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This novel will be released on December 15, 2013.

Sixteen-year-old Allie isn't like other girls. Instead of spending her summer break sitting around on the beach, she takes the epic vacation of a lifetime.

Tornado chasing.

And she's not disappointed. Just a few miles from the town of Evansburg, Nebraska, Allie meets her dream of seeing a tornado. In person. She can't wait to tell her friends back home. Never mind that her parents are going to kill her.

But her dream soon turns into a nightmare, and a strange event leaves her shocked. Confused. When she returns home to Wisconsin, something's...different. Allie now bears a curse so awful, it could destroy everyone and everything she's ever known.

With her best friend, Tommy, Allie must return to the plains to find a way to reverse it. She enters a world that she had never imagined, where she becomes a pawn in a fight to save the people of Evansburg from her fate...or to destroy them.

Twisted Details

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Claire says

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Synopsis:

When 16 year old Allie goes on the trip of her life--storm chasing--she gets more than she ever bargained for. A supernatural experience leaves her changed forever, and when she gets home, she learns that she now bears a horrible curse. Every time a thunderstorm arrives where she's at, she turns into a tornado. Unable to control her actions and unable to hold the transformations back, she must find a way to get rid of her new affliction before she ends up killing someone--and that could end up being her parents, her neighbors, or her best friend, Tommy.

Allie must return to the plains to find those who did this to her and to find a cure. She enters a world she never knew existed, where others share her curse. Unfortunately, it turns out Allie has some unique abilities of her own that others are willing to use for their own evil purposes, and soon she finds herself caught up in a struggle for the lives of hundreds. Allie's quest to save herself is only the start of her adventure.

Twisted is the first book of the Deathwind Trilogy, a new young adult and teen paranormal romance series. The second book, Torn, is also available. Book Three of the Deathwind Trilogy, Unleashed, will be released on August 1, 2015.

My review:

I really like Allie; she's not typical of the teenage girls that tend to feature in books for young adults. She's neither a girly girl nor a total tomboy, she is entirely average, normal (whatever that is!) She defies her parents and heads off onto the plains with her uncle to chase tornados, something she's wanted to do for a long time. This shows defiant determination and reveals how stubborn she can be.

When her life is transformed by her otherworldly experience, she sets out to rid herself of the curse, to stop herself being a danger to those she holds dear. What follows is a fast-paced race against time to beat the dreaded Deathwind. Confused? All will become clear when you read Twisted.

This book will appeal to adults young and not so young - it's an explosive rollercoaster ride into the eye of the hurricane. You'd better hold on tight!

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Jasmine says

Twisted is a young adult novel with a paranormal twist. Ha! Get it? Ok, bad puns aside, I have to admit I was curious and fascinated by the synopsis of this book. It brought back memories of watching Twister in 8th grade earth science and me wanting to be a storm chaser...or an actor who pretends to chase storms. Either one worked for me at the time.

Anyway, after reading Twisted, I was quite pleasantly surprised by how awesome it was. Not only did I get sucked into the story, but I rather enjoyed the whirlwind adventure I was taken on while reading it. (Okay, okay, no more tornado puns. I promise!)

Allie, the main character, decides to go against her parents and takes a vacation with her uncle to the Midwest to chase storms. It's exciting and thrilling...and a complete disaster. When what seems like an everyday, run-of-the-mill tornado takes an unexpected turn, Allie, her uncle, and their guide must flee for their lives. Unfortunately for them, this tornado seems to have a mind of its own. And that's not even the strangest part!

Now stuck with an awful curse, Allie must face the fact that she becomes an actual tornado every single time it storms. Unable to control herself, and unwilling to harm her friends and family, she leaves, setting out on a journey to discover the truth.

Will she learn to control her power? Will she find out what, or who, exactly, cursed her? Or will she destroy everything and everyone she loves? You'll have to read it to find out!

