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Perception is everything to sixteen-year-old Olivia Brown. With her freakishly hot boyfriend, volunteer work at the local animal shelter, successful beauty channel on YouTube, and well-earned spot on X Factor Cheer's elite level five Diamond Girl team, Livvie's the girl every other girl wants to be. At least, that's the illusion she's aiming for.

But Livvie's seemingly perfect life is anything but. Lying about the bruises her boyfriend gives her, and cowering beneath his raging temper becomes a regular way of life until she unwittingly witnesses her drunken neighbor beating his step-son, the town bad boy, Reid Tate.

For Reid, vulnerability is the enemy. Opening up, and letting people in gives them the power to disappoint. Growing up with a co-dependent mother and an abusive alcoholic father, Reid has endured all the disappointment he can stomach.

But when his pretty, do-good neighbor witnesses his step-dad beat him to within an inch of his life, and not only call the cops, but keeps quiet at school about what she saw, Reid wonders if maybe, just maybe, he's found someone he can finally trust.

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Lisa Mandina says

4.5 really. A quick, hard to put down read. I think I had picked this one up for a freebie one day. And then I saw that it was part of the Kindle Unlimited Challenge, and while I don't have KU, I decided to at least try to participate since I had that book. It was a pretty good book, I'd like to go back and read book 1 now. This is definitely more of a YA than an NA or Adult romance.

Maika Francesca Cabildo says

When you thought Bodie was perfect enough..

Then Reid Tate comes..

This book is better than the first one (I loved that too tho!) I really love how Elisa Dane puts twist on every ending! <3

Jillian Lopez says

This book was amazing!

I enjoyed the drama the author had put me into, and I fell in love with the "town bad boy," Reid because of personality. I enjoyed the tension I felt in the climax of the book and the mishaps that Olivia Brown - main protagonist and cousin of Nev introduced in the first book - went through. I loved the conflict of the book, and it entertained me more than the first book, Ex-Factor.

I liked Livvie. She was a good and innocent person, considering how she refused to swear and instead used food-related euphemisms that slightly irritated me because of how ridiculous it seemed. But Livvie was nice. She cared for so many people and prevented further arguments. Apart from her ridiculous euphemisms, her naivete was one thing that also irritated me slightly.

I also liked the idea of the book. The relationship between Livvie and Reid captivated me more than Nev and Bodie's relationship. It was fresh and not so overwhelming. Loved the book! I can't wait to hear more from Ms. Elisa Dane :)

Debbie says

Unbreakable is the second book in The Diamond Girl series but could easily be read as a stand alone. This book was just as touching as Ex-factor and brought back many of the loveable characters from the first story.

This book focused on Olivia or Livvie, Nev's cousin. She has been dating J.P. for almost a year and is in love with him. She feels so special that he picked her out of all the girls he could have. Then why does she not want to go all the way with him? Why does her personality change in his presence?

Livvie is a perfect girl or so others think. She never curses, in fact she has funny names she says for curse words (Fudge Pop instead of the obvious other word) so to stop her from saying bad words. Yes, she is thought of as a goody two shoes, she is envied and hated by some and adored by some others.

Reid Tate is pretty much everything that Livvie is not. He is hard, unemotional and driven to start fights. He is Olivia's next door neighbor and Livvie knows something that others don't see about him. He is confident and sarcastic towards her. He thinks that she is better than him and he doesn't associate with people like her. Then why is he always saving her from J.P when her boyfriends anger gets out of control? Why does he always seem to be there when she needs someone the most? Could it be that Reid is more than meets the eye?

This book deals with an important issue as well, just as the first does. There were times in this book that I felt like hitting Livvie up side the head for some of the decisions she made that ultimately led to her getting in some bad situations. However, after reflecting upon my younger years, I know that I or you could have made the exact same decisions. That is what makes this book's message so good and so well executed.

Shayna Varadeaux says

I am super excited to have book 2 in the Diamond Girls series!

In book two, Elisa Dane tackles another subject matter that is a rough one to put out there. I love that it is done in such a tactful manner.

Liv, Nev's cousin slides into the MC position and boy does it get grit-ty!

I love that Nev is still in this one and that it branches off in a direction that I personally wasn't expecting.

Wow just whoa! It was most definitely a stunner in more than one spot.

