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Doreena says

****I was given a copy by the author for an honest review****

This was a fantastic sequel. A lot of books come out with a bang, then fizzle on the sequel. Absolutely not the case with Hope! It answers questions left from Power, but leaves new questions in their places. Ms. Jones has a wonderful thing with the Power series! Off to start Arise...

Jessica ***The Lovely Books*** says

Review goes up on blog may 1.

Jenny says

Copy given in exchange for honest review

Oh, Hope... I've been sitting on this review for a few days now because I'm having trouble on where to start with my feels on this. After reading and reviewing both Power (book 1) and Arise (Book 0.5) I think I may come off as a broken record. And really I hate that. So here's where I'm a jerk and get these hateful words out of the way. Here is my personal, honest opinion on Hope...

At times the story felt wordy and repetitive. I can only do perfect so much; perfect daughter, perfect man, we're so perfect together. Okay maybe the word perfect isn't always used but the feeling is there. I can only handle so many pages of the sappy feels. Granted there is a wedding within the first 50 pages and sappy feels are a given, but it came off as over done.

While at times wordy, Hope really lacked in dialogue and the dialogue that was there sometimes felt unnecessary. For example, typical greetings when a character enters a room, while the meat of the scene was just explained to the reader by who ever happened to be telling the story at that time. And by the character just telling us what happened instead of allowing us to see it through their eyes I feel like we missed out on soooo many great scenes and opportunities to connect with the characters and the story.

I think maybe because I didn't get a chance to really get to know the characters and click with them, that everyone's point of view felt the same to me. At times it was hard to tell who was telling the story if wasn't for certain cues and names being dropped. EXCEPT for Lillith our Lady Villian, she stood out with a voice of her own. A voice that's evil!

Now don't get me wrong, Hope is not a bad book. It's a decent book. Good even, despite my personal quarrels. The story is there! The potential is there! SO MUCH POTENTIAL! I love where the story is heading. Things are happening that I didn't foresee and the stakes are getting higher. Sam is about to receive her Power and Allison has a decision to make. Changes are happening around the compound, Lilith has taken over as leader for the dark side and is diabolical and hormonal which means Bwitched to the max, and there's both loss and gain in life on both sides. I can't really say too much more without giving stuff away, but if you loved Power, you will for surely love Hope.

Fangs for the Fantasy says

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I greet this book with frustration. I read the first book and thought it had a lot of potential but needed a lot of polish. Aside from polish, the world was interesting if it were developed and realised. I hoped we'd see this world and the plot rage forwards now we had passed the introductory first book. I expected epic battles and calamities with the whole world riding in the balance

I didn't expect 100 pages of a 200 page book to be taken up by a wedding and a honeymoon. Ok, as far as weddings and honeymoons went, it was pretty, it was well done, it was touching and emotional and one of the better I've seen.

But this is happening in a world where World War 3 is raging (albeit with a... dubious view of international politics). This is a world where the 4 horsemen are riding. This is a world where people are fleeing cities and even major metropolitan centres are becoming a wasteland. This is a world where crops have failed and livestock died and there is world wide rationing and possible starvation.

And into this world the 2 most powerful forces for good on the planet have a holiday and party. And feast. Only 2 of their meals are described but they're both ridiculously over abundant and this is during a famine folks. Coupled with their general not doing anything, spending an age on a party and a holiday and the good guys in this world resemble Nero playing away while Rome burns. In theory there are things going on in the background, but we never see that – and the 2 most powerful beings in the world are not involved until the very end.

This really ruins the book for me and no matter how fun or light or happy the romance and the children are, the mere fact they're doing so little while the world falls apart feels so dreadfully self-absorbed. What is the actual point of the Order if they do so little to counter the Rising? What is the point of the Order if it sits on its hands while the world collapses?

The only real activity that relates to the world that we see until the very end of the book is from the evil side. Lillith plots and acts and schemes and actually works towards her goals rather than sitting around and being sad about them. But here the writing trips me again because Lillith is so ridiculously melodramatic in a way that goes even beyond the first book. Worse, her internal voice sounds like a petulant teenager and the worst kind of melodramatic supervillain combined.

I was also frustrated that too many of the characters acted clueless for the sake of story surprises. Only the surprise wasn't surprising to a reader because it was so heavily foreshadowed and blatantly obvious.

No-one pointed out who the Descendant Chosen One, descended from all 9 of the Primitus would be. It's not Allison, because she's only descended from 6. And she's now married to David, also descended from 7. It's bemusing that they never thought to sit down, compare ancestors and realise they had all 9 between them. Even if they didn't name names – David already showed 2 powers that we know Allison doesn't have: healing and the ability to teach with a touch as well as showing Castafonda's holy virginity thing. From the last book we know David has the 3 Primitus ancestors Allison doesn't – so why the question of who the chosen one will be and how it could happen? Do we need to have a Birds and the Bees conversation here? Why isn't anyone in the book, especially David and Allison, cluing in to the fact their child would be the one? Especially after they both got the holy angel "you will raise the chosen one" dream. I expected Michael to zoom in with full angelic glory and yell "for god's sake people – you are knocked up with the chosen one!" and throw a pregnancy test at her before stomping off in a huff and buying the Metatron a drink for having to deal with these dense humans all the damn time.

