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Alicia says

This storyline is nothing like I've ever read before. Yes it's about revenge, but the players in the game aren't typical.

Jensen wants to find her mom and she feels Rhett Montgomery is the key to her revenge plot for her mother. As the first part of the story, there was so much that happened here. I couldn't turn the pages fast enough, always wanting to see where the story went to next.

I cannot wait to get the next part of the story.

Jennifer says

**A review copy was provided by the author for the Blog Tour **

~ 5 Revengeful Stars ~

How far would you go to get revenge??

The answer to that question is in Monica Murphy's latest book....Her Defiant Heart. This book will take you on a hate filled emotional ride. She will show you what it's like to feel cast aside by someone you love and the lengths at which someone will go to get revenge on that person.

This was such an intriguing storyline. I was captivated right from the start and I am dying to read the next book in the series. Yes this book does end on a cliffhanger but it isn't one that will make you pull your hair out. Monica just leaves you wanting MORE!!!

In this book we follow the revenge plan of Jennifer Fanelli (Jensen) as she becomes friends and subsequently seduces someone close to her target. I don't want to give too much away because this is a book you need to read for yourself and watch how everything starts to unfold. This story will pull at your heartstrings, for everything Jensen has gone through. It will also have you sitting on the edge of your seat just dying to see where the author is going to take us.

Her Defiant Heart is the first book in Monica's newest trilogy. This is NOT a standalone novel, you will be left on a cliffhanger. So if you don't like cliffhangers you might want to wait for all three books to be released. Luckily there isn't much time in between each book. Her Defiant Heart is told solely from Jensen's POV. I know I can't wait to read the next book His Wasted Heart which is told in the male POV.

I would recommend this book to all of Monica's fans. This is a book you don't want to miss. I think this trilogy is off to a GREAT start!!!!

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Ptiteaurel says

J'aime les romans de Monica Murphy et en lisant le résumé de Her defiant heart, j'avais envie de me laisser emporter par cette nouvelle saga et ce fut le cas car le personnage de Jen est très prenant et on a envie de savoir comment elle va parvenir à ses fins ou réussir sa vengeance.

j'ai passé un bon moment de lecture avec cette nouvelle saga qui sera publiée en trois tomes sur iBooks. Le prochain tome sort le 26 avril et le dernier tome fin juin. Monica Murphy pose ici les bases d'une romance qui s'annonce électrique. Le temps des choix est venu et il s'agira pour Rhett mais aussi pour Jen de ne pas se tromper. L'intrigue est posée et le dénouement est loin d'être proche , ce qui nous donne évidemment envie de connaître la suite .

Chronique complète <http://thelovelyteacheraddictions.blogspot.com/2014/04/her-defiant-heart-monica-murphy.html>

Tish Cocktails & Fairytales says

4.5 beautiful stars!! Wow! What a way to kick off a new trilogy!! This book took me on an incredibly emotional rollercoaster ride. My heart ached for Jensen & Rhett and all of things that they'd had to endure throughout their lives. Couldn't put it down once I started.

Siobhan says

I love a good revenge story, and Monica Murphy's Her Defiant Heart had me pretty excited for the Damaged Hearts series. I went in hoping for an addictive revenge series, one I could devour; only to be given something I wasn't crazy about.

Don't get me wrong, this was an okay read. I can see the appeal and can understand why some will really enjoy it. However, for me, the story did not provide what I had been expecting. The revenge aspect, the aspect I was most interested in, felt extremely weak to me. It was never taken to the level I had hoped for, offering a story that would have been interesting were I not expecting something much more.

In truth, my rating is more of a two-point-five-star rating. I did consider rounding this up to a three-star rating, as there were some points in the story where I found myself really invested in what was happening, but in the end I found I couldn't quite bring myself to round this rating up. Too many of the things that played out were predictable, and the cliff-hanger of an ending left me uncaring of what came next – in fact, I'm sure I can create my own answers and they will be pretty close to the truth.

Overall, Her Defiant Heart was not the story of revenge I'd been hoping for.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Her Defiant Heart (Damaged Hearts #1) by Monica Murphy
3.5 stars!!!

“I’ll deserve an Academy Award for my performance by the time I’m through.”

