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Bone Deep Details

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Becca says

3.5 Stars - Bone Deep is an intriguing new adult novel that delivers a multitude of emotions through its complex characters and unique storyline. Brooklyn Skye definitely caught my eye with this one – the premise so fascinating and full of potential for forging an emotional connection to the characters. Krister and Cam are caught in an absolutely heartbreakingly situation made all the more complicated by their instant chemistry and unavoidable connection. I enjoyed exploring their relationship, the brutal realities of their individual worlds, and the vibrant life they were able to lose themselves in together. Bone Deep is by all definitions a New Adult novel, delivering a story of self-discovery, acceptance, forgiveness, and love. While the specific experiences may be unique to the story, Krister and Cam's personal journeys, their trials and triumphs, are undoubtedly relatable.

Krister was definitely a captivating character. I was drawn to his anguish and confusion. He was very much stuck inside his own head, which made Cam's appearance in his life and the subsequent growth of Krister's character seem like such a refreshing change of pace. Instead of obsessing over the details of her emotional turmoil, Cam was simply frozen in her grief. In his quest for redemption, Krister grounded her, forcing her to feel and helping her move forward by simply being there to experience life alongside her. While Brooklyn Skye gives us an in-depth look into these characters, I felt like I was missing the whole picture. I wish we could have gotten a more detailed look into their pasts, their lives before tragedy struck, and what their future held in order to really appreciate the true emotional depth of the characters.

I adored the concept of Bone Deep. Krister's feelings of guilt and responsibility in the aftermath of a tragedy his father caused lent themselves to a story riddled with angst and personal growth. His unexpected connection to Cam and the secrets they both kept further served to build the tension of the story to an addictive high. I also felt as if a lot was left unresolved, particularly in regards to the secondary characters. For example, Jamon and Wrenn's strangely close relationship was referenced several times without any real explanation as to the nature of it. Did Krister and his father ever come to an understanding about what really happened on the train? Cam's brother dealt with issues that were given a large enough role in this novel to warrant significant closure for this character, yet the character felt barely tapped into. These loose ends are what kept me from being blown away by what was an otherwise intriguing novel. Brooklyn Skye has definitely started something heartfelt with this one. Overall, I found Bone Deep to be enjoyable, raw, and full of angst.

Paula Phillips says

Krister Ledoux has tried everything to distance himself from his father, but no matter what he does he is haunted by the accident that his father caused while driving a train that killed 8 people and injured many others. Now his father is awaiting trial and sitting in prison and Krister feels the urge to discover the lives of those his father killed. If that wasn't enough, Krister is receiving letters from someone about his father's case and he knows it is from someone who lost someone they cared about on the train that fateful day that changed not only the lives of those who died and their families but also Kristers. During the book Krister makes several trips down to the train station and spots a girl sitting there. The girl's name is Cambria and soon Krister and Cam hit it off and start dating, but there is a dark secret brewing that connects the both of them to that fateful day and also the answer of the letters will be revealed as it turns out that Cam lost her

mother in the train accident. Can Love overpower the hurt of the past or will when the truth be revealed , be too much and split them apart no matter how much they love each other ? Are we really our parent's children or can we start fresh and be ourselves rather than lean on history of the past ?

Find out in *Bone Deep* by Brooklyn Skye , another edgy YA novel.

Tina Lee Harris says

3 stars

What happens when your life changes in the flash of an eye, the drop of a hat or the smashing of metal? Does this change you? Can you put yourself back together; keep going everyday?

These are the questions that are asked and answered by Krister and Cambria. They do not know that the events of one day will change their lives forever.

Krister has just been trying to get back to a normal life. No more stares, no more people feeling sorry for the kid, no more look who it is. He just wants a normal life where he is just Krister not the son of the man that killed 8 people on a train one afternoon because he was texting. Krister continues to live his life but at what cost? He is so caught up in trying to not be like his father that he is losing his best friend and girlfriend. Then there she is; sitting on a bench at the train station. She has this pull about her. Krister tries to stay away but can not.

Cambria is dealing with the loss of her mom and an overbearing big brother; who is not handling their mom's death well. She knows she has to keep living; it is what she would have wanted her to do. She is in college and doing well but she still needs more to make her life better. She can not help but go to the one place that makes her feel close to her mother, the train station. Cambria feels like it is all her fault. If only she was not acting like a child. Her mom would still be here. Then this stranger reaches out and sparks life back into her. She feels it is a sign from her mom that things are going to be ok.

