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The last thing Lev Prakenskii remembered was being lost in the swirling currents of the ocean and getting sucked deeper into the nothingness of a freezing black eddy off the coastal town of Sea Haven. Just as quickly, just a miraculously, he was saved—pulled ashore by a beautiful stranger. But Lev has no memory of who he is—or why he seems to possess the violent instincts of a trained killer. All he knows is that he fears for his life, and for the life of his unexpected savior.

Her name is Rikki, a sea-urchin diver in Sea Haven. She has always felt an affinity for the ocean, and for the seductive pull of the tides. And now she feels drawn in the same way to the enigmatic man she rescued. But soon they will be bound by something even stronger, and their tantalizing secrets will engulf them both in a whirlpool of dizzying passion and inescapable danger.

## **Water Bound Details**

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# From Reader Review Water Bound for online ebook

**Mollie \*scoutrmom\* says**

A sea urchin diver finds an injured man underwater and shares her air supply with him to save his life. She has no idea what kind of man she has rescued or what she has let herself in for.

I was amazed and surprised by the characters Christine Feehan chose for her protagonists. I've gotten used to the men she writes, aggressive killers with a protective streak a mile wide. This one started out a little closer to sociopathic killer than I was comfortable with. Feehan redeems Lev by having him suffer quite a bit from his head injury, so he seems less of a threat, and then showing how he is first surprised at having emotions, then later cherishes the ability to feel. By the last part of the book he is able to laugh, to joke, and to tease.

Our heroine Rikki is also someone I was not at first comfortable with. We first see her reflecting her fears that she somehow unconsciously started the fires that killed her parents and her fiancé. She is unable to stand being touched, unable to socialize in public, she makes others uncomfortable, and she fears she is a sociopathic killer. In contrast to this, Feehan shows us her heart of gold, her care for her adopted sisters and for a local homeless man.

We later learn that someone else started the fires, and that her socialization problems are because she suffers from autism, though she is apparently what they call "high-functioning". Her solitary career as a sea urchin diver enables her to make a living in spite of the handicap. I'd never before thought that an autistic person could feature as the heroine in a love story, but Feehan's skill brings us to understand her character very well.

This series is set in Sea Haven, though the only Drake sister to make an appearance is Hannah, just for a single scene. Her husband, our fond sheriff Jonas, appears a few times, but one need not have read the Drake Sisters series to appreciate this book. The town of Sea Haven is a welcoming and understanding place, as Rikki finds when she freezes up at the grocery store and the kindness of others makes it possible for her shopping to be completed.

The plot centers on Lev's character growth, on his need to leave behind forever his former life as an undercover agent and sometime assassin, on his need to feel that he is a better person than that and worth loving, and on his need to convince his former employers that he no longer exists. Rikki's autism ends up as a weapon and a shield in this task.

There is a second primary plot featuring the threat to our heroine from the deranged arsonist who targets her and everyone she loves. I love the paranormal scenes in this story. Rikki is a water elemental, and Feehan wrote some lovely scenes illustrating how that might play out. In addition, this talent is what finally defeats her foe.

Lev's talents are a bit more varied and are hinted to have much to do with his former profession, but the more acceptable ones illustrated include telepathy and the ability to control birds and to see through their eyes. One time he physically moves Rikki with the power of his mind from a distance to keep her from falling into the pond.

This story is a great romance in that the developing relationship and the character growth of the protagonists overshadows all other plot elements. I now want to go back and read the entire Drake Sisters series through with this one tacked on to the end. I can hardly wait for the next installment. (Christine Feehan, if you die

before completing this series, I'm going to want to curse your immortal soul, but I'm too nice to actually do it.)

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## **Danielle The Book Huntress (Back to the Books) says**

**\*Listened to audiobook from 6/23-6/29/11\***

### **My thoughts:**

\*I thought the narrator was pretty good. I think she tried to vary her speech to signify that different people were talking. Her Russian accent was pretty good. Sometimes her female voices (for Rikki's 'sisters', particularly Blythe) sounded a little hokey. But overall I was happy, because she brought the characters to life. I could easily picture them in my mind as I listened. She made Rikki adorable and fierce and loving. Lev was the sexy, awesome lethal man I know and love!

