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It's always easy to say what one should have or could have done to change the events in their life, but what happens when it's too late? When the damage is already done? Do I just give up? It's hard to see a way out when I am lost in a sea of pain and have to face the realization that a chain of bad choices put me in my present state.

I've always believed I was a fighter, but somewhere along the line I forgot that, I gave up, I broke down. But here's the thing, I wanted to be better, I wanted another chance to do better.

Don't you think I knew all along that Dylan was my light, my love? I did. But like I said love is twisted.

When someone falls victim to their worst nightmare do you catch them when they fall or do you turn your back on them? I know I shouldn't question this, but Luc understood my inner turmoil. Two broken souls, our bond almost seemed unbreakable. Almost.

I've met obstacle after obstacle. It's laughable that I thought the threat would end with Luc. The threat is real, the fear I feel when I look over my shoulder is all real.

I'm Alexis White and I've learned from my mistakes, the question is: will I be brave enough to give away my heart forever?

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# From Reader Review Twisted Love for online ebook

## Kim says

This is the second book in the Twisted series and Twisted Love continues the love triangle that Bittersweet Love started between Dylan, Lexi and Luc. You should read Bittersweet Love first to fully understand the history and story of the characters. It is a well written suspense/thriller that is definitely for the age 18 and over age group due to the adult content and subjects covered. It's full of drama, violence, and sexual situations. I personally love this type of read and can't wait to see what's waiting in the next installment!

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## Paige says

### 3.5 Stars

Twisted Love is the continuation of the Twisted series. To get the full experience and to completely understand the plot, you must read Bitter Sweet Love first. This was the resolution to the angsty, love triangle between Luc, Dylan and Alexis. I wouldn't recommend reading this review until you read book 1 as there will be some spoilers from the first book.

Starting with the gut wrenching cliffhanger of Bittersweet Love, Alexis is in the hospital recovering from Luc's attack. As she's recovering from not only her physical trauma but the emotional trauma as well, she's adrift in her own mind. She believes that everything that happened was her fault. She feels like she invited Luc into her life, and she brought the heartbreak upon Dylan so she just isn't good enough for a happy ending.

Now not only does she have a husband who was arrested and works for the mob, he abused her and left her almost dead, but now Dylan is back in her life and he says it's for good. Dylan assures Alexis that he is going to spend the rest of his life making up the lost seven years to her. He is going to show her that he will never leave her alone again. Alexis, though, has to work through all her baggage before she can admit that she has a future but so do Luc and Dylan who both have unfinished business with Alexis and with each of their own pasts.

Not only does Alexis have to work through her feelings for Luc and her realization that she is still in love with Dylan, she has to contend with Luc's family. Luc himself is on the outs and now he has dragged Alexis down with him. With more threats that heartbreak, Alexis has to fight for her happiness in more ways than one.

I really liked this conclusion. It started out with a bang and a really well thought out aftermath. I liked how R.C had Alexis working through her problems. It was realistic even if some of the time the drama was pretty quickly resolved. I also liked the suspense of what Dylan had in his past that he was hiding from Alexis. I really loved the story arc and character development for Luc. After the first book, I hated him. As I started reading this book, I felt like I should still hate him but I just found that I had a hard time doing so. He was just as damaged as Alexis. Even though I'm glad Alexis and Dylan were able to find happiness together (in such a sweet conclusion and epilogue to their story), I am holding out hope that we can find some peace for Luc. I see that there is a third book in this series and since Dylan and Alexis' story concluded here, I'm hoping that book three sees Luc get an HEA.

## **Sanzana says**

In Bittersweet Love, I was left with a cliff-hanger. I really dislike them but for R.C., I put up with it...in order to read this book.

We start back up again with Alexis in the hospital from Luc's attack. The saddest part is that her mind and her thoughts constantly tell her that everything is her fault; Luc's attack and breaking up with Dylan. She feels that she doesn't deserve anything anymore.

Dylan, however doesn't believe this. In fact, after the seven years they didn't spend together is going to be made up. And he's here to stay...for good. Thus, why I gave this book 4 stars; I love me some second chances.

But things are never that easy.

Alexis needs to choose between the two men in her life and finally accept the one her heart truly loves. Both have hurt her. Both have loved. But it's time to pick one once and for all.

...You gotta read the conclusion to find out!

\*\*Arc provided by R.C. Stephens in exchange for a review <3

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## **Ashley Books and Warpaint says**

SPOILERS AHEAD.....you were warned.....Lexi and Dylan have the most convoluted relationship I have ever seen outside of a soap opera. There is so much going on in this book that I think it's almost too much and clouds the storyline. This books takes place in about a month time span and all of this happens within that time.