Her Defiant Heart is the first book in a trilogy and is a genre step for Monica Murphy as she tackles, one again, New Adult Contemporary Romance. I love this authors YA books and I couldn’t wait to dive into something a little hotter and Monica Murphy didn’t disappoint.

Jennifer Fanelli uproots her life with one thing in mind...revenge, but is revenge a dish best served cold? Deserted by her mother as an infant and with her father passed, Jennifer is all alone in the world, but the woman that deserted her is living the high-life with a whole new step-family. To wreak the revenge she wants, Jennifer decides her best course of action is to get close to one of her mother's step-sons, but she didn't bet on Rhett Montgomery. Nothing she expected or ever knew she wanted.

Rhett Montgomery, not the frat boy that everyone expects. He has the perfect façade for his friends, but when he meets Jennifer a totally new side is exposed, and Jennifer is not immune to his charms. Rhett is still deeply affected by the death of his mother and it is something that he has never got over, despite his step-mothers attempts to charm him and raise him. Rhett was totally smitten with Jennifer, extremely protective and these two just got along. But, Jennifer is not from the affluent lifestyle and the choices she makes just to survive, may come back to bite her, in more ways than one.

This was a great start and really sets the tone for what is to come. This book read really quick, I’m not sure what the page count is, but I just felt I needed more at the end, to really understand these characters and achieve that character connection that I crave. I wanted a little more depth to them. This may come as the trilogy progresses and I can’t wait to read the next one to see what happens between these two.

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Sandy S says

4 stars—

ABOUT THE BOOK: Release Date March 29, 2018

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REVIEW: **HER DEFIANT HEART** is the first instalment in Monica Murphy's contemporary, new adult **DAMAGED HEARTS** romance trilogy focusing on college students Rhett Montgomery, and Jennifer 'Jensen' Fanelli.

Told from first person point of view (Jensen) using present day and memories from the past, **HER DEFIANT HEART** follows our heroine as she sets a plan into motion to destroy the mother she knew nothing about. At almost two years of age Jennifer Fanelli lost her mother when the woman she no longer remembers walked away without looking back. Years of hardship and her father's inability to let go of the past found our heroine planning to confront the woman her destroyed her life, beginning with befriending a young man she knows to be her mother's step-son. Enter Rhett Montgomery, fellow college student and all-around popular guy, and the man with whom Jen would fall in love. What ensues is Rhett's pursuit of the woman he knows as Jensen, and the potential fall-out as Jennifer's secrets are about to be revealed.

Jensen, as she calls herself, struggles on a daily basis but having battled an alcoholic father for most of her life, wants revenge against the woman who broke her father's heart. Getting close to Rhett Montgomery meant one step closer to her ultimate goal but Jensen never thought she would lose her heart along the way.

The relationship between Jensen and Rhett is one of immediate attraction although Jensen never expected to lose her heart to the man in question. Rhett is the perfect boyfriend, not what Jensen thought him to be, which makes her ambition to destroy her mother's life, that much more questionable and confusing. The sex scenes are intimate and passionate, without the use of over the top, sexually graphic, language and text.

The world building focuses on the growing lies Jensen tells to keep secret about the path upon which she has embarked. We learn how Jensen's earlier years were filled with a mother's rejection, a father's loss of control, and a childhood marred by emotional abuse, and thoughts of being unwanted and unloved. Jaded and tired our heroine battles between head and heart wondering if vengeance is the most important direction in her life.

HER DEFIANT HEART is a story of struggle and rejection; hatred and vengeance; secrets, lies and moving on from the past. The premise is heart breaking; the characters are broken, colorful and charismatic; the romance struggles with Jensen's inability to let go of the past.

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Coco.V says

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Aurora - Whoo Gives A Hoot says

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When Monica Murphy first announced her upcoming Damaged Hearts series I was so freaking excited because I have read and loved many of her past releases, but nothing could have prepared me for this story.

Her Defiant Heart is the kind of story that captures you whole body and soul right from the very beginning and holds on for dear life. This is not a story filled with love, hope and happiness, but rather a story fueled by revenge and hate. Revenge plays a crucial part in this series and I am anticipating that it will certainly grow from one book to the next.

