearly and she's still keeping her secret.

Life is still hard without electricity and everyone is in survival mode.

Ryder's brother Gavin is trying to protect her. Same with Cash. I think Cash is my favorite character after Ryder.

I have a love-hate relationship with Ryder. He can be so obtuse and cold sometimes but you can feel the love he has for Maddie is real. He is battling with his own demons but he will do anything for her even when he is hurt.

This series scared me a little. I mean I had to ask my husband if he had a survival plan for something like this.

(Thankfully he does. LOL. I can see solar panels in my future).

Maddie was a survivor. She has lost so much but she keeps on going even trying to search for Ryder.

I know this story can't be done. I think Eva and Brody as well Cash need an HEA. Don't you??

One more thing- I love the Cover. Those eyes are like a magnet.

" I love you, Maddie. You're my past. My present. My future. You're my life. And I will always love you."

4/5 Fangs

cross posted at my blog <http://mrsleifs.blogspot.com>

Lu-Rosa says

So, I read the first book of the Promise Me series and it wasn't that bad, for a dystopia/contemporary mash up book it wasn't mind numbing. So I thought might as well read the second one. On that note, I could list several things that I rather would have done than read this book... several. The entire time I was reading I was expecting some kind of climax, instead I got the same speeches over and over again just told in a different way. To say this book was predictable would be an understatement.

The lead characters seemed to have changed for me from the first book. They all seemed to have had some kind of personality transplant without me knowing. Ryder's bad boy personality in Promise Me Darkness was H-O-T and I-want-one-of-those and come-this-way-sexy but when I read this book his bad-boy personality was annoying and over done. And his constant, I mean CONSTANT, declaration of not being good enough for Maddie was highly irritating. Maddie was sappy, whinny, dramatic and well dramatic! I mean how many times and how many different ways can you say "I can't live without him", turns out there are various ways to say it. I guess I like reading books with strong female leads and kicking ass. I could talk about the other characters but they just didn't have a chance to develop, they were so two dimensional they might as well not have names, just refer to them as best-friend, older brother, prom date, best-friend's boyfriend, Ryder's dad and Ryder's mom.

So I did not enjoy reading this book. I was really disappointed, I was looking forward to reading it. The story line had no real depth or direction and plot building was lacking, the ideas were good but just poorly executed. Only reason I'm giving it 2 Stars is because I liked the first one, so I didn't want to be too harsh.

Aestas Book Blog says

Oooh YAY! This is a 2-book series and this will be the final one which means I can start soon :)

The conclusion to Maddie and Ryder's love story will be released on September 24th.

Fern (whirlwindbooks) says

- <http://www.whirlwindbooksandreviews.com/>

Rin W. Vitale says

[Where Ryder captured by the terrorist when they were saving Eva. (hide spoiler)]

Deb says

I'm looking at all these 4 and 5 star reviews and wondering if I read the same thing?!!

Okay, so I will admit that I do like the author's style of writing, which is why this didn't go on my DNF shelf, but it almost did.

The characters drove me insane. They were whiny, stupid and annoying. Am I supposed to like them? I didn't. And if the characters are supposed to be flawed, develop them enough so I care whether or not they redeem themselves.

The heroine made a comment about her relationship with Ryder being like a roller coaster ride with the ups and downs and for once, I agreed with her. She needed to step the HELL off that ride and run. Why would someone keep going back to someone who keeps treating you badly, has a severe case of PTSD (which seemed to magically cure by the end) and was frankly, an ass. A huge example of this for me was when he did this sweet gesture of giving her his helping of soup and a minute later, she ends up wearing it because he goes off the dumb ass handle. Hello? Food shortage anyone? By the sounds of the dire situation, she should have been wringing that soup from her shirt and eating every last drop. Or, maybe Ryder should quit acting like the immature ass hat he is.

And how in the hell did he save Maddie when he has an infected gun shot wound and is delirious with fever?? He's standing on the porch with a gun?? I. don't. think. so.

But yet, can't be woken up from his nightmare where he is strangling the woman he supposedly loves???

The heroine was immature and stupid and the actions she took while pregnant were just dumb. I'm frankly amazed the pregnancy survived with the way she was running around, starving, being strangled, beat up and

whatever else she endured.

I still like the premise of the war and how these people had to survive without electricity and trying to meet their basic needs. But I don't get how she could go from suffering from some pretty physical hardships to all of the sudden wanting to jump Ryder's bones just because he was in the vicinity. I mean, I get that people have needs, but she sure got hers at strange times.

Sorry, this one just wasn't for me :(

Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

2 It's The Apocalypse bitches and it's damn frustrating Stars

Love is difficult in contemporary times... Now, throw in a World War III, the end o civilization as we know it, foreign troops invading USA, a bloody cold Winter,a jealous alpha male with more vulnerabilities and hormonal up and downs than his pregnant girlfriend and you have the perfect mix for a tequila party!

What started as somewhat OK in the first book, dragged from here to hell in this one. Constant bickering, insecurities and too much time spent going over the same issues made rolling eyes almost a given. Seriously my left eye is still give me trouble!