As I stated before, I really enjoyed Twisted. The story starts off with a bang and doesn't let up until the very end. There are a few twists and turns throughout the story, which makes the plot all the more exciting. It's fast-paced, thrilling, and will leave you dizzy and breathless.

Character-wise, I thought everyone was pretty well developed. Allie is a likeable character who reminded me of a typical, mildly rebellious teenager. Her friend Tommy is also a very likeable character. He's supportive and sticks with Allie, even when everything is spiraling out of control.

There are quite a few other characters who are very un-likeable, even if they have what seems like good intentions. I don't really want to spoil too much, so I won't say anything more.

Overall, Twisted is a unique, fun read, and I highly recommend it. I can't wait to read the rest of the trilogy! Four stars!

Janet says

This book was part of a set from Amazon that was Paranormal Fantasy novels and I have to say this is probably one of the strangest "paranormal" books I've ever read. People get turned into tornadoes. At first I was like 'ok, it's a little strange, but we'll see what happens', but after about the half-way point I kinda didn't care what happened because it got weirder and the main character became very "I'm a helpless girl" and I

hate that crap. This is the beginning of a series and I have no intention of even remotely picking up the rest of the books to see how it turns out.

Janelle says

****I received a free copy of this book from Net Galley in exchange for my honest review****

When 16 year old Allie saves all her money for the trip of a lifetime, she never thought she'd come back changed forever! Allie has a love for storms – tornadoes to be exact. She loves the way they turn and twirl – move over the ground like a lethal ballerina dancing over the ground and buildings with impressive force. But when her trip with her Uncle Cassius on a storm chasing tour goes from exciting to horrifying in less than a minute, she will never forget what a tornado looks like...because she gets one slammed into her chest by a mysterious woman during her trip. But when she wakes up, she is back with her uncle and tour guide – and the van they were driving in that is wrapped around a tree.

As the questions swirl in her head, she feels different somehow – wondering if her experience with the woman and the cyclone that ripped into her body was just a horrible panic induced dream. When she arrives back home, she has no one to talk to about her experience as he parent ground her from talking to her uncle and banished to her room for the rest of her life. So when her parents decide she needs some other “hobbies”, they put her to work at a family friends “Open house” for their daughter that is graduating high school – who of course thinks Allie is “weird”, so it's a completely mortifying experience for her. When her two best friends Tommy and Bethany come by, she spills her story, leaving out the part about the mysterious woman. Within a few minutes, all hell breaks loose and Allie is right at the center of it. Her friends watch in horror as she actually TURNS INTO a tornado.

From that moment, Allie knows it was all real and she vows to get to the bottom of what happen to her. With Tommy's help, she travels back to where she was turned, and finds out that she isn't the only one of her kind – she meets Dorian during her second turning, which she later finds out is called an outbreak – and during their outbreak, then actually merge and become a super tornado. Along with the other “Outbreakers” as they are called, she has to get to the bottom of this horrible curse that has been thrust upon her.

Throughout the story, Allie tries to stay strong and selfless – she doesn't want to hurt anyone or even their property. But her character is a little flat – she is predictable and likes to take the “safe” route, which is not easy when you literally turn into a tornado during storms that are attracted to you. And then there is the attached she feels for Dorian – it's there, but it's not. They never really put their feelings out there – and along comes Tommy who all of a sudden he has feelings for her. It was a little bit confusing, especially since she lets Tommy kiss her and she seems to enjoy it, but yet she is constantly thinking/ having dreams about Dorian. All in all, it was an enjoyable story, and I am looking forward to seeing what happens in the next book. Very nice change from all the vampires, angels, mermaids, etc!

Courtney Vasiliev says

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By Holly Hook

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Twisted is a very unique and different YA book
Not your stereotypical vampire/werewolf romance novel.
I really wanted to like this book, but unfortunately it
Just didn't do it for me.

First my cons

Character development, first I didnt like any of the characters. Not a single one of them were interesting to me. Even Allie our main character was flat and had no life to her. I think I liked Tommy best and believe me thats not saying much.

