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Daveigh Little is preparing for college, planning to leave behind the tiny hick town she's spent her entire life in once and for all. But plagued by troubles at home and school, Daveigh makes a series of bad choices that land her in hot water with a local kingpin. Suddenly, people around her are dying and Daveigh finds herself on the run.

And then there's Ethan. Fresh out of the academy, Ethan Remington represents the authority Daveigh has come to despise, but she is inexplicably drawn to the handsome rookie of few words. From the first moment she laid eyes on him, Daveigh knew Ethan was different. She just didn't realize how different. Reasons of his own have led Ethan into the tangled strands of danger within the town of Harpey...but those reasons aren't nearly as mysterious as Ethan's origins or the irresistible passion between them.

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Lori (a_bookworm_and_her_books) says

FULL REVIEW ON MY BLOG

<https://loribookblog.wordpress.com/20...>

CONTAINS SPOILERS

I'm not a huge fan.

After reading its synopsis, I checked it out on GoodReads too and I was excited to see some very good ratings there. So after my requested on NetGalley was accepted, I was extremely thrilled and I had a strong feeling I was in for another treat this month!

And in I went, with high expectations, anticipating some great romance and killer plot. It is with sorrow and distress that I sadly have to say that this book did not deliver.

The premise of this novel was original and potentially interesting. But it was not executed very well in my opinion and it was predictable and frustrating at times.

Davey is 18 year old, attending High School and mixing with the wrong crowd. She and her "boyfriend" Palmer sell drugs to other students at school and parties, and do everything and anything that is illicit basically. Davey is a truly badass character in a slutty and bratty way and she has no control over her hormones -and this bothered me not little -. She is anti everything, and anything she does or says gets her in trouble. At home, with her mom, with her stepdad, at school, with the police. I don't normally judge the author's choice on the characters' personal traits, but her sluttiness did not do it for me. Especially because she is 18 years of age. Ugh! And the way she acts around complete strangers is disgraceful and shameful. I just couldn't bring myself to like her. Davey was a big no no from the start.

Ethan is the absurdly good looking new policeman rookie in town who can't seem to stay away from Davey from the moment he laid eyes on her. Rock-hard abs, beautiful masculine body, piercing look...all a bit too cliché but I was still okay with it. Ethan is a man of few words, yet the attraction towards one another is so tangible and strong that when Davey gets in trouble, Ethan is there to help her and protect her. And he is there when Davey is running away from the drug lord's henchmen who executed Palmer in cold blooded murder, or when she kills some federals and needs a place to hide.

What Davey doesn't know is that Ethan is not human. As the story unfolds, she learns that Ethan's human form died in a terrible crash, but his soul was forever embedded in a human-looking cyborg with impressive combat abilities by a brother unwilling to let his younger brother die. He used alchemy to harvest his brother's soul from afterlife and implanted into an android form which he was however unable to control.

It is for sure an interesting concept , but there were a couple of issues for me.

Let's do this quick and painless: I found it lacked in explanations, descriptions and information, not to mention that there was very little account for the characters feelings and emotions. Here we have the two main characters, Ethan and Davey, who go through hell and back throughout the entire novel, caught up in shootings, killings, beatings, fights, near rape, assaults and all sorts of drama and yet I can barely remember reading about their feelings, emotions and states of minds during those situations.

The transition between each scene was just too fast, I had to re-read some of the passages to make sure I hadn't involuntarily skipped a paragraph or two. And when I knew I didn't, I still needed a lot more explanation. Everything just happened way too fast, it felt like watching the teaser of a movie rather than the movie itself. And by the end of the book, things still haven't been explained fully.

This novel is romance, thriller and sci-fi all in one, and it is all too rushed... all except for the romance ..There was A LOT of romance and intimate scenes, all very specific and in-depth, but the sci-fi and thriller parts were barely delved into (the sci-fi one in particular).

Also I found the decision-making of the characters quite regrettable and inappropriate, not to mention nearly ridiculous at times.

It was confusing and puzzling as to why Davey felt the need of , and I quote, bury herself in him and was unable to stop herself from fornicating with Ethan whilst the drug lord's army of henchmen (who just killed Davey's ex boyfriend in cold blood murder with a bullet to his head) were on their trails. Or when the two decided to hide in a motel to escape the federals looking for them and the first thing that comes to their mind is of course to strip down and get to it. Or when Davey reckons the best way to revive an almost lifeless Ethan is to straddle him..