\*I have never listened to an audiobook with sexual situations, so I admit I giggled on some of the love scenes, hearing the descriptive words. I admit they were pretty stirring as well (blushing). I'm glad I was not in mixed company while I listened.

\*Although Ms. Feehan has a tendency to use three words when she can use one, I am a stone cold addict for her books. Being able to listen to this during some pretty heinous commutes was a blessing from God. I am definitely appreciative.

\*I still like reading books more than audiobook, but I admit this kept my interest and kept me awake even when I was driving at 4am in the morning and after a very long day yesterday with a nearly 2 hour drive home to deal with.

I'd rate the audiobook as 4.5 stars, but the book still stands as 5 stars. I'd recommend this audiobook to Feehan fans or for newbies looking for a good book to listen to on CD.

### **Original Review Below:**

Ms. Feehan, you've done it again. This is now one of my favorites by you.

This was such a beautiful, gorgeous book. Ms. Feehan's descriptive writing brings things to vivid, lush, captivating life. Seeing the world through Rikki's eyes was like nothing I've seen. People tend to think of autism as a liability. It does make it harder to integrate into the usual world. But, being in that place of beauty that belongs only to you, how wonderful that must be. I appreciate Ms. Feehan for the time she took to write this story and open my eyes to Rikki's world.

I've always been a water person, and I felt the affinity and love of water that Rikki felt. Since she was an outcast in many ways, it was good that she had the ocean, the water to be her home, to be her safe place that settled her.

Rikki is probably one of the most special and unique heroines I've encountered. She was created with such love and devotion that I can't help but love her. I liked that she is so complex, and has such a strength to make a life for herself, despite the many obstacles she faced. She knew that Lev had a past as a cold-blooded killer, and was a dangerous man--but she looked into his heart and saw the true man that he was. She was never afraid of him. She was willing to give him a chance to be the man who he yearned to be. She didn't realize that to Lev, she was his chance.

The love story in this book affected me deeply. Rikki and Lev found that connection that I crave in romance novels. The scene where they are under water, and their eyes meet, and it keeps Lev from succumbing to the fierce anger of the ocean. Her eyes anchor him. For the first time in his life, he feels like he has a home. Rikki might disturb or upset others because she doesn't know the social cues, with her piercing black gaze, but she gives him peace when she focuses those eyes on him. The way in which their love story unfolds has won this book a place on my keeper shelf as an all-time favorite romance. The intense love between Lev and Rikki shouts off the page. The sensuality is so powerful, as Rikki and Lev explore that magic that unites them as soulmates. The way that Lev would take care of Rikki, and vice versa. Their humorous exchanges. How they could be real with each other. It all comes together to make an unforgettable love story. Utterly sighworthy! This sappy girl was in heaven.

I loved how Lev didn't try to change Rikki to fit him. He found his place in her life, and adjusted himself to hers. She needed constancy and routine, and he understood that. But he enhanced her life by giving her that emotional bond that she'd never had, even with her fiancé. Their love was so mutual and so beautiful. Making something stronger and enduring through their union.

Lev is the dangerous hero fangirl's Christmas gift. But, he's also a gentle, loving man with Rikki. That's my kind of hero--completely lethal, but like a Golden Retriever puppy dog with his woman, unless she's in danger, then he's like a fierce wolf protecting his mate. I never thought I'd love you more than Ilya, Lev. But I do!

I have a feeling I'm going to enjoy this new series by Ms. Feehan. I think that each of Rikki's adopted sisters are interesting. They bring unique gifts and personalities to the table. I like their created bond of family for each other. How they accept each other for who they are. I'm dying to meet more of the Prasenki brothers. What is it with me and dangerous Russian men?

