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Haley Hanson is young, beautiful and talented. She fearlessly sets out on her own to make her mark in the world and thinks she's ready for anything. But nothing prepares her for the sexy Spanish soccer star, Mikel Garro.

He's charming and guileless and sweeps her off her feet. She falls hard, yet love isn't part of her plan and it's not to be anyway. Unable to cope with the loss of him, her first love, she abandons love entirely. She seeks solace in the arms of strangers and fame, a tumbleweed rolling where the gusts of wind carry her, and she ends up broken and alone and near death.

Will love destroy her or conquer all?

Tumbleweed Details

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Angela Goodrich says

I received a free copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

I have to admit that when I read the blurb for Tumbleweed, I was expecting a thoroughly hedonistic read as Hayley attempted to mend her broken heart by indulging herself in the arms of whatever man or men caught her eye. While that is part of the premise of the book, there is far more to the story than that. When the story begins, we meet Hayley as she travels to Egypt in hopes of getting the “money shot” during an anticipated political revolution. Hayley has made a name for herself as a photojournalist and her success has allowed her to travel all over the world pursuing her career and indulging in an international buffet of lovers. Because of this, Tumbleweed has a subtle political undertones to it, which were unexpected but enriched the story significantly.

While she waits for her opportunity to get her “money shot” in Egypt, she decides that the Mohammeds (cousins with the same first name) will be an enjoyable diversion and begins her seduction of the cousins. As Egypt is a sexually repressed country, Hayley’s seduction does not take long and she soon finds herself enjoying both of their affections. To say the Mohammeds are eager students is an understatement and this makes for some steamy sex scenes. As they spend more time together, they get bolder in their activities and take advantage of the fact that one of the young men’s family home will be empty for the day and proceed to indulge themselves in a comfortable environment. Unfortunately for Hayley, Baba (the father) returns early to discover the three together and this is where her life takes a decided turn for the worse. As Baba holds her captive and seemingly punishes her for seducing his son and nephew, Hayley escapes the situation by remembering her first love, Mikel, and how his rejection set her on the path that led her to Egypt.

The bulk of Tumbleweed is told through a series of flashbacks as Hayley attempts to escape the pain of her current situation and understand why she became the person she had, being more concerned about her career and pleasure than the world around her. While the reader is treated to some seriously hot sex scenes as Hayley relives her sexual awakening, there is so much more to the book as Hayley comes to terms with who she is and the changes she wants to make in her life IF she survives Baba. Ms. Bramer has crafted a well written novel that not only takes the reader on a young woman’s sexual awakening, but also treats them to a story of survival and love. I look forward to reading more of Ms. Bramer’s work.

Dirty Dayna says

ARR provided by Author for an honest review

You are Haley’s Comet and Earth needs you

Haley or Aley as I learned to love is a renowned photographer and this story is a collection of her life events that lead up to her being stuck in Limbo and near death.

All aboard the emotional bus of feels!

The first portion of the book I assumed I was going to read all the horizontal tales of Haley and maybe get a few pointers... holy plot twist!

When Haley turned 18 she set her goal to travel and take photos and finds herself young and head over heels in love with Mikel. Their love is one that overcomes language barriers and everything is more mature then

they are.

Flash forward and you find haley involved in a little ménage e trois with Jack and a incestual sexlationship with the hamed and Momed – here I see how broken Haley has become with her lack of love, playboy spread and her emotionless encounters but Haley knows she is hot and works it hard.

Haley is known along the book as daring and takes all the “money shots” and you see her brave work in the description of how she gets her photographs and the way Mikel talks to her his “cariño”

The book has many reviews that state past and reality changes but I just think the flashbacks keep her sane. They are incredibly written and flow very smoothly.

During her time with Momed and Hamed I got so bored because I knew that it was going to be a easily understood ending... umm.... I have never been so wrong..

Omg plot twist got me right in the feels!

HOWEVER! –the ending left me needing so much more. The entire book is perfectly written and then its just like BAM end.

Tricia says

I received an Arc for an honest review... 4.5-4.75 stars!

Haley is an eighteen year old photographer that sets out to travel the world and capture it on camera. Shortly after she arrives in Spain she meets famous soccer star Mikel and they quickly fall in love. She catches him being unfaithful after being gone for a night and runs off leaving everything behind. She sinks deep into depression until her best friend comes to visit and sets out to relieve some of her heartache. After some partying and a brief sexual encounter with another soccer player she has found away to numb her pain...drinking and sex.