Don't get me wrong. This a beautiful love story. Ryder and Maddie are true soul mates and belong together. But the premises of the story doesn't help for their star to properly shine. Protection somewhat overlaps with obsession and insanity is the rule. Angst and unnecessary drama soon follow...

Overall, it could be just me but I had higher expectations from this sequel. My emotions are all over the place to mirror the story that it was promising in the first but it didn't managed to deliver. Sorry but I do hope that next books will be better!

Alba M. says

4,5.

Necesito dar la explicación de porque no le doy las 5. Es porque me canse de sufrir. DOS LIBROS

COMPLETOS DE SUFRIR Y SUFRIR Y SUFRIR MAAS me matan. Joder si claro que he leído libros que tienen para sufrir un rato pero suele haber cosas buenas que compensan el sufrimiento. Pero este libro me ha llevado por el camino de las lagrimas página si y página también. Me encantó, si, no puedo negarlo porque me sorprendió esta historia. De hecho ahora estoy cagada de verme en la misma situación. Creo que el epílogo se ha quedado un poco soso para mi gusto, necesitaba algo más que me quitara el mal estar que tengo en el cuerpo con tanto dolor.

Amo a Ryder, lo amo con todo mi corazón aunque es un gilipollas bipolar a veces. Dios no sé si algún día podré leerme el siguiente libro, por ahora quiero descansar. Gracias por sorprenderme en todas y cada una de las maneras posibles. No me arrepiento de haberlo leído.

Erin Bonilla says

This book was worth the wait!! I had emotions around ever turn of the page! I hope that if there is a book three we don't have to wait as long!!!

Diana Mae says

I ended up skipping through pages. The characters are too shallow especially the heroine doing things a sane person would not dare do given the situation and her condition.

I decided to give this book a try because of the reviews and ratings I've seen here, but gosh, It was just sooo disappointing. . The way the characters responded ridiculously in those serious and life-threatening situations was just way beyond stupid.

Sorry. I don't want to give this book a 1-star, but I couldn't give it a 2-star either. :(

K says

Nothing.

That is what I was.

Ryder was gone.

My world shattered like a piece of delicate glass dropped on a marble floor.

Tiny slivers of the life I once had lingered, but they were broken.

Useless.

Just fragments of what they once were. I had no hope. No prayers. No desire to go on.

I can't breathe without him...

"Someone might call me a fool for not facing reality, but if reality didn't include Ryder, I didn't want any part of it."

"Sunlight filtered in through the window, brightening the room, but only darkness surrounded me. The light in me was gone. Like a candle without it's flame, I sat alone and without purpose.

Promise Me Light was the remarkable conclusion to *Promise Me Darkness*! I very rarely like the sequel of a novel more than the first installment, but for this one I made an exception. This book was so beautifully written that I cried through a good portion of it. It just had that something *more* than *Promise Me Darkness* ever did, and that's the only way I can think to describe it. I loved the flashbacks and the poetic writing style. Everything about it was so beautiful...

When we meet Maddie in *Promise Me Light*, she's not the same girl that she was before. **She's broken. Lost. Without hope.** Ryder is gone. He never returned from the search party that went to find her best friend Eva. She doesn't know how to live without Ryder, he's her best friend, true love, soul mate, father of her unborn baby, *how does she go on without him?*

I felt as if a giant building collapsed on top of me, leaving me trapped and desperate for air. I waited for someone to rescue me and dig me out from under the constant pain, but no one ever came. Every day I tried crawling my way out of the rubble, cutting my hands and leaving a trail of despair behind. But I never could see daylight, only darkness.

In *Promise Me Light*, the end of the world is still in its throes. In fact, things are worse. With Ryder gone, they also have other problems to get used to. They are running out of food, still without power, and tensions are running high in their group. People are starting to fight more, have shorter tempers, and understand less. *Will they make it out alive? Will Ryder ever be found? Or is there no light to be found in the darkness?*

"This was it. The truth. The reason we both lived and breathed. Some called it friendship. Others called it love. I just called it each other. We needed each other to survive.

"I love you Maddie. Remember that. I'll love you forever. Now let me go." ~Ryder

"Being with Ryder was like a roller coaster ride that never ended. There were sharp turns and up and downs. You never knew what was waiting for you around the corner. One moment you wanted to laugh, the next moment you wanted to scream. But through it all, it

was exhilarating, and fast paced. The ride of your life. And I never wanted to get off.

"I'm darkness Maddie. Stay away from men like me. You'll only get hurt." ~Ryder

Reading this story made me cry hoping that Maddie & Ryder would end up together, it made me fan-girl at all of Ryder's fierce sexy alpha-maleness, the epilogue was awesome, though I wish it were more concluded. It was a beautiful, unforgettable story and it definitely earned itself a place on my favorites list. I won't be forgetting this one anytime soon.

I ask everyone to give this one a shot! Even if you weren't a big fan of the first installment, the sequel is so beautifully written, that I hope everyone sticks with the series.

"I need you now," he said, grabbing my loose hair in a fist and tugging me closer. "A gunshot wound won't stop you?" I asked with a smile. "Not with you baby."

*****I WOULD 100% RECOMMEND THIS SERIES*****

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

Not as good as the first one, which I really liked but at least Weaver gives an explanation as to what happens to the characters. I look forward to more books from this author.