I appreciated how Ms. Feehan touched on the issue with Lev being on the boat while Elle was being held captive. Jonas did exactly what he should have done. Yet, I could understand why Lev did what he did. He was in a really tough situation. No question there. There's going to be some fallout, but I have a feeling it's going to work out.

I wish that Sea Haven was a real place. I would so move there. It's a happening place with the Drake sisters and spouses, Rikki's adopted family, and the Prasenkiis. Yet another favorite by an author who has won my devotion, book by fantastic book. Thumbs way up!

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## **Maria Clara says**

3,5/Me gusta mucho como escribe la Feehan y me ha encantado encontrarme con un personaje totalmente nuevo en cuanto a novela romántica: con un autista. A parte de esto, la historia engancha, pero me ha faltado más ¿maestría?

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## **Holly says**

Re-read 9/10 - I wasn't sure what to expect when I re-read this. I loved it the first time around, but many of the Drake books didn't hold up on second read.

I'm happy to report this one did. I adored everything just as much this time around. Definitely one of my top reads of 2010.

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It was lovely returning to Sea Haven and I very much enjoyed the new characters introduced her, as well as the glimpses we had of the previous characters. This book picks up right where Hidden Currents left off. I think this can be read as a standalone, but the characters - especially Lev - have more depth if you read Hidden Currents first.

I loved Lev. He decided he wanted a new life, one that included Rikki, and that was that. There was no waffling about his feelings for her or attempts to hold himself away from her. He did everything possible to care for her. Because she's autistic, though very high-functioning, she needed things other people wouldn't. Lev wasn't discouraged by that. Nor did he treat her as if she were inferior to him in some way, or less intelligent than she was. To him, Rikki was a woman and that's how he treated her.

Rikki's autism was very well written. She was able to do almost everything someone without her disorder could, but she had trouble with change, and lights and sounds bothered her. As a result she was a solitary creature. One with a need for a very controlled environment. She didn't allow other people into her home and she had strict routines she had to follow. But she wasn't someone I felt sorry for, or thought of as challenged in anyway.

It will be interesting to see how things go with the Drake's and Lev (The Drake sisters, with the exception of Hannah, were all on their honeymoons) in later books, especially since he was there and saw the torture Elle suffered in Hidden Currents.

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## **GymGuy says**

Truly, the dumbest and worst books I've ever read!!

Unless you're into 100 pages of explicit sex, 100 pages of descriptions of autism (which are about as enlightened as Wikipedia) and 100 pages of ho-hum plot, RUN FROM THIS BOOK! I can't believe I finished it.

The characters are dumb, dumb, dumb. Some combination of reality and fantasy. What the heck is a 'water element'? Ever met one?? A 'fire element'? Well, that's an arsonist.

Have to hand it to the author....she managed to keep an orgasm going for 20 pages. Not bad.

Every character is contrived. The local cop is married to an international super model. Good God! How many international super models do you know who live in a po-dunk town and are married to a local cop??? And a sister who makes her living making koleidoscopes??? How quaint.

And to top it all...so realistic...our hero is a life-long assassin who has killed maybe hundreds of people...by his own admission...has now suddenly found redemption and settles down to raise vegetables and go scuba

diving. Could I make this up??? Well the author did.

I recommend you find another book to read.

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### **\*TANYA\* says**

The story in itself was good, this book had so much potential. But how many times did I really need to know that Rikki was a water element and that she had a deep connection with water!?!?

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### **Alex is The Romance Fox says**

Water Bound is the 1st book in Christine Feehan's Sisters of the Heart Series, a spinoff from her Drake Sisters Series.

#### **The synopsis of the series:**

Six women of varying age meet in special grief counseling group composed of victims of violent crimes. Each has suffered unbelievable loss. Working through their grief, they learn to love one another and trust only each other. Pooling their resources, they purchase a large farming community. Each has their own home and five acres, sharing the rest of the farm. Though not related by blood, they form a loving family, calling themselves sisters of the heart. These stories are of the sisters and the men who dare to love them.

This is such a beautiful and poignant story about two broken people who help each other find peace and love in their lives.