I was pretty much staggeringly speechless in several points as well, man did the author get the obsessive boyfriend down! My skin crawled on some parts seriously!

This read carried a lot of emotion for me. I laughed, I cried, I swooned and I was drawn in a hundred thousand percent! The progression of things moved at a steady pace and my excitement was maybe a tad out of control. I was giddy reading this book. Yes you heard me... I think it was all about Reid and his melt your insides to goo drool worthy swoon-tastic abilities that had me mesmerized.

Okay let me just say it... I heart me some Reid Tate! There. That's better. Great character and the makings of perfection of the male persuasion in a YA Read!

The characters, storyline, pace and everything rocked!

Two thumbs up, two hundred stars and yes please!

I cannot stress enough that this is an important book for young females to read. It gives a 360 from all points of view of how things like that happen and are accepted so often.

I was so frustrated at points and scared poopless in some spots for sure! I recommend this book highly.

This series in fact is a really great YA Contemporary read.

The story is extremely engaging and I had no problem getting through it quickly and yes my cuticles suffered immensely.

Whatever Elisa Dane is writing, I'm reading! I can't wait for the Diamond Girls book 3!

Bianca Chiriac Suciuc says

Great book

I really liked the book. The plot was great with just the right amount of angst. Reid was so sweet. I would definitely recommend this book.

The only thing I didn't like was the "I don't do relationships" phrase. I am sick of reading this sentence in almost every book.

Valeria says

I was glad to finally go back to this series and meet with the Diamond Girls again. The more I read about them, the more I feel they are definitely a cool group of girls I'd love to surround myself with in real life. Plus, I would've loved to be cheerleader in High School, if only that option were available while I was growing up. Nevertheless, there are more than enough reasons to think these girls are cool aside from their awesome athletic skills, especially Livvie.

They are all incredibly loyal and nice. Livvie is trustworthy and what I love, they don't engage in gossip, nor do they talk back in situations I would most certainly have trouble keeping my mouth quiet. That alone earns my respect for them. Livvie is thrown into a pretty messy situation at some point, gossip related, and she never once thinks about talking back. She deals with the situation with the upmost dignity and discretion. I must admit I tip my hat to her and her friends who were always extremely supportive.

I also loved that Livvie had her own YouTube beauty channel which in itself is pretty awesome. I know I don't have so much beauty tips I could share, I need to see that channel! (The author did however set up a beauty blog you can check out).

In this instalment the author decided to deal with a more serious issue, in my opinion, than drinking and driving (which was addressed in book #1, Ex-Factor). Livvie had to deal with an abusive man situation, which is much more complicated since it mainly involves the behaviour of other people. It teaches a good lesson on the responsibility we have to choose the people we want to surround ourselves right, and tell them apart spotting the signs. It also sets a good example on how to deal with it if that ever were to happen to you.

The romance was good and in a similar style than the previous book. You can certainly notice a pattern there, but I did enjoy very much to see Livvie and Reid grew closer. The author really wants to make a point on not judging people on their appearance nor their reputation. Everyone has a back story that determines who they are. It is a deep message we should cherish and pay attention to in a daily basis.

The one major point that really bugged me though, was that the author put way too much emphasis in the fact that Nev had really gone a long way from the last book and how happy she now was. Don't get me wrong, I love a small reminder of what happened in previous books in a series, and I'm truly happy and proud of Nev. But I felt it was mentioned more than what is necessary. By the end I wanted to scream I get it!

Finally I loved how this book put a great focus into family. The relationship Livvie has with Nev, her cousin and her mum was endearing and I really enjoyed to see the family dynamics they shared.

Overall, this series is going places I really enjoy and I'm glad I have the next book lying around to go straight to it.

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Deanna says

To say that I was lucky enough to get an ARC (Advanced Reader Copy) of this book would be an understatement. Book #2 in the Diamond Girls Series (and my favorite so far), Elisa Dane takes poor sweet Livvie and puts her through the ringer! On top of having to deal with school, cheer AND a job, she's got her douche of a boyfriend to deal with. Her cousin Nev sees what she's going thru but with Livvie being a little on the naive side, it takes her a little longer to see the truth.

Enter Livvie's night and shining armor...Reid Tate is the H.O.T and very drool worthy bad boy. He's got a really messed up home life and sluts galore at his feet. Somehow...somehow...Reid and Livvie find their way to each other. Does she reform the bad boy? Nope! Once a bad boy always a bad boy...BUT...she does get under his skin to where he'd do anything for her and be anything for her.