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Doreena says

****I received a copy from the author for an honest review.****

I didn't think it was possible, but I loved Hope more than I loved Power! And Power was amazing!

Hope picks up where Power left off. Damien is...gone and Lillith is ruling. Boy is she one bad egg... Anyway, I am trying to do this review without spoilers, and it is really hard.

Ally and David have a lot to deal with, and deal with it they do. Oh, there is so much I want to say, but I don't want to spoil it... Suffice it to say, **READ THIS BOOK!!!** It's fantastic!

Naomi says

Hope continued on a few months after the end of Power. There is still danger on earth as the apocalypse is still on the horizon, the four horsemen are still here and the Rising are trying to open the fifth seal. Life for Allison will continue as normal as she can; her daughter is getting closer to her 6th birthday, she is engaged to her soul mate, David and they are planning their wedding. However, they will work together with the council to try and uncover Lilith's plans and to figure out a way to save the earth.

I enjoyed how easily the story flowed from Power into Hope; the relationship between Allison and David continues to blossom and their passion sky rockets!! David is a descendant of Catsafonda, so he will remain chaste until he is married... He cannot physically move to third base until the Priest says those magic words!! However, once he does, their love for one another continues to grow and my heart swells for them both! There are still details that remain uncovered about them both that could lead to the prophecy being fulfilled.

In Power Damien died, so Lilith has stepped up to be Leader of the Rising. She is pure evil and nothing will stand in her way of her goal. There are things that even she can't predict but she will use it to twist it to her advantage. She sets a lot of plans into action and pushes her subjects to their limits. I really don't like Lilith, but she is a helluva badgirl!! If I met that dropdead gorgeous woman in a dark alley, I'd be scared out of my pants, she may appear all innocent on the outside, but she has a black soul!! Her followers hate her but respect her as a leader, as she wields a lot of Power!

Theresa has done a terrific job with the second book of this series. The plot grew effortlessly and the change of POV's kept me captivated!! So much happened in this book and you can see that the story is still building for future books. There were so many new elements introduced in this book, some I predicted, others I didn't and I can't wait to see what Theresa will do next!!

I received a copy of this book from the Author in exchange for an honest review.

John says

Really enjoying this series!!

Rachel says

Hope is the second book in the Descendant Trilogy and it carried on from where the first book in the series ended. Starting off with Allison and David totally in love and about to get married everything is going really well, Samantha's powers were about to kick in too but the fight to save the world is not over yet. Lilith who is now leader of The Rising wants Allison to pay for her crimes against them.

A lot of the book was taken up by the relationship of David and Allison. I think there could have been a great deal more action in Hope. I think the book could have focused more on the impending apocalypse rather than the sappy stuff.

Brent Crocker says

I just finished Power recently, and since i really enjoyed it, i went ahead and picked up this second book, and man am i glad i did.

the story picks up right where Power stops. Damien is dead, and Lilith is now in charge. We got to see a lot of whats going on in Liliths head, which was both dark and interestin (and even kinda funny at times)

The beginning of the book focuses on the romance between David and allison, their wedding and honeymoon. which was sweet and romantic and perfect.

the Rising is pushing for a world war 3, and is puching the Russians to release a biological weapon. And of course, the Order is trying to stop them...

but to top it off, we finally get to see who the Descendant is!!!!

Cannot wait for the final book in this trilogy!

Beth Crocker says

Cannot wait to read this!!

Jodi Davis says

Read this and other reviews at my blog.

Alison's story continues. With Damien dead, Lilith has taken over the Rising and is now set on making sure Alison dies for her crimes against them. With Alison's new marriage to David, Samantha's powers due to come in any day, and a new baby on the way, Alison has far too much to worry about than focusing on Lilith.

Sophomore novels are difficult. They are hard to master because you have to convey a certain amount of information in a short period. Hope is helping to prepare for a time skip, and it needs to set things up to allow for that to happen. Hope does a decent job of it, but there was some lacking.

The characters are all the same. You get to read more about Lilith and meet a few of the other Rising members, but otherwise the characters have not changed at all. They are still very likeable and leave you wanting to hate the bad ones and root for the good ones.