Rikki, autistic and broken has finally found a place where she is able to lead a normal life, surrounded by her loving and caring sisters. She has a magical connection with water and spends most of her time in the ocean and water friends as she hunts for sea urchins, which she sells for a living.

When she rescues a strange man, near death in the sea, she will have to face all her fears and uncertainties to finally find a human being who she feels so connected with.

Lev Prakenskii is a man without a past or an identity. Trained from childhood by the Soviet government to be a killer, he's now become expendable and he's on the run to escape being killed. Rescued from certain death in the swirling waves of Sea Haven, struggling with no memory of who and what he is, he will find himself questioning his life and feelings when he meets his rescuer....

He has made brief appearances in previous books, Turbulent Sea (Drake Sisters #6) and Hidden Currents (Drake Sisters #7) and we know that his brother, Ilya is married to Joely, one of the Drake Sisters. We do get a glimpse of some of the characters that we have met before, which I really enjoyed.

The beginning of the book started a bit slow but I liked the slow build-up of the romance between Lev & Rikki. Even though he was a true alpha-male, he showed a gentleness towards her that was really great.

**One of my favorite quotes:**

"I know what it's like to battle every day of my life, just for acceptance, just to survive."

An exciting start to a new series by one of my favorite authors.

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**Lisa says**

Dear Mrs. Feehan,

Yes yes yes I know Rikki has a form of autism, that she acts/thinks different, people think she is rude, got quirks, she stares at people, doesn't like to be around a lot of people/crowds or have them touch her, and doesn't like people in her home. I also know she likes to be near the ocean, loves her routines and that she loves peanut butter and so on with lots of other things. And yes we know Lev is the big bad dangerous alpha male with lots of weapons and a smoking hot body. For the love of god we get it!!! There's no damn reason to tell us this shit every few pages.

\*PS - BTW us readers can remember stuff like that even if we're told once or twice.

Sincerely Lisa

**I really wanted to love this book. Loved the plot I love books with H/h's that are different from the norm. I think I would have loved it if was like a 150 or so pages shorter. Way too much repetitive internal dialog and way too much with the descriptions of what everything looked like and other stuff. I tried to read it, I got to around page 280ish and gave up and read the end. I did enjoy Rikki and Lev just wish I could have gotten through the book. I give up with her books this is the second one i tried to read guess her writing style is not for me.**

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**Ally says**

Wow! This was not at all what I was expecting. It wasn't what I imagined it to be like. I was thinking it would go down the same line as the Drake Sister's series but it didn't. It wasn't good but it wasn't bad either, it was different.

For Sid, the last thing he remembered was been on board a yacht that was quickly sinking, the mysterious bodyguard was lost in the swirling currents of the ocean, and sucked deeper into the nothingness of a freezing black eddy. Just as quickly, just as miraculously, he was saved pulled ashore by a beautiful stranger. Her name is Rikki, a sea-urchin diver in Sea Haven. She always felt an affinity for the ocean, and the seductive pull of the tides. And now, for the enigmatic man she rescued. But soon they will be bound by something even stronger each other's tantalizing secrets which will engulf them both in a whirlpool of dizzying passion and inescapable danger.

Sid, who's real name is Lev Prakensii and is the brother of Ilya Prakensii (Turbulent Sea #6) changes his name to Levy to make himself sound more American when he's hiding from a Russian assassin and trying to keep Rikki safe, was a really interesting character. I found him quite similar to Ilya, a real tough, rough alpha male who was suddenly out of his depth and couldn't remember what job he'd taken and how he'd ended up



in the sea. Had his government finally come after him? Had one of his jobs gone bad? The possibilities were endless to him.

I quite liked Rikki once I'd got over her quirky ways of living. At first I found it hard to understand but as the story went on I found a special fondness for her. I'm looking forward to her popping up in other books from the other Sisters.