I love how Elisa builds Livvie and Reid's relationship. It isn't forced, nor is it rushed. Reid helps Livvie see that her current relationship is NOT a good one for her.

I absolutely LOVED this book and can't WAIT for everyone to fall in love with it on JUNE 10, 2014!!!

Jessica says

Much better than the first book. (And I liked that one too!)

The things I liked with EX-factor was still present. Sweet romance, important theme and a good flow. But this time the author let the characters make the point instead of telling me. I really enjoyed Livvie, she was a great heroine. Vulnerable, kind and still strong. Reid was great but this time the girl was my favourite. The theme of abuse, secrets that hurt you and learning to stand up for yourself is very important and I think it was handled well. Even if there was some extra drama added to make the story more suspenseful. The only thing

that kind of bothered me was the short time frame. But that felt like a minor thing though.

Cathy *Booklover4everandever* says

Another great book...

This is another great book by Elisa Dane. She again touched on a few subjects that most teens never think about like rape, all types of abuse and control issue in relationships. It was really well researched and very thorough throughout the book. I gave it a 4.5 if it was possible!

Lustful Literature says

**** JODIE'S 3.5 STAR RATING ****

“Cars are easy. Something doesn’t work right? You replace the broken part with a new one. If they’re failing, there’s always a reason and one that’s usually fixable. I can’t really say the same about people.”

Unbreakable is the second book in the Diamond Girls Series, but can be totally be read as a stand-alone! This book centered around Olivia aka Livvie, Nev’s cousin. If you have read book 1 you pretty much know who the players are. However unlike Ex-Factor this book focuses mainly around Livvie! Let me stop here and just say I def think that Ex-factor was a better book, not that I didn’t enjoy this story, I just like the flow better in book 1.

As we know Livvie is that picture perfect girl. She is the perfect character, her hair, her make up, her friends, even the way she talked was perfect! Seriously I was almost turned off with her little words aka Fudge-pop. Let’s add in the mix she is a cheerleader with the most supportive mother in history!! I don’t know but something about her made her hard to attach to. I almost found myself wanting her to screw up, say F***, I don’t know I just wanted her to be more REAL!!

However I will say that Elisa puts this girl through hell in this book!! Livvie has quite a schedule to balance but what makes it almost unbearable is the dick of a boyfriend she is attached to. Seriously J.P. is the biggest Douche in book form. I wanted to not only punch him in the face, but I wanted to just scream at him while doing it. Nev sees all of this going on but can’t convince Livvie to just walk away. Enter me wanting to strangle Livvie with both hands.

And then THANK YOU GOD for Reid Tate, because well, he is pretty much another Bodie. Honestly, I think I almost fell in love with him instantly. He is all bad boy, take care of you, take no s***, isn’t changing for anyone, perfection. I will say if given a choice between him or Bodie I would totally pick him.

“Reid’s dark hair, bad boy attitude, and general ‘I’ll drive you through hell and back and you’ll love every minute of it’ was one hundred times more appealing.”

I will say the Reid and Livvie’s relationship left me more attached to them than I was with Nev’s and Bodie’s. There are amazing parts of this book and there are parts that made me want to throttle both of them. If you are a fan of YA you will love this whole series!!

Michelle (Much Loved Books) says

When I read the first chapter in the back of the previous boo I knew that I had to read this book, when I got an early copy off the publicist I was surprised but excited and read as fast as humanly possible to finish by current reads so that I could open the pages of **Unbreakable** and make a start on it.

One thing that I liked when I began reading was how **Unbreakable** not only follows on from *Ex-Factor*, but also lets us keep with the familiar characters from the previous book and see how they are doing.

Unbreakable was just as much of a page turner as *Ex-Factor*, and I found myself once again absorbed in the world Elisa has created, tuning page after page to find out what on earth would happen next.

As with all books, there are characters you love, and characters you loath, and the very select few that sit on the fence waiting for you to decide over their fate. With **Unbreakable**, Livvie was one of the characters whom I loved instantly, and I like how we get to see more of her as she features in her own story. JP was a character that initially sat on the fence. Some of his actions in the beginning towards Livvie were nice, but the way he occasionally spoke to her had be doubting him a bit. When his true colours were finally revealed I hated him with a passion, I wanted Livvie to open her eyes and take in the situation from an outside perspective and really see what was going on. Reid was someone who I quickly loathed. I disliked his attitude, and his general behaviour towards others, but when we really get to see him, see his thoughts, his feelings, and his reasoning, my heart did melt a bit and he was quickly moved to the other side of the fence.