The execution of this book. At times there were way too many pointless details other times when you needed details there just werent enough. I was either bored or confused.

Pros

I like the idea of this novel. I like that it is different from your typical YA. It was new and refreshing

I really wanted to like this book and I will try to read the next book. I feel sometimes authors have problems with the first book in a series because your introducing the concept, characters, and giving a backstory/story just trying to cram everything into 204 pages. So hopefully thats whats wrong with this book and book 2 will redeem itself

Nicole Hewitt says

This review and many others can be found on my blog - Feed Your Fiction Addiction

I really enjoyed the concept of *Twisted*, but I had a bit of difficulty connecting with the characters, which made it a three star book for me instead of a four star book for me.

The book revolves around Allie, who finds herself cursed - when a storm rolls in, she turns into a tornado! Fearing that she will bring nothing but destruction to her family and friends, she goes off in search of a cure. Along the way, she finds that she's not the only person with this strange power - she is an Outbreaker. And she also finds that reversing the curse may not be a top priority after all because she has bigger problems on her hands.

The negatives:

Lack of connection to the main characters.

In general, I just had a bit of a hard time connecting to Allie - or to Tommy (I liked fellow Outbreaker, Dorian, a bit more). Allie just seemed to whine an awful lot. I mean, I understood that what happened to her was bad (who wants to be a tornado and be responsible for ruining people's lives and possibly killing people!), but I still just got a bit tired of hearing her complain about it. I also felt like she was really selfish - at the end of the book when Allie realizes that turning more people into Outbreakers might actually be necessary (the greater good?), her attitude is basically, "That's fine, just don't turn any of my friends or

family - I don't care what happens to anyone else." (That wasn't exactly true - she did seem to care, but she was WAY more concerned with keeping her family from being cursed than she was in anything else). It all just felt a bit petty and selfish - I understood her being conflicted about everything that was happening, but most often her conflict ended up seeming like childish whining rather than actual pain over what was happening to other people around her. I just ended up feeling frustrated with her. I also didn't care much about Tommy - even though he didn't have the character flaws that Allie had. I just felt like his character fell a bit flat and I didn't find myself particularly interested in him.

What I enjoyed:

The concept.

I thought that the idea of people becoming tornadoes and being unable to control the destruction that they were causing was a great one. I found out after I read this book that this is actually a companion series to Hook's Destroyers series (but this book definitely stood alone - I didn't feel like I was missing out by not having read the original series, which is very unusual for me). So, it looks like Hook has had a chance to really delve into this idea of people who turn into storms. I love it!

No clear bad guys.

I love it when a book doesn't really have "bad guys" - instead there are people who are doing their best in impossible situations. This is definitely the case in this book. It honestly seemed like every character in this book was trying to work toward the greater good in one way or another. None of them were evil villains who just sought power or their own dastardly ends. Instead, they were forced into difficult situations and were just trying their best to hurt as few people as possible (and in the least harmful ways)! In fact, one of my favorite characters turned out to be one of the "bad guys" but I won't reveal who it is because that would be a spoiler!

Dorian. Dorian was probably my favorite character in the book. I liked his combination of despair over what he was (an Outbreaker) and resolve to try his hardest to do the right thing. I was definitely rooting for a romance between Dorian and Allie (there was a bit of a love triangle between Dorian, Allie and Tommy, which I'm assuming will be explored more in the next book). Dorian and Allie had a connection for some reason, and I would definitely like to see where that connection goes in future books!

Twister was an interesting paranormal read with a great concept. Overall, I give it 3/5 stars.

Disclosure: This book was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review. No other compensation was given. All opinions are my own

Anna McC says

Wow! Holly Hook has done it again with an action packed introduction to her new Deathwind series. The author managed to immediately grab my attention by diving straight into this novels drama filled plot. This is a fast paced book which doesn't slow down – not even on the very last page. Holly Hook has an amazing gift which allows her to keep the reader on the edge of their seat throughout. This book is full of action, suspense, betrayal and drama. The author has done a brilliant job of making this novels plot move seamlessly.