Krister and Cambria continue a journey of self discovery. But when secrets are revealed, can Krister come clean about them? Will Cambria be able to live with those secrets? Can their hearts break any more from losing someone they love?

Riki says

Ever since I first read Brooklyn Sky's *STRIPPED*, I've been a huge fan, so when I found out that she had another New Adult novel out I was beyond excited. Staying true to her previous stunning work, *BONE DEEP* was emotional and sexy- everything you could possibly ask for in a New Adult novel.

What always strikes me immediately about Skye's work is how well she writes male POV, and *BONE DEEP* is written completely in the POV of her leading man, Krister. He's a complex main character with a tortured past and a lot on his mind as he struggles with the repercussions of his father's actions. I absolutely loved seeing how Krister changes as he allows his love for Cambria to help him heal from his past, and seeing his

emotional struggle to tell her the truth is heartbreaking. I love a book that takes a main character on a journey, and in BONE DEEP, Krister grows in his love for Cambria.

BONE DEEP is ultimately a story about two broken individuals who find love and solace in one another, despite the complications of truth and circumstance. It is emotionally driven and plays nicely with themes of grief and redemption. The story is a wonderful blend of sweet, quiet moments and sexy intrigue, and the chemistry between Cambria and Krister is evident from their first meeting. Despite an instant connection, the love story never feels forced in any way. There's a beautiful slow burn as Krister and Cambria feel their way through their individual grief.

I highly recommend BONE DEEP as compelling New Adult with beautifully rendered and complex characters. It is yet another wonderful novel from Brooklyn Skye!

Michele Gantz says

Reviewed for HookedOnBooks

5 Stars

"Have you ever met someone who comes into your life at an unexpected time, completely rocks your world, turns you inside out and upside down until all you feel is HER down to your bones?"

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Francine Soleil says

This is pretty much a typical NA book where the main protagonists are in despair and they find this person who makes everything better. Throw in a little twist and some more drama and that's pretty much it. Though I'm not saying this as a bad thing. I will admit that a lot of this book is pretty cliche, but the writing was engrossing, and there were some intriguing details that I've never seen before. And I think those little details and Brooklyn Skye's talent makes all the difference. I didn't love it as much as her other novel, *Fragile Line*, but it was still a pretty good all the same - the kind that you try to sneak in even when you're working. I personally like how there was some drama, but there were a lot of lighter sides that made me laugh and smile. Krister and Cam were fun and relatable characters, and I also loved the people in Krister's life - best friend, family, mentor.

Casey says

Review originally posted at [Ramblings From This Chick](#)

After reading *Fragile Line* by Brooklyn Skye, I couldn't wait to read more of her work. So I jumped when offered the chance to read and review *Bone Deep*. As much as I had loved *Fragile Line* though, I didn't feel the same way about *Bone Deep*. While *Bone Deep* was a decent story, it wasn't one that I loved or want to go back and read. This one just didn't offer anything much in the way of new or different and is a story that I thought was predictable.

Krister Ledoux is dealing with the fallout of a horrible tragedy that was committed by his father. His dad caused a horrible train accident that left several people dead and even more injured. Krister has been receiving hate mail and is determined to not only find who is sending the letters, but also do what he can to atone for his father's mistake. But when he ends up meeting a mysterious girl at the train station, he can't help but finally feel alive again. Krister knows that Cambria is dealing with something and is looking for an escape, and he will do whatever it takes to help her the way she has helped him. But Cambria has no idea who Krister is and that his father is the one who killed so many people in the accident. When the truth comes out, Krister and Cambria are left to deal with the fallout from the secrets that they kept from one another. Can they find a way to move forward, or will their secrets have been too painful to recover from?

I liked Krister and Cambria well enough, but I didn't really connect with them. They were younger characters, but I honestly felt like they were pretty immature even for their age group. They were pretty self-centered and didn't really think of anyone else. I especially thought that was true in the case of Krister. I do understand that they had both been through a lot and were young, but I still thought that it was no excuse for some of their actions. Krister had withdrawn from life and his friends and refused to move forward with his life. He felt like because of his dad's actions and the way some people treated him was an excuse to stop working at his internship, stop attending class, and be kind of a jerk to his friends. Cambria pretty much buried her head in the sand and refused to take action where her brother was concerned. She knew he was acting unusual and having problems, and yet she didn't really do anything about it until it got out of hand. I did feel like Cambria and Krister were good together and that they had some really great moments. But I just was left feeling sort of ho hum about them as a couple.