I don't want to go into to much detail about what happens in the pages of **Unbreakable**, what I have mentioned above is really all you will get story wise from me. I will tell you though that after reading *Ex-Factor* I didn't think I would be as impressed with **Unbreakable** as I was, but I was pleasantly surprised. I loved the world just as much as I previously did, and although we have see the characters and the places before, seeing them from someone else's eyes they still felt new to me. The skills that the cheer team use impressed me even more than they did, and there is no way I could ever imagine doing what they do, I can just about manage a sort of cartwheel....if it doesn't have to be straight....and I don't have to go all the way from one side to the other.....okay, so maybe I can manage a full roll over ;)

Finishing **Unbreakable** was both a happy and sad ending, more sad for me as now I have to wait forever for the next instalment (please say there is a new instalment) and I am looking forward to seeing what else Elisa can bring to the table, and who will be next to feature in their own book (if there is going to be a new book).

Patty says

After reading *Ex-Factor* I couldn't wait to jump back into the world of the Diamond Girls! *Unbreakable* focuses on Livvie, who is Nev's cousin but don't worry Nev still makes an appearance in this book! While this is the 2nd book in the Diamond Girls series it can also be read as a standalone.

I have to say though; I loved this book more than *Ex-Factor* . In *Unbreakable* we get the real scoop on Livvie's life, the life that everyone thinks is perfect but it's far from. My heart broke for Livvie, she's such a

sweet individual and the harm she endures makes you want to just give her a tight hug and never let go! But Reid Tate beats us to it, the hot bad boy next door. I loved the dynamics of their relationship and how it naturally ran its course to evolve! There wasn't any insta-love, Reid helps Livvie and his support for her just makes your heart melt!

Overall, *Unbreakable* is another fantastic YA contemporary by Elisa that has the perfect romance with true elements of personal struggle and search for trust and love from someone. These are both two YA Contemporary reads that you won't want to miss out on! I can't wait to read whatever Elisa Dane has in stores next!!

Tiffany York says

Let me start by saying, these books were right up my alley. Before I read any of the stories, just from reading the synopsis for both books, I knew that I was going to absolutely love them. They have everything that I look for in good contemporary novels. Female characters that you can't help but love, hot guys (though sometimes there are SERIOUS problems with them), adorable romances, strong relationships, and deeper life struggles. Both of these books by Elisa Dane had all of these elements, and I could not help but to rate them both five stars.

The first book in the series is *Ex-Factor*; however, one of the things I love about these books is that you can read them out of order as a standalone. While some of the characters interact and are related, you do not have to read them in order to understand what is happening in the book. I really liked Nevaeh, though it is clear that she has gone through so much. I like the addition of the cheerleading as well, as it has obviously been a pretty big part of her life up until the point of the book. Enter Bodie, who is a great character as well, struggling through his own issues. I really love the interactions between the two, and how they are trying to help each other through life. It was just wonderful, and I really enjoyed it.

Unbreakable is the second book in the series, though like I said you can really read them in any order and be perfectly fine. This one centers around Olivia, or Livvie, who happens to be Nev's cousin. Livvie is the girl at school that everyone thinks is perfect and has a perfect life; the one who everyone is jealous of. However, she has been hiding a pretty big secret about her "perfect" boyfriend, and her life is not perfect or easy at all. Then she witnesses something next door, her neighbor, Reid, being beat up by his drunk father. Because she does not call the police or say anything about it, Reid actually begins to trust Livvie. I loved that their romance was not instant, as obviously they would both have trust issues because of what they have been through. I really loved the interaction as well.

I would certainly recommend these books to any contemporary fans. I would actually suggest any YA fans check them out, in fact. I do think that just about anyone could enjoy these books as Dane's writing is very well done. The books cover some topics that are very important for anyone to read and learn from. I really enjoyed this series, and I hope that Dane will continue with it.

Athena Stephenson says

Another realistic story about a sensitive subject teenagers deal with regularly. Very well done!