Haley becomes a shell of the person she was, cruel and indifferent to the world and the people she meets. A few years have past and she's become successful and wealthy. She has traveled the world and is set to explore and photograph Egypt. She meets two Egyptian men that serve as guides and quickly sets out to seduce them. She is successful in her plans but in the height of the revolution something terrible happens and her plan is discovered...

This story was amazing, it was definitely steamy but also very heart wrenching and at times hard to read. The only reason I didn't give it the full five stars was because I hate cheating! I fell in love with Mikel and the love he had for Haley so when he was caught sleeping with someone else it broke my heart.

The writer did an awesome job at character development and my heart ached for Haley while reading this book. There were times I wanted to despise her and the person she became but I couldn't.

Thank you to the author for providing me a copy of this wonderful story!

♥Trish♥ says

What an amazing book! Absolutely fantastic read. Can't wait to read more from this author. Sexy,smart,sweet,intense,raw and really mind blowing...just loved it.

Anna says

Haley is traveling around the world capturing images that are quickly making her a renowned photographer. After having her heart broken by her first love, she decides to travel wherever the next "money shot" might be and swears off love while indulging in a lot of sex with a lot of people. She finds herself in a situation that she isn't sure she will get out of and begins to reflect on her life and choices.

This book didn't grab me right away. Initially I thought Haley was a little irritating and obnoxious. Then all of a sudden I was hooked and good. Along with the erotic moments, we experience a lot of emotional highs and lows and some seriously intense twists in the story line. I began to care about everything, and looking back I think I would have viewed the beginning differently knowing what I know now. But that's sort of the point, I think. This is primarily the story of a young woman finding her way through life, love, and career while embracing her sexuality. She doesn't always make great choices, but she definitely lives her life and discovers who she is and what she wants. I definitely have my favorite guy, but there are a variety to choose from and very interesting scenarios. I would definitely recommend this book to those of you looking for something different. This book provides a lot of emotion, a lot of erotica, some intense dark moments, and some very happy ones. I would definitely read more by this author in the future.

*An ARC was provided in exchange for an honest review

Sheri Hursh says

I was provided a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

What an amazing ride this book was. Exhilarating, heartbreak, exhausting - even repulsive at times. I can safely say I've been on an emotional roller coaster through this but I enjoyed it thoroughly.

Watching the evolution of the character of Haley was amazing - although harrowing, at times. Julia Bramer's writing style is engrossing. The story shifts back and forth between Haley's present and past and the manner in which it's done was unique and extremely effective. In the early stages of the book I couldn't find much about Haley that I liked - in fact, I was concerned I would have a hard time enjoying the book because of her. But before long those thoughts had completely faded and I was immersed in her story. The detail of the events that Haley's photography covered was also very effective. I appreciate the level of research that was put in to the story - allowing the lines to blur effortlessly between current events and the fictional aspects of the story.

Admittedly, there is a lot of difficult subject matter here - very gritty and disturbing. Haley's point of view throughout the story is told in an unflinching way - and totally fits the voice of the character. My only real complaint is I felt the ending seemed a bit rushed. As much as I longed for it to end much like it did I would

have appreciated a slower build to that. I don't want to share too much of the detail so as not to spoil any of the story but overall I highly recommend this to anyone who can appreciate a mature, uncompromising story about a woman's coming of age in a sometimes brutal world.

Dana Dickinson Naylor says

Tumbleweed isn't your hearts and flowers love story. Haley is young but she knows how to take care of herself and what she wants in life. She finds exactly what she wasn't expecting or looking for, love. She is faced with making a decision and then it is made for her and she is left, adrift in the wind. She becomes someone she doesn't even recognize and then the unthinkable happens. Broken, alone, and in the dark, the thing that made her feel dead in the first place is the only thing that keeps her alive.

This book has it all; sexy men, hot sex, suspense, danger, great locations, and believable characters. Travel the world and see it through Haley's eyes, you will enjoy the adventure. I did.

Beth Hurley says

I really enjoyed this book because it was more like a true story than a fairy tale. I cried a lot during this book. There was so much sadness and so much that broke my heart. But there was also happiness,

I loved all of the characters in the book. Haley was such a strong woman who fought very hard. I really loved Haley. Her best friend Jillian was amazing everyone needs a best friend like her.