Allie is a normal teenage girl apart from her slight quirk. She loves tornadoes! During her holiday instead of spending her time at the beach with other girls her age, her uncle takes her tornado chasing. Although all seems well at the beginning of the chase Allie's life is about to be turned upside down. After a tornado hits their truck Allie wakes up in a foreign barn with the sound of peoples voices surrounding her. Allie later awakens again only to find out she has become the very thing she has spent her whole life fascinated with. Throughout this novel Allie is faced with her uncles repeated betrayals, the reason she was turned and the discovery she is not alone in her new life. During this book there were small hints of a love triangle between Allie, Tommy her best friend and Dorian another out breaker who Allie appears to have a connection with. Although there seems to be a love triangle it is not evident as that is not what the book was about. This novel is purely about Allie herself and the new life she is forced into. The only criticism I have for this book is although there is mention of a connection being formed between Dorian and Allie very little is mentioned about it. I would have liked to have seen more reason behind it and a bigger reaction to it.

Allie was an easy character to like she had to deal with large changes in a short space of time and her uncles constant betrayals. Both Tommy and Dorian were great characters in my opinion, some parts of their personalities were quite similar. This meant if you liked one chances are you would like the other.

Overall this was a fast paced book which I enjoyed apart from one small thing. This was a fantastic start to a new series and if you likes Holly Hook's other books you will love this one as well. I would definitely recommend people try this books as soon as it is released.

Meghan says

I really enjoyed this story. The whole storyline and concept was new and interesting. Using weather as a character is very creative. It was also exciting, from the very beginning - the description of the tornadoes was intense. The adventure that she takes afterwards is the same way. Definitely a fun read.

Note: I was given a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review.

Tiffany Michele (BookAndCoffeeAddict) says

I have one word for you: were-tornado.

Yes, you read that right; the main character of Twisted gets turned into a were-tornado – a person who, under the right circumstances (in this case, anytime she finds herself in a storm), transforms into a tornado. Needless to say, this book is a little weird, but weird in that wonderful, unique, and wholly original way – and I loved it!

The creative, imaginative plotline had me hooked from the beginning – storm-chasing teen gets turned into a force of nature herself? Yes please! The main character is named Allie which I think is funny because of the colloquial term “Tornado Alley” for the area of the U.S. where tornados are most common – she’s “Tornado Allie”. Very cute. Allie faces some tough choices in this book, some for which there are no good choices, just less bad – and she has to live with the results. I’ve never thought “What would it be like if a tornado had feelings or a conscience? What if the tornado felt bad about all the destruction left in its path, but had no other choice?”, but now I know the answer and it’s kind of sad, never thought I’d feel sympathy for a

tornado before.

I loved *Twisted* from beginning to end. That's not say that there weren't a few little things that bugged me. The first was the presence of a love-triangle between the main character, her male best friend since forever who sticks by her, and a new boy she meets while trying to get some answers about her new circumstances (he understands what she's going through in a way that best friend boy just can't) – I pretty much dislike all love-triangles, so this is nothing against this book in particular, just a bit of a pet peeve of mine. The second thing is I was left with some questions that I felt the book kind of left hanging, but I guess that's why it's a series huh? I'll have to read the other books in the *Deathwind* series and see if all my questions are answered.

I really enjoyed *Twisted*. It's so different than other YA paranormal books out there and I definitely think it's worth a read on that alone. I absolutely want to read the other books in *The Deathwind* series and I would definitely read other books by the same author.

*I received a copy of this book to review. You can find this review and others like it at BookAndCoffeeAddict.com, along with recommendations for a fantastic cup of coffee.