Waterbound takes off from where Hidden Currents (Drake Sisters #7) ended. It's not necessary to have read the Drake Sisters series before reading Waterbound as Ms Feehan does explain everything with the Drake family and how they fit into Sea Heaven and how Lev fitted into the previous storyline of those books.

Waterbound took me by total surprise, I did really like the book but it wasn't Ms Feehan's usual storyline style. Although Waterbound is a romantic suspense, it read more like a contemporary romance and it wasn't until I was more than halfway through the book that I realised this. I wished I'd known this before reading Waterbound as then I wouldn't have felt like something was missing the majority way through reading it and my have possibly enjoyed it more than I did.

So far Waterbound has enticed me to continue reading the next book in the Sisters of the Heart series as I'm interested in the other characters and how the "Sisters" meet their hero's and how they all bond together.

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## **Penny Watson says**

Water Bound by Christine Feehan

Okay, I'm the first one to admit Christine Feehan's stuff is sometimes over the top. Her Dark series is extremely melodramatic, her alpha male heroes are one step short of cavemen, her 80-pg. love scenes go on and on about creamy skin and velvet sheaths. Nevertheless, I love her books.

Why?

Well, Christine Feehan knows something about what women want, and what is the essence of romantic fiction. One man, filled with purpose and integrity and courage, whose entire life centers around one single woman....his lifemate. He would kill for her, die for her. This theme, which is repeated over and over again, is incredibly romantic. It works. It makes for extremely satisfying HEAS, too. My only concern with Feehan is that the violence against women has escalated over the last couple of years, and in my opinion, is not necessary and detracts from the core of her books.

Because of that, I was nervous about starting this next series. I refused to read Hidden Currents because of the disturbing content, and I was pretty pissed off since I'd stuck with the whole Drake sisters series, and was really looking forward to Elle's book. I figured this spin-off series would also be too violent for me, so I was gonna pass on it. However, in a moment of boredom at the grocery store, I saw Water Bound and decided to give it a go.

I am so, so, so glad I did! This book is not typical for Christine Feehan...it's more subtle, more emotional and incredibly satisfying and romantic. I think it's the most romantic book she's written.

First of all, she took a chance on creating an autistic heroine. Rikki is strong and capable in spite of her

autism. She is also loving and protective of her "sisters." The first scene in the book where Rikki and Lev "meet" underwater is absolutely amazing....their instant connection is surprising to both of them. I just loved this scene! Honestly, I sometimes forget how spectacular Feehan is in terms of her paranormal creativity. Rikki's affinity for water is one of the coolest things I've ever read....the water sparkles, plays, takes on a life of its own. The descriptions of Rikki connecting with water are astounding. What a great, unique paranormal concept. After an overload of vampire/werewolf descriptions, the water angle is fabulous, mesmerizing, inspiring.

Lev is one of my favorite Feehan heroes. He recognizes right away that Rikki is "different." He is patient with her and takes the time to learn the things he has to do to accommodate her special needs. This is one of the most romantic, wonderful gestures a hero could ever do. It made me fall in love with Lev. He's a trained, cold-hearted killer who learns to love and trust through his relationship with Rikki.

For both of them, falling in love is a huge leap of faith. Rikki has to step outside of her comfortable limits, which is a huge undertaking for someone with severe OCD issues. Lev wonders if he can truly shed his skin as a cold-blooded killer and become a "normal" man with a new identity.

It's simply a wonderful love story.

The only thing that bugged me a little bit was waiting for the conclusion to two separate conflicts at the end of the book...the arsonist problem and Lev's assassin. Didn't need two conflicts here....one would have sufficed.

I was very surprised by this book. It's not your typical Feehan story...but I thought that Rikki and Lev are a truly original and wonderful couple. I hope that the rest of this series continues on this path.

Grade: A

Next week.....Dark Peril is out! Yippee!

Having an awesome reading week and loving every minute of it,  
Penelope

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### **Kathleen says**

I really liked this book a lot and rate it a 4 1/2 star read for me. The characters were so different from any other I have ever read and that made this book special. It took a while for the heat but the wait was well worth it. There were parts that had me LOL. I just wish that the action would have been just a bit more. I am very interested in reading the next book in this series and possibly also reading The Drake sister series.

