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Rifts (A Grace Murphy novel book 2) by Nicole Hamlett Review

I can't believe that his story just gets better and better. Grace reminds me of Stephanie Plum, in the non-paranormal series. Her personality and snark really remind me of her, but in her own way, had me laughing out loud so many times, I kept getting funny looks from whoever was around me.

Warning, this will have spoilers for Book 1, Huntress! You have been warned.

Now that Grace is training and settling into her powers, and physical changes, things really get interesting. In the beginning, things are going well for Drew aka Adonis and Grace, and the relationship with Grace and Zeus has improved a lot, like a real family now. We get to see so much more action, and more of Olympus, and some major surprises involving Drew, and something really interesting comes up with Grace's son Dylan. I am not telling you either, lol. It was a shock and loved it.

I liked the addition of many more characters, mostly, Hope was unstable for sure (not saying WHO she is, you can find out) We get to meet Athena, and other famous Greek "Gods" even though after book one, we know that they are Alanteans, who the stories were written about them, as they are Immortal, and some of them, acted like Gods.

I really liked Heph (Hephaestus, who is known as the God of Fire and Craftsmen, son of Zeus and Hera, not married to anyone in this story, he is a mystery) (To me, he looks like Chris Hemsworth, and yes I know, I say that a lot, lol, I am obsessed, lol, but add dark hair, as I learned later that part, but Chris was already stuck in my head) he is a very big guy. (Think Thor, lol) and gorgeous too. He becomes a possible love interest for Grace, who has feelings for Adonis/Drew, who needs to get his crap together on some major issues that come up in this book. I hope Grace will truly forgive him for these issues.

Drew is a hot guy too, Grace describes Drew/Adonis as I quote: "He was a mix, Chris Pine's eyes, Ryan Reynolds's body (insert dreamy sigh here) and Jensen Ackle's hair and chin."

I do not want to say a whole lot more, as this book is packed with so much action and excitement. It leads right up to a major event, and hangs, meaning cliffhanger, lol, but I have the 3rd book here ready to read, thank goodness, I would have died, lol. Volcanoes is book 3, and can't wait to dig in as soon as I finish writing this.

Here is some pretty funny quotes you may enjoy. I will wrap this up with them. I highly recommend this series, and give it a huge 5 out of 5 stars.

I was provided a copy of this book for the book tour with Reading Addiction Blog Tours.

Funny Quotes:

This is Zeus talking to Grace:

I left your son with Athena. She's teaching him how to swear in five different languages." His

voice resonated with fatherly pride.

"Greaaaat."

This is Grace talking with her mother about Drew/Adonis, slight spoiler, so don't read if you rather not the tease.

"I still can't figure out why nobody thought it was prudent to tell me that he had been - or was still - married to my sister."

"It wasn't as if you were sleeping together, Grace. I imagine that nobody thought it was relevant."

"Oh, but as you know, we sure did do the nasty in the pasty. Where do you think Dylan sprouted from? The doorknob?"

"That, m'dear, was just as much of a surprise to me as it was to you."

This is funny, Grace talking with Heph, and had cried earlier on him:

"Er," he stiffened uncomfortably. "It is my pleasure?"

I sighed. "Just hug me back. You'll get used to it eventually."

"I – I just put this shirt on and the last time we did this, I couldn't get the snot out of it. It was a favorite," he groused. But he hugged me anyway and I felt truly safe and loved in those few moments.

This cracked me up, Zeus is married to Grace's mom, Diana, and Zeus and Grace are talking trying to figure out how to open a Rift, which she is supposed to have the power to do (a rift is a split in the dimensions, or time:

"Okay, let's pretend that I've never done this before and you explain to me step by step how it's done," I stated exasperated.

Zeus threw his hands up in the air. "If I knew how to do that, I'd have your mother already back home and in my bed."

"Whoah! Too much information there." I gagged a little for effect. Yes, I was an adult but nobody wanted to think of their parent getting their freak on. Okay, maybe some people did - but last time I checked that shit was illegal.

"You're incredibly childish."

"So you've told me."

"I don't know, your mother says a little mantra before she pulls one open. You only know she's saying it if you're listening for it."

"So it's a magic word?"

"I don't know. I guess."

"Abracadabra!" I yelled, waving my arms around with a dramatic flourish.

Zeus leaned back in his chair, crossed his legs and threw me a nonplussed look. "How did that work for you?"

"Not well," I groused.

Aaron Dubin says

Absolutely enjoyed this book! The characters were rich, the settings exceptional, and the plot was timed perfectly. I never felt like I was being rushed and it never bogged down at all. Can't wait to pick up book 3 this week.

Elaine says

I read this book out of order, as I didn't realize this was book two and not book 1.

I really liked the premise of the book, the characters, and that Grace had the right amount of snark and issues to keep me interested. I loved her relationship with Zeus, however, not a fan of Drew.