Haley is an amazing photographer who goes to Spain when she is only 18 years old by herself. She falls in love with Mikel. Then everything goes wrong and her whole life changes and she is devastated. But she ends up being the strong woman that I knew she was from the beginning. My favorite quotes from the book come from the ending of the book. They are from Jack Luck who she meets in Paris with his wife and she sails with them for awhile. I really like Jack's character in the book he seems like an amazing person. My first quote is I'm not going to ask you to tell me what happened but you're strong and I'm sure you'll get past it. You must be Haley. The world needs you and your talent. My second favorite is Your Haley's comet and we need you on Earth. I think these two quotes were just amazing and so encouraging. I think these words helped Haley so much. I know if I was her and in her position these words would help me.

I think everyone needs to read this book because the stuff that happens in this book could happen to anyone. I think that's what made me love this book so much. I really love to read books that are more real than fairy tale books. Julia Bramer this book was amazing and I hope there will be more to Haley and Mikel's story and I hope to read on about Jillian also. This book was really well written and I found no mistakes in it and the accents in it I felt like I was really listening to them talking instead of just reading it.

Verna Loves Books says

Julia Bramer has done it again. She has given me an amazing book to add to my favorite list. I never thought that I could adore a character as much as I did her first, Jed, but she has blown me away with the character Mikel. So get ready for this hot, risqué, and steamy read. I highly recommend you read this book if you

enjoy a sensuous read because Julia leaves nothing to the imagination.

Haley is a remarkable young woman. I couldn't help but look up to her because she was so determined to follow her dreams and wasn't afraid to face danger head on. As soon as you start reading you are intrigued by her bluntness at what she wants. It will blow you away because she isn't afraid to take the steps she needs to to get what she wants. Her sexuality is exciting and will leave you reeling. Even though she is a strong person, you will also learn that she is vulnerable and fighting against a past love that left her this broken shell. I felt so bad for her because she couldn't see just how broken she is.

There are so many men in this book that you will be introduced to; I was so crazy about each of them. They are all amazing. They each loved Haley in their own way and looked out for her. They encouraged her to follow her dreams and protected her to no avail. The thing that drove me the craziest was that Haley didn't see any of this. Each of these men is remarkable and she was so lucky to have crossed paths with all of them. Mikel though, he is my favorite. I fell in love with him from the first moment Haley meets him and even though there were times I wanted to smack some sense into him I still adored him. He is a strong and remarkable man.

Let me say that even though there are some steamy hot moments in this book there is also some major excitement and thrilling moments that will leave you speechless. What happens to Haley is absolutely crazy and insane. I was holding my breath for her through the whole ordeal that she finds herself in. The Mohammed's crazy dad is well just that demented. I just hoped and hoped someone would find Haley in time to save her from the madness that had been unleashed on her.

So don't wait another minute to check this book out. It's so worth every minute of reading it and there is NEVER a dull moment. I was captivated by page one and didn't want to put it down till the end.

Erin says

4.25 stars

I was given this book from the author for an honest review.

I really enjoyed the book. This is the first book I've read from this author. The story was well written and it opened my eyes to cultures I didn't know about and how one's country sees the women there.

Haley, the main character has a loving family, a great friend and an up and coming career.

It is not until, one day where everything changes for her. In order for her survival of the traumatic things happening to her, she thinks about her past and how everything in her life has made her be the person that is she.

I couldn't put the book down. I had to continue to read about Haley and what was going to happen to her. I felt her struggle, when she thought she couldn't do or fight anymore or when her heart was broken by the one person she gave her heart too. In the end, she was given a second chance and hoping that from her experiences that she doesn't make the same mistakes, but continue to do great things with her career.

Pam says

Julia Bramer's newest release Tumbleweed is a captivating story that has you on the edge of your seat as you read it. We meet the main character Haley Hansen, as she embarks on her trip to Egypt to capture her next great photo. Haley is a confident young woman who knows what she wants career wise and sexually, and isn't afraid to go out and get it. The only time you see this confidence falter slightly is when the name of a man from her past is mentioned. Haley doesn't let those moments last long though. She continues with her mission that includes finding her next money shot and seducing her tour guides in Egypt.

As Haley is her getting pictures and men, Egypt is experiencing unrest. It's during these events that everything changes for Haley. She finds herself in a situation that she couldn't imagine. It is in this situation that she starts to reflects on her life and realizes that her life is a bit out of control. This is when you get to know Haley and the experiences that has made her into the woman she is today. I don't want to give away too much, because each piece you learn about Haley is that good. This is a book you're not going to be able to put down.