Jensen is driven by revenge and it is directed towards her mother, the mother that abandoned her at a young age only to go off and raise another family with children who are not her own. That realization is a bitter pill to swallow and she is engulfed in rage. She devises a plan to get to her mother through Rhett Montgomery, but what she doesn't anticipate is developing feelings for him. Suddenly, she must make a decision...to continue her plan...or to let it go and move on.

I devoured this story in only a few short hours and now I cannot wait to dive into *His Wasted Hearts*, book 2 in the Damaged Hearts series when it releases because I need to know what is next for Jensen and Rhett, especially after that intense ending!

Michelle says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

In Monica Murphy's latest new release, **Her Defiant Heart**, she takes readers on a woman's quest for revenge. In this calculated move of plotting revenge, a daughter quest to get back at the mother who abandoned her father and her takes an abrupt turn when Jensen falls for Rhett Montgomery, her mother's step-son. Rhett was supposed to be a means to get closer to her mom but what she didn't expect was Rhett to be sweet and a person whom she cares for. So what happens when Jensen must decide to continue her

revenge or not? Does love outweigh revenge?

I cannot wait to see what happens next and what awaits Jensen and Rhett. So if you are looking for a fast paced read that has secrets, revenge, and love woven into the storyline then this book is for you. Another amazing read by Monica Murphy.

Monica Murphy

Jen~KU Book Reviews says

I love when a book takes you on an emotional roller coaster ride. Monica murphy's latest release captures what it's like to feel cast aside and consumed by revenge.

Who better to help Jennifer Fanelli with her plan than someone close to her target—the super-hot-makes-your-panties-drop Rhett Montgomery. Her one tie to the mother that abandoned her.

What follows is a story that will have you flipping pages dying to find out how Jennifer's plan will play out.

Her Defiant Heart is the first book of Monica's upcoming trilogy, and WOW, I couldn't put it down! This series starts with a bang and I'm anxiously awaiting His Wasted Heart and Damaged Hearts. Can't come soon enough!!

Becca says

Talk about pain. Jen is swimming in it. She's out for revenge and she needs help getting to the mother who abandoned her. She reinvents herself and finds the best way to get to her mom is through her step son - the ultra rich and handsome Rhett. But then things don't go as plan. Rhett is charming and there is actually another side of him that no one else sees except her.

Now this is a three part book series, so book one is really the set up. That being said, you will still be turning the pages faster to see what happens next. I love Monica and how she gets you invested in her characters before you can even blink. Can't wait for books two and three... this is going to be a great series.

Clare says

I really liked this, it does end on a cliffhanger which i didn't know, I'll be waiting for the next 2 to come out before i carry on reading.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

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This was a decent read for me, it started really well with an interesting story, a great romance starting with the heroine wanting to dislike the hero. The plot was great and I couldn't put it down but I can't say that I loved it so much or I hate it!

"What just happened felt so good, so right. But it isn't right.
It shouldn't feel right. What we just did, is wrong."

I liked Jensen and found myself feeling sorry for her. Rhett is sweet and lovely hero! It was a great read! It's full of angst and sometimes I wanted to shout out to both characters! The ending was one of the best parts in the story. I can't wait for the next one, I'm intrigued to see what will happen and if they'll have their happy ending!

Babbling Chatter Reads says

This is a story about a woman, Jennifer Fanelli aka Jensen who is out for revenge. She has been living a challenging life thanks to the struggles she was brought up in. She is at a point where she wants to get back at her mother that left her and her dad when she was young and never looked back.

Cue in Rhett Montgomery, a frat boy who is part of the mix of her plotting vengeance. Keeping her enemy close and having him fall head over heels for her. When all is said and the plan is set into place she would throw him into a loop that will utterly surprise him with her reveal.

However, what she did not expect is someone who is not the typical college boy that everyone assumes him to be and begins ending up to be something more. Feelings that she is not used to. The question remains... to follow through with her plan or not?

Although there were moments that were predictable the overall story line was one that I surprisingly enjoyed and keep me intrigued on everything playing out. Rhett definitely had me swooning with his romantic and sweet ways. Jensen is a woman broken with a past that is hard for her to get past. As the plot progressed the change in her was one that will you rooting for more in life for her personally and hopefully be able to move on. This was a great start to the series and looking forward to seeing how this story will play.