Overall, I thought that this story was mostly enjoyable. The beginning was slow and was a bit confusing at first. It kind of felt as though the reader is dropped into the middle of a story and you are left sort of wondering if you had missed anything. I felt like I was playing catch up trying to figure out what was going on. I also didn't care for the fact that Krister was still fooling around with Jess while things were beginning and going on with Cambria. He didn't want her with anyone else, and yet he was still off and on with his ex.

While this story was a good read, it just didn't blow me away and wasn't one that I will remember. I felt like it was similar to other NA stories out there, and that it followed a pretty predictable path. There really wasn't any new ground broken here, but that is okay if that is what you are looking for. I think if you want a quick and easy NA read that you might give this one a shot. But if you are looking for something unique or different, this one might not be for you. I will look for more in the future from Brooklyn Skye, because while I wasn't a huge fan of this story I really like her writing style and loved Fragile Line.

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sue says

This author is one to watch, she tells a very good story yet again.

Its full of action, regret, secrets and angst that will take you to places you don't want to visit but have to.

I'm not giving anything away on this book as whatever I write will give too much away. There are reviews above mine and below and I have nothing more to add but for the excellence of this author.

DON'T MISS OUT.

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Shawna Shauntia says

I am so excited for this book. I adore Brooklyn and am thrilled to pieces with her newest novel.

She stares at me, tracing her finger over my face, my eyebrows, the two-day-old stubble on my jaw. I catch her hand and kiss her knuckles, then wrist. “It’s just...” *Jesus, how do I say this?* “My life’s a little complicated right now, and I’m trying not to drag you into the middle of it.” The look she gives me is one I’m starting to recognize. The one that makes it seem like she understands there’s something more I want to tell her, but can’t. Or don’t know how. “On top of that...I’m a dickhead. And being with me will ultimately result in me hurting you, and I don’t want to hurt you.”

“Actually...” She lowers my palm to her thigh, narrowing her gaze onto mine. “...you being concerned about *hurting* me is very non-dickhead-ish of you.” Little by little, she slides my hand up her leg and around her ass. “Besides, what if I want to be in the middle of it?”

I slam my eyes shut, my fingers burning at the touch of her. She doesn’t know what she’s asking for. Being with me—being constantly reminded of her dead mother—will slowly but surely kill her inside. And I’m not a murderer like my father.

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Lita says

A story with a long build up, gradually getting better than the previous chapter.

Krister Ledoux is a 18 yr. old college kid that has his life forever changed because what still haunts him a year later is the accident his father caused and went to jail for. The people that ended up dead. And the hate mail he still receives. He goes out of his way, leaving behind everything he knew to find the person sending him those letters. He then meets this girl at the train station and finds some connection with her: they have that melancholic vibe going on. He then finds out that she is related to one of the people that died in the accident. He begins to think that she is the one writing him those letters. Is she?

The storyline line was pretty good, nothing I've ever read or heard of before to be honest. However, I was still unable to grasp the essence of the plot until a little bit after the middle. At first I was real pumped in reading this, but then as I read on, things started dragging a bit for me, and before I knew it, I started losing where I was at so I'd skip some paragraphs, then it was pages, but only a few. I feel that if I knew more on what the story was about, I would've been able to have that foundation to rely on. I guess this is what I get for wanting to read this for this cover. The cover really drew me in and I assumed the story was going to back it up. That's why they say don't judge it by the cover 'cause obviously a cool cover could hide a crappy story, or a crappy cover could hide an amazing story. It's always a gamble with stories and their covers.

Krister's characteristics show that drastic changes have been made: post-accident Krister & pre-accident Krister. There were times when it Krister thinks about himself when he was in high school, his girlfriend, his best-friend, his relationship with his dad before tragic struck. Now it shows Krister without his girlfriend, but still using her to delude himself of whatever set him off, dissing his best-friend a lot, hardly going to class, hating his father.

