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Tempest Rising



Synopsis

Tempest Maguire wants nothing more than to surf the killer waves near her California home; continue her steady relationship with her boyfriend, Mark; and take care of her brothers and surfer dad. But Tempest is half mermaid, and as her seventeenth birthday approaches, she will have to decide whether to remain on land or give herself to the ocean like her mother. The pull of the water becomes as insistent as her attraction to Kai, a gorgeous surfer whose uncanny abilities hint at an otherworldly identity as well. And when Tempest does finally give in to the water's temptation and enters a fantastical underwater world, she finds that a larger destiny awaits her-and that the entire ocean's future hangs in the balance.

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Customer Reviews

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I absolutely fell in love with this book!!!! The story was written beautifully. The plot took so many

twists and turns that I had no clue what to expect. I have always loved mermaids so I was very excited about this book. It totally blew me away. The characters were very thought out. I loved all of them, especially Kona...sigh. They are what got me hooked since the beginning. I loved Tempest as a character. She doesn't understand what is happening to her, and not one person will give her any answers. She is very sarcastic which is hilarious. She loved to surf, but in a way, she hates the ocean. She is so angry, because her mom left them, and she believes it was the ocean's fault. But she took chances. I loved watching her take those chances and grow. Kona was beyond sexy!!! I absolutely adored him. He did whatever he could to protect Tempest. She was the most important thing to him. I loved him!!!! I loved the ending of the book!!!! I did cry at the end, because I wanted her not to have to choose between her family and being a mermaid. So when she made her choice, I was happy yet sad. I fell in love with her family. Like her father said, I hope she can end up living half her time on land then half in the ocean. Tempest Rising was a magical read!!! I have always loved mermaid stories, and the mythology for this story was very unique. I can't wait for Tempest Unleashed!!!! This book was simply AMAZING!!!! This is a must read for everyone. The cover is so beautiful, especially her tattoo!!!!

Rating 3.5 stars Tempest Maguire is a half-mermaid who desperately shuns the sea (except for surfing) as her seventeenth birthday approaches, when she will have to make a decision to either stay on land or seek her kin in the ocean. She already has her mind made up: she will not turn mermaid and leave her family (or her on-again, off-again boyfriend) like her mother did when she was a young girl. But the ocean is as strong-willed as Tempest is and it is already changing her and calling to her, especially when she is around the new guy, Kona, who seems more than human and who makes her forget about Mark. Between Kona and the lure of the ocean, Tempest ends up in a whole new underwater world and learns that her mother, the mermaids, and other sea creatures are not always as they seem and have bigger plans in store for her. In Tracy Deeks' Tempest Rising, Tempest was a teen with a stubborn streak whose two loves were surfing and art, which were both kind of impossible with a tail. Her mom was a mermaid who fell in love with Tempest's surfer dad, but after she had Tempest and her two younger brothers, she went back to the sea, leaving everyone in the dark, but with really only Tempest resenting her. Her mom left her a letter explaining what would happen on her seventeenth birthday and promised to be there with her, but things began happening before her birthday and her mom was nowhere around. As a result of years of resentment, Tempest refused to give herself to the sea despite the longing she sometimes felt because she was determined not to hurt her father and her brothers like her mom did or hurt

Mark. But then Kona showed up and seemed to have the same affinity for water that Tempest did. It also did not help (or did it?) that they were very attracted to each other. There was a prophecy that seemed to be fulfilled rather abruptly like a balloon filled to bursting with air that suddenly and sadly deflates. I was just surprised that what I thought was the big moment was not as big as I expected it to be. Once Tempest was involved and afterwards as the characters were floundering about, I was left wondering what direction the story was supposed to be going. It turned into a sort of stalemate for Tempest between the land and the sea. Despite the disappointing climax, I still liked Tempest Rising enough to read the forthcoming sequel, Tempest Unleashed. I enjoyed the scenery on land and underwater as well as Tempest and Kona. Mark was a good guy, but once I started seeing similarities between him and a super annoying guy on my daily soap, I could not take him anymore. I enjoyed the mermaid mythology as well as the other mythology which I will not spoil. With lots of underwater adventures and steamy scenes, Tempest Rising is a book that all mermaid lovers should try. Recommended for readers fourteen and up who enjoy mermaid fantasy novels. The steamy scenes consist of nothing but kissing, but if you have a way with words, that can be just enough. Google "The Musings of ALMYBNENR" to see this review in its original format and to follow my book review blog for more reviews as well as additional bookish content. Please note: Whatever I rate a book here, please check what the ratings mean on Goodreads, because those are what I go by.

Tempest is a young adult dreading her seventeenth birthday. After her Mom left just before her early teens, Tempest was left with a letter and a choice to make when she reaches her seventeenth year. Her choice is to remain human on land or to embrace the mermaid within her and head for the sea. Despite trying to stay with friends and family on land her instinct, need for questions answered and a guy named Kona draw her out to sea. Will she choose the life she knows or the one she unwilling longs for? Tempest Rising is told through Tempest's point of view, first person. I was surprised by how quickly I was drawn into this story. Even with a few flaws, the story kept me clued to the pages and wanting to see what would happen next. The problem I had with the story was there was more emotional turmoil than action and discovery in places and it made parts of the book seem to drag a bit. In a way it made sense with all the changes the young main character was going through but there were a few times that I was ready for her to go ahead and make up her mind or grow up a little. But I guess you cannot control what you feel which is why I was so very glad when she finally came to terms with her past and present. The story is a good beginning to a new young adult series. I believe with Tempest finding her place in the first book, the next book will be focusing on the world

the audience was dying to see more of in the first. I am intrigued to see how her character will develop. Tracy Deets has created an endearing series with an interesting world built on mythology. The changes Tempest goes through during the book were entertaining and captivating. I enjoyed learning about the mysterious Kona but would love to see more of him and their world. I was mesmerized by the glimpses of the world the author created and now am disappointed that I do not already have my hands on the next book, Tempest Unleashed. I will definitely be checking out the next book! Recommend for Fans of Young Adult and Mermaids. Favorite quote: "Warriors aren't the only ones who can kick a little ass, you know. Some maidens can more than hold their own."

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