Lexi has more problems than the UN. She comes from an abusive home life and is now in college to be a lawyer but has an abusive husband who is being framed for crimes by his father who is part of the mob who has kidnapped her best friend so she will testify for her abusive husband who beat her so badly that she lost the baby because she was pregnant by another man who is her high school sweetheart and that man turns out to be a secret millionaire who is now studying to be a doctor who has major guilt that a girl he had sex with overdosed and died. Shew! I'm only 62% through the book. I don't know that I can even comprehend all of the stuff going on in the book because there is way too much happening within a short amount of time. I think that she and Dylan are on their way to mending their relationship when she agrees to move in with him and they have pretty hot chemistry especially for someone who was just beaten and lost a baby a couple weeks before.

The author changes Dylan's personality halfway through the book also. He goes from being the good guy to having demons from his past and being domineering in the bedroom. I don't know why that bothers me but it does. He would have been just as attractive to me without all that added in. The author probably could've made three books out of the storyline of this one book. She must like people to look smug or cocky all the time too because it is used at least once a chapter.

Ok. So I read this book in one day and I can't process all the stuff going on in this story. I would've preferred that the events would've been spread out or even left a couple of them out completely. There was enough strife going on that the story didn't require all of the events to make a good story. I'm going to give this book a 3. It was ok but it just wasn't my cup of tea.  
ARC received in exchange for review.

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## **April says**

I was given this book for an honest review.

This book is the follow up to Bitter Sweet Love. It's about the struggles that two friends have in re-finding each other and allowing their past not overcome their future.

Honestly with both books I could not put this down, and with both books I found myself getting so upset with Alexis that I literally had to put the book down to cool off before I started reading it. This book was very well written. It had me on the edge of my seat and where I may not be able to relate to everything that was happening with the main characters Dylan and Alexis, I was able to relate to their personalities.

CAUTION: SPOILER ALERT:

My favorite part of the book was when Alexis moved in with Dylan. I was like FINALLY! I loved the relationship and interactions between Alexis and Dylan. It was a long time coming and I loved the way that Dylan took care of her. I mean you seriously fell in love with Dylan's character in the first book and I found myself rooting for him since Bitter Sweet Love.

My least favorite, is when she told Luc she loved him. I really was confused and almost pissed off. I was thinking that she was going to go back to him. I had to put the book away and take a little break before I threw my kindle across the room.

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## **Jennifer Aldrich says**

\*Received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.\*

\*\* Spoilers, especially if you have not read the first book yet.\*\*

Twisted Love is the continuation of Bitter Sweet Love, which ended on a cliffhanger. The book opens with Lexi being taken to the hospital due to severe bleeding and injuries. This is due to the last scene of the first book in which Luc, her husband, beats her severely. Throughout this book, Lexi is overcoming her fears and past scars of abuse from both Luc and her mother. She is also learning to evaluate her feelings and make decisions based on that. The main plot of the story is that she is going to testify against Luc and his father, which of course puts her in danger. This book has a lot of repetitiveness from the first book with Lexi's thoughts, which I guess is realistic since people often times think the same thoughts over and over, but it

slowed the progress of the book down.

I really like how the author opened the book with a scene that made you wonder what was going on, then flashed back to a month before the incident. I think it gives you something to look forward to and piques your interest in what is going on. With the love triangle, you are wondering which man she is talking about in the snapshot of the future. I also love how both she shows that both men love Lexi and are willing to do just about anything for her. Luc is the antihero that you are supposed to hate, but the author is creative and spins his story so that we can see that maybe the way he acts is not 100 percent his fault. That's not to say his actions are excusable, but Lexi does love him and the author shows her conflicted feelings over his negative actions and his positive actions. There is a specific scene near the end of the book that, in my eyes, helps show who he really is as a person. Dylan is just a saint in my opinion. In the book he alludes to past transgressions and mistakes, but any man willing to stay beside a woman with as many conflicting feelings as Lexi deserves a medal. He truly is the hero of the story. Overall, I liked the basis of the story, but thought there was still too much fluff. Also, the repetitiveness was annoying at times so I rated this book a 3.

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### **Tricia says**

<http://triciaciak.blogspot.com/> My Review: (Review copy provided by NetGalley)

4 stars!