Julia Bramer does a fantastic job writing this story. The way she weaves in exotic locations and newsworthy events into the story, makes you feel like you're right there with Haley on her journey. The places she visits and the men she meets along the way are enticing and hot. Haley is a great character and the more you find out about her, the deeper you fall into the story. Tumbleweed is different from your typical romance story. It is has some seriously hot scenes, but it is also dark, and has some sections that leave you speechless. This is what makes Tumbleweed stand out. If you want a great read, Tumbleweed is the book for you. I can't recommend it enough. It is definitely a Five-Star book.

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Layla says

It really feels wrong to say that I loved this book because of the heartbreak, disturbing, and brutal content of this book, but I can honestly say that I loved it!!! It also contained love and happiness. After about 30%, I did not put the book down. It's relatable in a sense of a girl becoming a women and trying to find her way and live out her dreams and also in a way that life is not always "peaches" and whatever knocks you down only makes you stronger after you get up. The end felt a bit rushed, but overall the story is captivating and engrossing!!!

Jennifer B says

I am still thinking about this book 12 hours after finishing it. It was that good! Haley goes through so much in this book. I didn't immediately care for her character but I couldn't help but to change my mind as I read her story. She falls in love, gets her heart broke then seems to get over it but she doesn't really. She starts drinking and using men to appease her sexual appetite. Her whole attitude changes and she becomes cruel and indifferent to so much in the world around her. Then she has a run in with a very despicable pond scum of a man(monster). Just wow, it was horrible to read the things that happened.

There are many different men you will encounter throughout the book so have fun reading about all the fun.

The author did a fantastic job of telling this story. I was enchanted with all the locations expertly described in this book and felt like I was seeing everything instead of reading about them. There are a very in depth and enticing set of characters scattered throughout the pages in this book. I loved that the author didn't really skim over details of any of the characters no matter how minor of a roll they played in the storyline.

Something you don't see in every book either is the editing in this one was spot on.

I recommend that you read it and I hope you enjoy it as much I did. I now have another favorite author to add to my list. 5 stars and 2 thumbs up!

Julie Healey says

I was provided a copy for an honest review.

Tumbleweed for me was not what I was expecting. I could truly see the story line but all together, it wasn't what I expected.

Haley is a young talented female with the world at her fingertips. The challenges she went through to discover she was so much more than she really was was horrific to read.

She let her insecurities get the best of her and at the end of the day she demoralized herself. She used sex as an escape while trying to change who she was or run from a past that haunted her. The person she became was someone she began to not recognize but the person she truly was was right under the surface begging to resurface. Unfortunately, for Haley a tragic event had to take place in order for her to snap out of the person she had become, all because of a man.

The beginning is a little confusing. Haley went from a strong independent woman traveling the world to a 23 year old selfish, insecure, manipulative woman. Her desire for sex was driven by a man that betrayed her and to see her demoralize herself was hard. Learning the lesson Haley did and the turn of events that occurred for her to learn that lesson was horrific but it also provided an eye opener to what truly happens out in our world or what could happen.

At first I thought Mikel had died by the structure of the story and then as it slowly came together, I was able to really piece the story line together.

Overall, Tumbleweed offers a read that brings, culture, romance, poverty, acceptance, friendship, desire and lust to the table. I couldn't put it down but there were times I just couldn't continue. Yes, there was romance but I believe there was a much more profound message expressed and embedded in the story line. It is not your typical romance read.

Sheri says

I was given a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

I have already read Ms. Bramer's Vitamin D books, so kind of had an idea in my mind of what to expect. Um NO!!!! This was totally, utterly & perplexingly different!

Knowing what you are meant to do at the age of 18 is a wonderful life. Haley has everything, a budding career, a vivacious best friend and exceedingly supportive parents. Her life is wonderful. Until...

Life is turned upside down and Haley can only hang on to the past she wanted so much to get her through the most heinous acts imaginable. As a reader, this book is very hard to get through, simply because you are imagining what she is going through and that is not something you can or want to do. Ms. Bramer uses her skills as a writer to wrap this story around you so that you can't let go.

Ms. Bramer does a fabulous job of using the past and it's wonderful details to pull Haley through the part of her life she hopes to make it through.

This was 5 fabulous stars!!!