However, this book needs to go through another editing process. There are a lot of missing words and grammatical errors. I would have given it 4 stars if not for the editing issues.

Adam Shields says

Short Review: Another in a series about a single mom (romance writer) that suddenly find out that she is not really human and has a number of amazing powers (and enemies to go with them.) This book she embraces her powers and tries to find community among other like her. But protecting her son becomes a full time job. I am not a fan of the ending (it is a cliff hanger that ends right in the middle of a fight scene.) But the next book is available and cheap.

My full review is on my blog at <http://bookwi.se/rifts/>

Alex says

*A harsh rasping sound erupted from the other side of the table and my heart clenched. Oh God, had I given him an apoplectic fit? I could see the headlines now. **Grace Murphy gives God Aneurism. Realizes that she isn't Funny.***

It was... ok. To be truthful I'm terribly disappointed. It was fast paced, it had everything to keep me going for the whole read, but the romance spin-off - these problems where so frustrating! Drew was so pissing me off! And Grace... crying and crying...

Boo. Boo.

Diane ~Firefly~ says

[Her sister being married to Drew - I could have sworn he mentioned he had been married to Persephone in the 1st book. Then the fact tha

Lara says

Wow! L-o-v-i-n it! Its just good all around. I drank it up in a day.....and pretty sure I've already declared my loyalty to Heph! Book 3 book 3!!!

Roxanne says

Zeus sat in a comfortable chair with his legs crossed, holding a data pad. A frown settled on his face at what he'd recently read. "What's up, chicken butt?" It wasn't the most respectful greeting, but it amused me to see him perplexed.

"I am certainly not a chicken's arse, Grace."

Hmmm So I liked this book a lot but I didn't enjoy it as much as the first and most of those reasons are spoilers so I'll tag them at the end. However this was still a pretty fantastic book. In the second installment of the Grace Murphy Series, Grace is still struggling with her powers. She has people left right and centre wanting things, lying and manipulating her and needles to say it's stressing her out. So she decides to take a little vacation on Olympus, which works in her favor as she can get some much needed training in controlling her powers as well as Dylan's. Unfortunately things don't stay quiet, someone is causing natural disasters around the world of epic proportions and everyone is scrambling to find out who before more people get killed.

"Athena, opinions are like assholes. Everyone's got them." She choked back a laugh and I headed toward the Lab.

In terms of location I enjoyed this book more, Olympus was pretty exciting. Plus we get to see a whole new bunch of faces. One in particular, Hephaestus who I am pretty sure I'm in love with. Dylan also shows up all around the place and we get to see some really tender moments between him and his mom that had me tearing up a few times. Drew, hmmm he wasn't my favorite character in this book unfortunately since I loved him in the first one but he seemed like a completely different person in this book. I really hope he gets some sense knocked into him before book 3.

My face must have softened when I looked at him because he growled, "Watch it lady. I could kill you with my spoon."

Sigh The ending was one of the reasons I didn't rate it as high as book 1. It's a pretty big cliff-hanger and those who know me know I HATE cliff-hangers. So I was pretty pissed when I got to last page and realized the story had just stopped like mid-sentence. However I still liked this book despite its flaws and hope book 3 isn't too far away. Now I'll get onto the spoilers so don't read the tag if you haven't read this book. (view spoiler)

She grunted and smiled. "Hmm, you're getting better at this. I didn't think you had it in you to fight dirty."

"I'm a dirty girl," I replied before punching her in the face. Cartilage snapped and her nose broke.

Wyrdness says

I liked the plot of this one, but I found the book on the whole to be an exhausting slog of mehness.

The main thing that is seared in to my brain is all the Atlanteans being surprised and disappointed in Grace when she buckles under the pressure of *having to save the entire world* dumped on her shoulders with less than a year of half-arsed training behind her (half-arsed on their part I may add. Most of the difficulties could have been completely avoided if anyone had bothered to explain anything or taught her to teleport ASAP).

When they weren't all being dicks it was Grace throwing a never ending pity party for herself. It was justifiable to some extent, but I have to say it's really boring to read page after page of someone having a mental breakdown. Sure, it's realistic and if I suddenly discovered I was born to be a superhero and save the world I'd probably be a wreck too, but unrelenting misery doesn't really make for a great reading experience unless you're into the whole sadist thing.

I also have absolutely no idea what was going on with Drew. Did he have a complete personality overhaul or something? I also don't get why Grace was quite so angry with him. I could understand some hurt that he didn't get around to coming clean sooner, but she took that and turned it way up to 11.

Much like the first book I think this one had some nice ideas and I do like the underlying premise, but it was just lacking a little something for me to really let go and let myself be immersed fully in the world.

Gary says

As second novels in a series goes *Rifts* (Grace Murphy 2) ROCKED! The sense of humor that is infused in the character had me constantly laughing; not to mention the pop culture references. By the time I finished I hadn't realized that they day was gone.