Do not read if you haven't read Bitter Sweet Love

\*slight spoilers\* for Twisted Love

This book was quite the journey. I thought it wrapped up the story between Luc, Dylan, and Alexis well. The first book Bitter Sweet Love leaves you with quite the cliffhanger and I couldn't wait to dive into this to see how the rest of the story unfolds. It leaves us with Alexis in the hospital and she's in and out of consciousness. Luc makes an appearance and is filled with regret. Dylan is there with her by her side and protecting her. I loved Dylan! You definitely get to know him more in this book and he's a good guy that really wants to do right. Dylan has a past he's hidden from, from himself and from Alexis but he realizes he needs to come clean to pursue and have a relationship with Alexis. As for Luc I was so conflicted...and I think that's maybe what the author wanted. After he beat Alexis and she lost the baby I wouldn't think she would be able to stand the sight of him but she forgave him and listened to his excuses. That bothered me but again I was torn as well. I just know I personally would never be able to look at the person let alone listen to excuses and be friends. Did Luc redeem himself? Ugh, that's really tough for me because I think some people may have thought so but what he did was horrific. As for Dylan I completely understand the demons he lived with.

The one thing that bothered me was the mother; I feel like she needed to repent more and was forgiven way too easy. I couldn't stand her and wanted to see karma come her way. Maybe I shouldn't say she was forgiven

but I just think Alexis was way too easy on her. I would have loved a scene where she just tore into her. Or even had authorities talk to her and demand treatment, something...but overall I like how things ended. I'm happy Alexis was finally able to see the worth in herself.

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## Sharon Mariampillai says

I received a copy from Netgalley, in exchange for an honest review.

### **Actual Rating: 4.75**

This was my favourite out of the series so far. The story continued about Alexis's love triangle and post-abuse experience. I think this was more emotional and raw than the last book.

Alexis is a broken girl who has a horrible past. When I read about the abuse she suffered as a child, I felt her pain. She never opened her heart to anyone till Dylan came into her life. She is now suffering a loss of her and Dylan's baby.

In this story, we still have her two loves in her life. Dylan is the first love who still has feelings for her. She loves him back too. Then there is Luc, the French man who rescues her one night. They both have past. I like Luc a little bit more in this book than the last book. However, Dylan is the one I love.

The ending was cute. I am happy that Dylan and Alexis get their happily ever after. They deserve it after being seven years apart. I hope Luc finds happiness. Can't wait to read his love story. Overall, an enjoyable read.

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## Sarah says

I was kindly provided with a copy of Twisted Love by the author to read and review.

***Our road to love was bitter and sweet and faith had a tough journey for us. Fate had twisted our love but when true love was given to you, you didn't back down. You fought hard and made life what you wanted it to be.***

First thing's first, this is book two of the Bitter Sweet Love series and personally I don't think would work to read this without having read Bitter Sweet Love first. While I liked book one I never really loved it, things frustrated me and left me fuming with some of the awful choices that most of the characters made. But none the less I was absolutely determined to finish reading Lexi, Dylan and Luc's story even if just for a feeling of closure for myself. But I've never been so glad to give a second book in a series a go when I haven't fallen head over heels in love with the first. This managed to fill in all the blanks, smooth over every frustration I ever held against the characters and passed by so quickly that I managed it all in one evening.

When I originally saw the amount of pages to the book I held my breath a little, I wasn't sure that there was enough tale left to tell to be able to fill them all. But somehow this just worked on almost every level, sometimes certain thoughts became a little repetitive but not enough to stop me from thoroughly enjoying each and every page. A constant and varied variety of drama, action and romance managed to keep this

ticking along at a wonderful pace, I didn't even realise how much I'd read until I checked and was sixty pages away from the ending.

***I don't think I can be fixed. I've always been like this. I'm twenty-five years old. Isn't your personality supposed to be formed by age twenty five? I think to myself, remembering Ash quoting a psych book. That would mean I've been formed and I'm irreparably damaged.***

Every difficulty I had with Lexi from the previous book were superbly tied up here. From her therapy sessions and her own musings it gave a much deeper insight in to her mind and hearing her explanations meant that I could finally understand and subsequently click with her. Dylan and Luc were as wonderful as they were previously and the former even managed to make me see him as something other than a soulless monster. All the characters, not just our main three, come across as incredibly human. They're all fighting their own demons and each make their own fair share of mistakes as the book progresses, truly a book where no one is superior to anyone else.

***Lifting my hand he brought it to his mouth as his lips brushed my skin. Tiny morsels of love sifting their way through my body by such little contact. It couldn't be love, it couldn't, because he didn't love me. You don't turn your back on someone you love.***

I smiled, I cried and I looked at my own views on relationships while reading this. I love a story that can not just help you to escape for a few hours but that can resonate within you and challenge your personal views and experiences and possibly change the way your mind perceives your own past. This was a fun enjoyable book but with a fantastically dark and deep heart to it, it covers so many subjects and always with great care and sympathy. Reading this will really put your emotions through the ringer but I really do recommend giving it a go, I couldn't be more thrilled that I stuck with this series. There will be a third book in the series and I can't wait to get my mitts on it!