The story was nice as well. It's a really good set up for the third novel. Information is conveyed nicely. It was the writing that stunted me. This novel felt rushed to me. I noticed quite a few errors that the editor obviously missed or that weren't fixed before publishing. Descriptive words were repeated in sentences too closely to one another. Scenes were either rushed or not described well enough. It didn't read nearly as smoothly and this was a final copy unlike the preview copies I read for Power. The mistakes are all tiny little things, but they are unfortunately noticable. I feel like it needed a few more read-throughs before handed off to the editor. I had expressed my thoughts to Theresa that I thought the release was a rush, but now I feel like a horrible friend for not reading this sooner and encouraging her a bit more to wait. Power sets you up to expect a certain level in her writing and Hope doesn't deliver it.

The story is what is most important, and it really was wonderful. I can't say much without spoiling it flat out, but I did really enjoy it. I just found that I couldn't lose myself in the story as much as I did before because I noticed the lack in the writing that I didn't expect. I hate to have to judge the novel by that, but people do judge those things. I would still recommend this story to anyone who is intrigued by the first book. It was a great story with wonderful characters.

Theresa Jones says

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Tracey says

The second in the descendant trilogy Hope starts out with a wedding, between Allison, and David. Then It's off to a honeymoon. David has never been with a woman before so it was a sweet , as well as sexy honeymoon. Naturally trouble is starting with Lillith while the happy couple is away. She is up to evil things being the new head of the Riseing. David and Allison return to a few realizations, and to some surprises. Allison has found out her true lineage, and what it means. I don't want to tell to much but the plot thickened. First off I have to say that I really like this story, It's original. But I would have preferred just a bit more action. Other than that its a great story. The author has gave us great characters. I mean Lillith is an evil bitch, It makes you want to see her get hers. I found her to be one of the most evil characters in most books I've read. the other ones are good to, I love that Allison is a single mom. and David is Like the perfect man. how many men wait till marriage for sex???It would have been cool to get a bit more detail, and interacton between them as a couple. However I love this story, and I'm looking forward to seeing how all of this turns out. I have a feeling things will get turned up a notch in the next book. I recommend this to anyone, It's an enjoyable read with the romance, action, and supernatural elements your looking for. And It's not like any other book in It's originality.

Jane says

Hope: the Descendants trilogy (Volume 2) by Theresa M Jones

3 Stars

After a quick recap of book one, Hope continues where Power left off. David and Allison's relationship has developed nicely, engaged they are now planning their wedding. Samantha is approaching her sixth birthday and will come into her powers soon, and the new leader of the Risings has her own problem to deal with.

I did feel that some scenes were unnecessarily long winded, making it difficult to hold my attention. The love between David and Allison was particularly repetitive with a lot of time spent on their relationship slowing the pace, and little attention was paid to the exciting confrontational scenes between the Order and the Risings. I was hoping that book 2 would bring with it more about David, but I still don't feel like I know him as well as I should by now, considering his importance in the plot.

I feel the series has lost some of its uniqueness, this instalment felt predictable and I was a little disappointed with that, I wanted to be shocked and surprised, but I wasn't. The story itself was easy to follow. The sequence of events flowed without any wondering why, each action was explained as it happened leaving no room for growing suspense or building tension.

Despite my issues this series still has a lot going for it. The overall idea is interesting and without all the

waffle and the gaps in the character development this could be a fantastic series.

Copy supplied for review

Sherre Copeland says

This second book in the Power series was even better than the first. Aptly titled Hope the entire story was about just that. It revolved around the power of hope (for the good and the bad), what to do when it is lost, and shows that without it, you have nothing.

This book picked up right where power left off. Allison and David are going strong and about to get married. Allison now knows who she is and how to finally control her power. She's happy for the most part, and ready to try to help make the world a better place as much as she possibly can. Unfortunately, the Rising is still thriving and its new leader, Lilith, is getting entirely too strong. They're working on a plan to rule the world (of course) and turn it to crap.

This was a quick and exciting read. It started off pretty happily and light with the wedding and all the love and I enjoyed reading about it, though that section did seem a little unnecessarily long. Nonetheless it was cute. The bad guys are still being bad and I was happy to see that this leader played the part well. Though she still didn't scare me due to the fact that her actions seemed to be caused by fear and she was too into her beauty to make me scared, she did annoy the crap out of me, and she did enjoy carnage quite a lot. The story was still a bit predictable, but much less so than the last one and I really enjoyed reading it.

There was one thing I really didn't like about the story and that was bits and pieces of the ending. Without giving it away, I'll just say some of the events were a little too convenient. Things seemed to happen right on time and all the tools necessary just so happened to be nearby, and if they weren't the characters could just use their power to do it for them. Speaking of tools, I've never encountered such a sharp letter opener in my life, just saying.

I must say though, that this book was a good read and certainly had me hooked. If things in this series progress the way they are, I know the next book is going to be outstanding. It seems this author takes her reader's opinions into consideration for all her next books because almost everything I felt bad about in the previous book was fixed. That certainly sits well with me. I would recommend this book series to people who like Fantasy books where the main character is an established adult, not a moody teenager, and stories about humans blessed by the gods to protect the world. I give this story 3.5 stars.