Even as Grace is the new kid on the block she's a fish out of water. She has arrested development somewhere around the time she got pregnant. She's a woman floundering in this new life. It's pure hilarity to read. Sometimes I wonder if I laughing with her or at her because she has no idea what she's doing. It's like she said, she's "barreling through her own life." If Dylan didn't seem like an amazing kid, I would call her a nature disaster.

The only regret I have is this isn't on television. A few more books and Grace Murphy would be ripe for a thirteen episode season show. They all end on perfect seasonal cliff hangers. This is the material it seems networks are looking for in the pilot season of 2013.

Jennifer says

all i can say is i freaking loved it
i thought book one was awesome
but i think book 2 is even better
i cant wait for book
3
i hope grace and drew find the love they deserve
ughhhh i cant wait hope its gonna be soon

x.melancholy.x says

I loved Huntress the first book in the Grace Murphy Series so much that I had no hesitation in purchasing Rifts. To me this book is as good as if not better than the original so I was not disappointed.

In this book we get to visit Olympus where we learn some more back story to flesh out the characters who continue to develop and become more lovable as they fight to save the world along side the wonderful Grace. I just adore the addition of Heph he is an amazing character and I very much hope we get to see more of him with Grace.

This book made me laugh out loud on many occasions and gasp frequently at the plot twists, who would have thought that of Drew?

The ending is a real cliff hanger and has left me eagerly awaiting the next in the series (Volcanoes?).

Many thanks to Nicole Hamlett for a wonderful read!

Lovelee says

I have to admit I had the hardest time starting and sticking with reading this one. And it really had little to do with the writing, story or characters. I thought maybe my kindle was broken... What is with the font??? It honestly gave me a headache. But thankfully in the end it was a good fun read. There are still some editing issues and some of story felt repetitive, a little like going in circles but gotta love Grace and her snarkiness. The end of the book was an abrupt 'to be continued' leaving me like ??? But I will read the next one, need some answers! Drew or Theo?

Margaret says

"Remember when life used to be nice and easy? No? Yeah, me either." Grace Murphy, a single mom and newly made demi-goddess is slowly learning what it means to be a Hunter. What she finds is that no matter how big they get, kids are still rambunctious, men are still kids and there is something much more terrifying in this world than the boogeyman. She's going to have to face it and she may very well not be ready for it.

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MGGMMGGM says

Grace is back but better, bolder and stronger - sarcastic as hell but what's new right?

Grace with Dylan is now based on Olympus so yey on that one. Finally we'll be reading what Olympus on this book is portrayed like and so far, I would want to live there as well. Book two is somewhat mellow compared to **Huntress** but that doesn't mean ass kicking wasn't present. Grace is still discovering the extent of her powers while some talents are popping here.

Hamlett introduced a lot of characters in Rifts, which I totally enjoyed cause I got tired of Drew. I liked him in **Huntress** but here, not so much. He's totally a different guy here and ~~can be~~ is a douche. I remember this scene, and sorry for the spoiler but I love how Grace handled it.

"I can't do this with you. Can't you see that this kills me? Why can't you read my mind and just know what' going on in there? I can't say the words. All I know is that I hurt. I am so tired. It's easier to be angry with you than to face the fear and the crappy emotions."

That scene just exposed Grace and her emotions for me. We can see that in spite being a toughie and a bad ass, she's trying not to break down. Anyhoo, moving on with the what seems like a future love interest (oooppps, I told you I am sorry if I spoil it sometimes) Hephaestus is a character I am liking right now. He's a mysterious dude and I love his chemistry with Grace. Let's see how Hamlett will spin Grace and Hephaestus relationship but from what I am reading so far - I cannot contain my excitement for Volcanoes.

Sub plots was wow! I mean this is what I enjoy most with Hamlett's writing style. In spite writing a multi-layered story, it wasn't confusing at all. You can follow the sub plots together with the whole scenario of things perfectly. Some writers couldn't pull that off. The major issue ~~maybe~~ is the cliff hanger but if you have Volcanoes, which is book 3, handy then you are all good.

To be honest, I actually read Rift and Volcanoe (yes so wait on my review for that) in one day. That was how quick it took me to read both books to think that the two wasn't a short reads. As I said in Huntress, I love Hamlett's humor and writing style. It gave the book more character which I believe is its selling point. It's highly entertaining and the Grace Murphy series is one of those book(s) that you can highly recommend even for readers who aren't heavy fantasy/UF followers.

Do I have to reiterate that this is highly recommended? If you want your money's worth on a new series, get Huntress and Rift and if you enjoyed it as much as I did purchase Volcanoes as well. I'll be reviewing Volcanoes on the 5th so watch out for that and Hamlett's going to be here for an interview! Ohhh excited! :D