***"You know Anna, I think we had love all mixed up. I think love is intertwined with fate, twisted love is really fate's way of twisting things up until it's right, until it's perfect. Unfortunately for some of us that road to love is hard and bumpy but it just goes to show you that you should never give up."***

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## **Jennifer Pierson says**

WOW! Twisted Love is a fantastic ending to the Twisted Series. You must read Bitter Sweet Love first to get the full effect of the intense love triangle between Alexis, Dylan, and Luc.

The story starts right off where book 1 ended with Alexis in the hospital badly beaten from Luc's brutal attack. Not only is she physically traumatized but the emotional trauma has her shut down completely. She's so busy blaming herself that she can't even speak. Her baggage is a mountain of regret so she's more convinced than ever that she will never be good enough for Dylan.

Dylan is done leaving Alexis alone. He assures her that will prove to her that he's never leaving her again. Dylan, however, had his own set of baggage he's carrying around. The one thing he knows, without a shadow of a doubt, is that he and Alexis are supposed to be together.

Luc is the third tortured soul. He has done some very bad stuff for his mobster family and it's torn him up. The demons he carries has him drinking too much and with the added drugs in the mix,



he doesn't even remember beating Alexis up. He's trying to get himself out of the family business with everyone alive.

I LOVED LOVED LOVED LOVED AND LOVED this ending so much! It started out explosive and ended with a bang. The emotions of the characters were very realistic for me, to the point where I wanted to choke them out at one time or another. I seriously hated Luc at the beginning but came to view him in a different light by the end of book. I loved all of them so much!

R.C. Stephens wrote a freaking brilliant story of redemption. Her amazing style of writing of her characters showed that everything is not always black or white. She had me guessing until the very end. My emotions are still all over the place which is why I wish I could rate this story more than 5 Stars for it deserves it. Although it was an ending, I really hope I get to see more of these characters in the future!

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### **Wendy Black says**

Received a copy via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review....

I read the first book of this series and thought it was ok enough for me to want to read the second book especially since the cliff hanger. This book however I was extremely bored with and I had a really hard time reading through it. it really dragged on and the storyline was predictable and dull. If I were you I wouldn't waste my time with this book!!!!!!

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### **Chelsie williams says**

#### **It was ok**

This book was not the best I have ever read. It was boring, and monotonous at times. I really wanted to like it, but it just wasn't my thing. To me the story line just didn't make sense. I felt like the actual plot could have been a lot better.

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### **circumspect4 says**

This book was absolutely captivating from start to finish, and I couldn't put it down until I finished it (very late last night). I admit that I did not read the first book in the series, but I easily could follow the story of Alexis, Dylan and Luc. Alexis is in her last year of law school, Dylan is in his residency program as a doctor, and Luc is....let's just say trouble.

The book takes place in Canada with Alexis haven been severely beaten, hospitalized for several days, and suffered a terrible loss. She returns home to her best friend and roommate, Anna, and starts therapy to overcome her abusive childhood and her current situation. Dylan is trying to win the love and trust of Lexie back, but is also harboring things from his past that he fears will have Alexis running, and Luc is trying to stay out of jail, hold onto Alexis, while trying to keep her safe from his family (which I found a little ironic).

I don't want to even get started on Alexis' mother!!!

I think that author does an amazing job by wrapping up the book by writing, "Fate had twisted our love but when true love was given to you, you didn't back down. You fought hard and made life what you wanted it to be."

With that being said, this is a time jumper book and there was a lot going on in this book with the other characters that had me a little confused. What happened to Alexis' sister? I understand she went back to school, but after their phone conversation she wanted to reveal something to Alexis, and she's never heard from again. Lexie's mother, the evil wrench, suddenly has an about face? Anna reveals something life altering from her past to Alexis over text? As riveting as this book was and as happy as I was to see it end the way it did, I will still be baffled by some of the characters. I don't know if the author is going to continue the series or if she was just trying to wrap up the last book as best as she could.

Thank you to NetGalley for a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Miz says**

I received a copy of this ebook in exchange for an honest review.

Look, I didn't have as many issues with this book than I did with the first one. But it did fling past issues that I thought would be covered in more detail. The locked-in syndrome - should have been mutalism (a common PTSD side-effect) - was interesting and let's explore this more. Inside, it was given a cursory glance and then we were thrown into changing college majors, dating, etc.

Dyahn also seemed to flip-flop from one thing to another. For an intelligent person who waited 7 years to get back with his love-of-his-life ... He was a dumb ass!

I may have rated these books highly had they been one book and edited closer together. But I found holes and a few passages that didn't add to the story.

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### **Helen Dempsey says**

This is and will always be the series of books that stole my heart

I have to have to say I'm bit jealous of Lexi but she got her happy ending and the book was amazing.

This will be the series of the year for me ... It was addictive, heart-wrenching, real and perfect.

At the very top of my list

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