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### **Jacqueline says**

This was a very good read. I am always looking for something different. The heroine here is a very high functioning autistic. Plus she has a magical power. The hero was briefly in the book about Elle in the Drake sisters series. He is the brother of Ilya who is married to Joley. He is one of seven brothers who all also have some sort of powers.

He seemed to be more damaged than Ilya. But once he discovers Rikki he leaves his old life behind and never looks back. He does a very good job coping with someone who is different. You know that he will continue to do everything he can to make her life easy. I loved the way he loved her.

She is very well written. I'm sure it might have been easy to make her a stereotype. You could see her OCD/autism but you could see how she learned to function around it. She was a flawed yet very strong character. I enjoyed reading about her.

Here and there the writing was a bit heavy handed when the author kept mentioning for example that she had no people skills. Once would have done it with some follow up showing scenes. But that is a pretty minor quibble. There were 3 rather lengthy love scenes that for me held up the action. They weren't bad or anything but I guess I was so interested in the story that they dragged the pace down.

This one avoided the overly sweet feeling that some of the Drake books gave me. I really enjoyed it.

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## **Melissa says**

Rikki Sitmore is not your average female. She has strange reactions to things people may consider normal. She only likes to eat peanut butter and broccoli and likes everything to be pristine and untouched. She might also be a sociopath because her parents, foster families, and fiancé's houses all burned down and many of them died. But being a possible serial arsonist is not even the oddest thing about her. The winner is that she has the ability to control water (think water-bending in "Avatar: The Last Airbender" style). Rikki is therefore surprised that she didn't sense the giant tidal wave until it was literally crashing down upon her. The tidal wave doesn't just bring water, however, but also the most dangerous-looking and handsome man Rikki has ever seen. Against her better instinct, she decides to save him. During the rescue, she shares a moment with this dangerous man that is sure to shake her world.

Lev Prakenskii is a very dangerous, deadly, and handsome man. This is the one thing he knows as he finds himself slammed against the rocks after falling into the ocean. The next thing he knows, he is saved by a beautiful woman whom he can't help thinking must be a mermaid. She pulls Lev out of the ocean and the dizziness and uncertainty causes him to react in a way that would have King Triton stabbing him with his triton. Rather than throwing him back into the ocean, the strange woman responds angrily to his actions. This rather sobers Lev up to the fact that Ariel did not save him, since she is yelling and not singing to him. Despite his dangerous behavior, the woman takes him home. Lev soon realizes he can't remember anything except that he has killed a lot of people. The one thing he does know is that he wants to spend his life with this mermaid-like woman.

I'm the first to admit that I'm no literary expert, but my biggest problem with this book was what I found to be poor writing. The author overuses adjectives and has the tendency to be repetitive and redundant. I did not need to be reminded on every page that Rikki is a strange woman. I also got the point after the first fifty times that Lev is a deadly and dangerous man who has killed a lot of people. I was tempted to start a drinking game every time I came across the words strange, deadly, dangerous, handsome, and a quite a few others. Needless to say, I would have been very drunk by the time I came to page two hundred, and the book is near five hundred pages long. Also, do we need a twenty page sex scene? A paragraph about walking into a grocery store? This book really could have benefitted from a strong editorial hand. The weak editing really ruined the story for me. I could not concentrate or care about the story because I kept trying to edit it in my mind.

Setting aside the editing issue, the story was rather weak as well. I really felt no connection to either Lev or Rikki. None. I've never read a book where I've never even felt a small connection. Because I felt no connection to either of the characters, I could not care less about what happened to them. There were exciting scenes here and there, but they are quickly overridden with the overuse of repeating themes and thoughts. I really thought when Lev's past was revealed, the story would take an interesting turn. It didn't. The major plot points are who is starting the fires and trying to kill Rikki and whether Lev can escape from his dangerous and deadly past. Both are resolved in the most lackluster way possible.