Ineffable Book Blog says

The Plot. The idea for this book seemed really unique and interesting. This definitely wasn't the normal paranormal story. It was an interesting direction that the author seemed to head toward and for the most part she pulled it off.

There were several parts that seemed a little weird in the way they were written. Allie didn't seem really close with her parents and was in good conscious able to tell them a major lie. Yet the author doesn't really explain this in any detail and Allie seems to really care about them. Also, there were several scenes in the book that didn't really seem to fit. It was like they were in the middle of an important part in the plot, and all of a sudden the scene changed and so did the direction of the story. These little inconsistencies made this book a weird read.

Allie. For the most part, Allie was a character that fit well with the book. She didn't seem to have a lot of emotions or they weren't really apart of the book and added nothing to the story. I also didn't like how the author seemed to flip flop in Allie's actions. At one point I thought that she was on her uncle's team, and then in the next chapter she was commenting on how much she hated him. Reading the book from her point of view made the book challenging to understand.

Other Characters. Allie's parents and Uncle were an interesting addition to the story. In the beginning, it seems like her uncle really cares for her and her safety, and then all of a sudden he's consorting with the "bad" guys. He also seemed to not really know his own mind and was willing to lie his way through any situation. I am still confused on what type of character he is.

Allie's parents really got on my nerves because when Allie interacted with them she seemed to not really care for them. They seemed really loud and obnoxious throughout the book. It was also weird how Allie was in another state and there was no check-ins with her to see if she was safe, but when she got home they did the "concerned parent" act. Allie seemed to hate them when she was with them and miss them when she was away from them. It was a weird relationship dynamic and it still confuses me.

The End. I did like the cliff-hanger at the end of the book but I felt that it really dropped off in a irregular place. It was a nice closing to this book and it will be interesting to see where the author will take it in the next book.

Nancy (The Avid Reader) says

I received a free copy of the book from the author for my honest opinion.

Allie has had a dream for most of her life and that dream is to chase tornadoes. So at the age of sixteen her uncle takes her on the best vacation of her life during the summer break from school. Allie knows when she gets home that her parents is going to be very upset with her for not telling them the truth about her vacation.

She is having the time of her life chasing tornadoes until something very bad goes wrong. The tornado that they are chasing turns and comes right toward them. After it is all over and she finds out that her and her uncle is fine that they both made it out of the tornado alive with no scratches anywhere on them. Allie is pretty shaking up after seeing the tornado and after everything that she went through she is not as intrigued by tornadoes as she was before. After seeing the tornado Allie's life is forever changed and her life will never be the same again.

Without her meaning for it to happen; her best friend Tommy witnesses the change that seeing the tornado did to her. She didn't have any control over what was happening to her because she didn't know or understand it. She hated what she had become and would give anything to change it. But Tommy sticks right beside her and helps her with the change when it happens in any form possible.

Allie is one tough girl to go through what she did and stay sane. I don't know if many people could if it happened to them. But there was a lot of people who got to find out before it was over. Tommy was a very good friend to Allie and cared for her very much to stick by her like he did. There are not many young men in this world who would have done what he did or could be the friend he was.

Twisted will take you on a mind blowing ride of your life that will knock you on your rear end and leave you wanting more of the same. I have never in my life read a book quiet like Twisted before. I loved the new concept of the story line. It was out of this world and it will take you from one end to the other and you will be flipping the pages so fast that they will be blown right out of your hands. Twisted is another one of those books that there is no way you can pass it up. I think you need to go out right now and pick up your own copy. Cause trust me you will not regret it at all. You will fall in love with not just the characters but the story itself. It is one amazing books that will stick with you long after you have turned that last page. This is one trilogy that I am looking forward to the next book.

Chanin Malley says

I received this book for free through Netgalley in return for a honest review.