Cambria is shown with post and pre-accident characteristics as well. She used to rebel against her mother, normal outgoing party girl living it up and having fun. Well, she still tries to be the same, but can't hide the pain and guilt she feels for her mother's death, and her older brother's instability and anger issues. All she wants to do is overcome it all, but pretending doesn't let her totally forget, but allows her to be someone else

for a change.

Krister feels responsible for his father's actions and all the people that died and their families lives that were damaged. He figures that once he could find the person writing him the letters and somewhat save them. It was said in the story that he was obsessed, and technically its correct. Although not being so with receiving those letters would be beyond me. However, it was therapeutic for him, because in order for him to have peace of mind would be to help those who had lost.

Overall, this was not all that great. I could predict a lot of things. I wanted, so many times, to instigate some fight in any of the melancholic characters, and would've liked more of a backdrop with Krister and his ex-girlfriend's relationship, both before and after everything, but nevertheless pretty good.

Cassia Brightmore says

When a book comes along that fills your heart with the beautiful message it carries, it leaves behind a feeling of warmth – books like these touch the soul and remind us that beauty can come from destruction. Love can rise from pain and that bad experiences can sometimes offer the greatest of opportunities. Bone Deep is one of those rare, unique books that I know will be one of my favorite go-to reads when I need just this kind of a reminder. Krister and Cambria are two characters that will **pry open your heart and climb right in**, making their presence known with every word read, with every page turned. Each are on a path of discovery, searching for that missing piece that will heal them and help them forgive.

Krister is not your typical teenager. Faced with the aftermath of the horrible sins of his father, the life he knew and loved is ripped from his hands. When **your dad is known as public enemy #1** in your town, it isn't easy to spend the days and nights pretending that nothing has changed. Pretending as though your own father didn't cause the death of eight innocent people - it just isn't possible. Instead of lashing out and turning to drinking or drugs, Krister finds a different way to cope with the shame and guilt he feels. He follows the surviving family members of the victims of the train crash his father caused, determined to make amends anyway possible. Not a lot of teenage boys would do something like this, I found his character traits to be both **admirable and heartbreaking**. The way he turned his back on the things he loved most in life, almost as a way to punish himself. Although he played no role in what happened on that fateful day, he carried the weight and responsibility the same as if he had been the driver.

When mindless bodies screw tortured souls, will somebody be there to catch me when I fall?

Cambria Lockwood is a contradiction. Losing her mother a year earlier has her living with deep regret for her rebellious actions, and bone crushing guilt for the role she played in some very **devastating outcomes**. She spends the days haunting the train station where her mother last walked with the living, longing to find the peace she so desperately needs to move on. At night, her wilder inhibitions let loose, allowing her to finally feel alive again. When a beautiful boy approaches her out of the blue, seemingly to offer kindness, her knee-jerk reaction is to bolt. Avoiding any contact beyond a superficial level, interacting with a cute boy is the last thing she wants. Especially a really cute boy. Super cute. Okay, a hot guy who she totally wanted to kiss...day after day the two run into each other, the attraction mutual - the pull towards the other undeniable. **Pain recognizes pain**, sometimes when you aren't looking, that's when exactly what you need appears.

We're both messed up in the head, and she seems comforted by this new piece of knowledge.

Despite Krister's friends numerous pleas to give up on his crusade to make things right with the victim's families, he can't rest until he knows who it is that is haunting him and sending cryptic letters to his father's girlfriend's home. Wrenn may not be his mother, but she is all he has left, seeing her hurt is not something that sits well with him. Tracking down the culprit sets in motion a series of events with **catastrophic results**. What will happen when the darkness from Cam and Krister's past collide? Will the bond they built be strong enough to surpass the unforgivable?

This is a book with strong messages and even stronger soul. I loved it, definitely one of my favorite reads this year.

“...every moment I spend with you, you imprint another little of you here.” Our fingers bump over another rib, “And here.” Another. “And here. For the rest of my life I will live with you....because you are un-erasable.”

xo Cassia

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Jaime Fiction Fangirls Book Review says

This book had sort of a slow burn to it. Things moved along at a steady pace, peaking my interest and keeping me interested throughout. This is a story of two people who had their lives shattered by one moment in time. Cambria who is trying to help herself and her brother move on from her mother's death and Krister who refuses to let go of the past and the mistakes his father made that he feels like he should pay for. At times I really found myself getting frustrated with Krister and his need to hold onto the past and for keeping secrets from Cambria once he was aware of their connection. He obviously doesn't read many romances or he would've known that the longer you hold on to secrets the sooner they come out and the result is anything but pretty.