Oh yeah, Rikki and Lev got together at the end and I was relieved that the book was over. Those who don't mind a lot of adjectives and repetitiveness will probably like this book better than I did. As it is, it just wasn't my cup of tea.

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## **Katie Michaels says**

Christine Feehan's *Water Bound* is sort-of a continuation of her Drake Sisters series, but not really. It is set in the same town of Sea Haven and features a handful of our familiar characters. Our hero is Lev Prakenskii—an undercover Russian operative who has lost chunks of his memory and identity following an accident at sea. Our heroine is the spunky sea urchin diver, Rikki, who finds him in the water and saves his life and later, his soul.

### **PLOT SPOILERS:**

The book picks up loosely where *Hidden Currents* left off. Lev (which I think is pronounced LEEV, but I'm not sure and it bugs me) is in the water after his yacht goes down. Rikki is diving in the water; she finds him and they have a "moment" beneath the surface. She takes him home to nurse him back to health. It's revealed Rikki is a "water-element" and can manipulate water and rain. She's also autistic. In her past, are several fires where her loved ones have died. She's not sure if she is to blame or if she was a target. Rikki now lives with 6 other women who have created a makeshift family where they work a farm together and help each other out. Lev falls for Rikki and she helps him put his dark, violent past to rest... while he helps her uncover what sparked those old fires and protects her from it happening again.

### **WHAT WORKS:**

I love the fact that we're seeing more of the Prakenskii brothers. I would have loved a spinoff series featuring them. But alas, we can only hope for cameo appearances.

### **WHAT DOESN'T:**

I had issues with an autistic heroine. Maybe my understanding of autism is limited, but I kept thinking that a man like Lev would be seriously taking advantage of an autistic woman. I know it was written that his feelings for her were real, but it bothered me.

I also felt like there was way too much detail wrapped up in the diving process, scenery and the like. Give me more dialogue and action. And sex. If I'm reading a Feehan book, it's not to learn about diving, people. And I feel cheated that I didn't get to see Lev's reunion with his brother Ilya.

### **OVERALL:**

Probably one of my least favorite Feehan books. Too much time spent talking about stuff I'm not interested. And the heroine's disability kept me from connecting with the story. 3 stars... maybe 2 1/2.

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## UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

*Water Bound* is the first book in Christine Feehan's spinoff series, *Sisters of the Heart*. It's exciting, beautiful, passionate, and fans of the *Drake Sisters* series are sure to love this story!

Off the shores of Sea Haven, a beautiful diver rescues a man from drowning, a man with no memory of who he is-or why he seems to possess the violent instincts of a trained killer. But soon, he and his savior will be engulfed in a storm of dizzying passion and inescapable danger...

Generally speaking, I don't often read this type of story - part fantasy, part paranormal - because of the fantasy influence, of which I'm not a fan. But Christine Feehan is a favorite author, so I decided to give *Water Bound* a try, and found I enjoyed it a lot.

There's a great deal of emotion to this book. Angsty, heartbreaking but uplifting, humorous, and very sexy. I found the story and the characters to be quite compelling, and though it took me a bit of time to connect to them, when I did, it was all in.

Fans of Ms. Feehan are familiar with the way she tells a story, with "prose" rather than words. Meaning, she uses lots of lovely descriptives and often times takes paragraphs to visualize a scene. It's one of the things I most enjoy about her writing, and at times, one of the things I *least* enjoy about it, too. My point is, she runs true to form in this book, and sometimes I felt like things were running on... but the important scenes, the way elements are described made me feel as though I was there, living through the storms, the raging fires, the inferno in Rikki's soul... It felt so real, and I was there.

If you love stories about family, about love and acceptance, tolerance and forgiveness, I hope you'll give this book a try. The scenery is breathtaking, the story is exciting, and Rikki and Lev are all kinds of wonderful.

*Originally read in 2011, but never reviewed, I am now doing so as part of my ongoing New Years Resolution to clean up my Goodreads bookshelves.*

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