I'm giving this book a 3.5/5 stars for many reason which I shall talk about below. My Pros of this book are

the action scenes, the imagery, and the plot, because each was fascinating in their own way. The way the author described parts of the book had me at times on the edge of my seat and at others feeling the same fear that the main character had in regards to her turning into a tornado. I don't think this book would have been any good if wasn't for the profound imagery used in the book. For example "It looks like a dust storm descending from the sky with swirling demons inside, waiting to devour all living in their way." Honestly when I read this sentence it gave me the chills, so props to the author because I absolutely cannot say enough how much the imagery resonated with me. She certainly has a way with words. I also enjoyed the plot ,as it was extremely original in my opinion as I have certainly never heard of or read a book in which a person could transform into a tornado much less against their will. I enjoyed the Old Outbreakers and kind of want to know even more about them more about the different characters that we dealt with. The whole Deathwind thing was also unexpected and the more I learned about the Deathwind and the potential issues that came along with it the more I slowly but steadily became sick of the main character.

The cons are the main character, the "evil" character, and the end. The reason I put the main character as a con? She went from being really interesting (I mean tornado chaser, that's pretty cool!) to becoming a whiny and selfish person. I felt she was whiny and selfish when she was all but threw Bethany to the Deathwind for very superficial reasons in my opinion. I mean yes the girl abandoned you when you needed her but that's who you decide to sacrifice to the Deathwind someone who if she does get turned will definitely blame you and cause issues later? Then she became annoying when she kept saying anyone but my family I mean faced with the world practically on your shoulders I don't think she had the right to be mad at her uncle for sacrificing some to save them all. Especially when sacrificing consisted of just turning them into New Outbreakers and if a whole bunch of Outbreakers are together Nobody hurts anyone right? It just seemed like she shouldn't have been so "you can have anybody but not these couple of people" near the end. I put the evil character in the con list because I didn't like that I went from hating the evil character to feeling sorry for her. It seemed like in the end she wasn't a bad person, she was just a person with flaws. So for an evil character it was hard to classify her as one, though you certainly start out thinking that way. I didn't like the end because I felt there was a lot unresolved which I guess could be solved in the upcoming book as it's a trilogy. All in All I did enjoy this book, I just wish I liked the main character more and hated the evil character more which was hard to do in this book. I recommend this book to anyone who enjoys a different sort of paranormal book and for anyone who really likes tornados.

Ren nerdychampagne says

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

3.5/5

I NEED THE SECOND BOOK SO BADLY.

AND I AM SHIPPING TOMMY AND ALLIE FOREVER. DORIAN CAN SCOOSH A MOOCH.

THIS BOOK IS VERY TRAUMATIC. I'M DYING I NEED THE SECOND BOOK.

This book in one word: Twisted.

Justin says

Best book ever.

Angelina says

I received the eBook free as a review copy through Xpresso Book Tours in exchange for an honest review

Wow, I absolutely loved this book! It is action-packed and amazing.

This book revolves around a girl called Allie, who was always fascinated with tornadoes and storms. One day Allie and her uncle sneaked away from her parents and went tornado chasing. Now, Allie has a curse that makes her dangerous and a monster she never wanted to be.

This book immediately pulls you into the story. The first chapter was already full of action which leaves no place for boredom to take place. The world building was excellently done. You don't feel overwhelmed with new information because it was introduced gradually and the concept wasn't complicated.

The characters were really diverse and the reader could feel like they connect with them. Allie was very likable. She is interested in storms and her parents always try to change her interests. There were several parts in the book when I felt sorry for her, she has to suffer through the consequences of her actions and make tough decisions. Is there a real "right" decision and stuff like that. Bethany was really annoying. She is just completely judgmental and seems like wimpy girl, which frustrated me while I was reading about her. Even the villain was crafted very well. When she revealed her reasons, as almost all villains do, I could understand them and I even felt sorry for her.

I loved the way the story was written. I never got bored reading it and I always wanted to know what will happen next.

Overall, I absolutely loved this book. It was amazing and I really recommend it to people who like action and fantasy. I give this book 5 out of 5 stars!