I think that my favorite piece of this story is Cambria's bucket list.

The writing was good and the story kept my interest. I wouldn't consider this book a life changer but it's certainly worth picking up.

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Nadia Debowska-Stephens (Obsessed by Books) says

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Krister is living with the guilt of his father's actions. Weighted down by the repercussions of a moment of distraction that cost 8 innocent people their lives a year ago. His father was responsible for a train crash that devastated families and changed Krister forever. At 18 he feels like he is a shadow of himself and is drowning in the struggle of acceptance for the things he can not change and letting it go to move on with his life.

Cambria is also drowning. Another lost soul changed forever by a chain of events that she feels responsible for due to her teenage rebellious streak.

Her bucket list:

1. Set foot on a train and not feel like you're going to throw up
2. Lose the big V
3. Be true to yourself
4. Make a difference to someone's life
5. Fall in love
6. Be fearless, even if for only one minute
7. Tell someone you're sorry and genuinely mean it
8. Get your brother back"

That cleverly sums up the plot of this novel. This is a story of two damaged young adults who find each other in the darkness and reveal their inner hopes to one another. It is a journey of hope and acceptance. Of realisation and moving on. It is well written and I enjoyed it but gave it four stars as I would have liked to explore the relationships with Cam's brother more and heard more from Krister's dad's pov. But overall a highly recommended read.

"I did something horrible to someone I love, but ...a part of me thinks it's really good I did"

Sheri (Tangled Up In Books) says

Originally posted on my blog: Tangled Up In Books

I received a copy of this book from InkSlinger PR in exchange for an honest review for this blog tour. In no way did this sway my review or my rating!

Sometimes I get this strong desire for a really emotional read. When I read the blurb for *Bone Deep* that desire flared up bright and I knew I had to read it. My emotions while reading it were such a mixed up mess. At the same time I'd be both praying something happened between Krister and Cambria and yet praying that it wouldn't. I was fighting between swooning and smiling and trying to keep down this dread and fear for what was to come of these two characters I was already in love with. So many different, quite contradictory feelings and thoughts sucked up and swirling around together in a vacuum of emotions. *Bone Deep* succeeded in completely wreaking havoc on my heart. It was beautiful and bittersweet.

My heart always seems to gravitate towards the broken characters. In this case we have two and like I already said I fell in love with both of them. First there's Krister Ledoux, the entire book is told in his POV which was awesome and different. Normally we're always in the female's POV or a switch between the two.

Honestly I don't think I would have liked it as much had it not been in his. I also don't think I'd have been able to read the level of sympathy and understanding I had of him had it not been. There was just something about watching this story unfold through Krister's eyes and seeing how deeply the accident his dad caused had scarred his life. How a year later, which is when this story takes place, he is still just as broken. Maybe even more so. His pain and turmoil are so real I could feel them. Every time he got a letter in the mail my heart hurt because he was paying emotionally for something he didn't do and I knew it would just sink him further and further.

Then there's Cambria Lockwood whom you can't help but like. When we first get to meet her she's just so fragile and falling apart. All about finding distractions from life and her loss and how it messed up her family. I was constantly at war within myself wanting her to put her trust in Krister and thinking just how easily they could fix each other and feeling that dread of knowing at some point it's all going to come apart. Watching her blossom and live while waiting for the other shoe to drop. I'd read all the moments of joy and happiness with these two and see her start to change and my heart would swell and then just drop because before you even open the book, just reading the blurb you know what's eventually going to happen.

I was drawn in immediately and it was impossible to put down. With each turn of the page I was pulled in deeper and deeper to this beautiful story of tragedy, loss, forgiveness and picking up the pieces and learning to live again. It was the perfect degree of emotional read and I'm so glad I signed up for it. I recently purchased another book by Brooklyn Skye, *Fragile Line*, before I read this one and I was already looking forward to starting it, but since *Bone Deep* that feeling has multiplied. With one book Brooklyn Skye has won a spot on my go to authors list and I can't wait to read more of her work!