It was all a little frustrating. And whilst we got the specific details of their ..fornications..I felt like there wasn't much chemistry between the two, but just hormones. I enjoy romance in my reads, of course, and intimate scenes do not bother me one bit, but I only wished a bit less of it in this novel and a lot more details on the story surrounding Ethan's cyborg and human lives, again barely explained if not briefly at the end. I would have loved to read more on how Ethan came to be a cyborg.

Having said so, there are definitely good elements worth saving. The ending, for instance, is unexpected and pleasant. The plot and the idea behind it can be engaging and there is definite potential in the storyline. Only a bit more details and development would have done this book a world of good and would have gotten it an easy 4 stars from me. Such a shame.

Michelle Randall says

Reviewed for Readers Favorite

Life is not a bed of roses for Davey, her mom is an alcoholic who has no problem using her for a punching bag. All she wants is to make it through her senior year and get out of this place, too bad she has resorted to illegal means to try to finance her plans. Her sometimes boyfriend is the son of a powerful judge, but that doesn't prevent them from getting into major trouble, thanks to Davey's mom Tina. Enter a strange cop, Ethan, who makes it his mission to protect Davey, even though there are major holes in his own memory. As Davey and Ethan end up on the run from a powerful drug lord, they become closer and a lot of Ethan's past starts to become clearer. Love, *Alchemy* is listed as a romance, and there is definitely that, but there is so much more. Action, adventure, cop chases, murder, lies, betrayal, deceit and a science fiction background. Author Eden Ashley creates an unbelievable story that pulls you in and keeps you until the last page.

Love, Alchemy is a wonderful story that keeps you guessing from the beginning to the end. You never know what is going to happen next, and the science fiction touches make you think of the possibilities for the future and what might be going on behind closed lab doors. Author Eden Ashley makes you feel for Davey, from the way she describes the home life to the need to earn money, from the way that people in town treat her, to her vulnerable emotions. This is a great book, and I recommend it to every reader, although given some of the themes I would not recommend it to younger readers. This book will have you laughing, crying and never putting it down until you finish.

Bailey Ember says

As always when first diving into a new world created by an author, there are many questions and catching up to do. I think Eden Ashley did a good job of explaining her world and characters. I very much enjoyed the characters and their interactions with one another. The Romance was spot on and entirely believable and easy to become invested in. Daveigh and Ethan were so fun to read about, not to mention HOTT!

InD'tale Magazine says

4.5/5.0

A gifted writer can make a reader giddy with excitement. "Love, Alchemy" opens with enough character depth and plot to start a small snowball rolling down a very large mountain.

Read full review in the 2016 October issue of InD'tale Magazine.

Branwen Sedai *of the White Ajah* says

I received a copy of this book in return for my honest review. :)

Davey Little absolutely cannot wait to escape the small town and even smaller-minded people that live in and go to college. She can't stop getting in trouble at school, her mother and stepfather are vile, and pretty much the only person she is close to and cares about is her younger brother. When her paths cross with Officer Ethan Remington, she thinks he is just another small town cop. But there is more to Ethan than meets the eye, and when the two of them become entangled in a conspiracy of epic proportions, Davey is going to need to trust Ethan with her heart...and her life.

There were some aspects of this book that I absolutely loved, and some that I had a hard time looking past. I actually couldn't stand Davey for the first seventy pages or so. I know she had a rough life, and while I did enjoy her scrappiness, I found that her violent reactions to certain situations were very off-putting. I think if she had been toned down just a little, it may have been easier to sympathize with her. I did however love Ethan and found his characterization to be very well rounded and intriguing. I wanted to keep reading to see what became of the both of them. Once the action picked up, I was able to become more excited about the story. I did love how it was a blend of multiple genres; romance, thriller, and science-fiction. The last fifty pages or so were by far the best and I absolutely loved the twists and turns and especially the ending.

I would recommend it to anyone who enjoys science fiction stories with a dash of romance! :)

Melba Turner says

Love this book!!!!

I think this would make a fantastic movie. I recommend everyone read this book who prefers a lot of twists in the story line. I will be reading this book again and again as I could not get enough of it. Kudos to the writer.

Mave says

Really captivating this fantasy/romance with two protagonists original and different from the usual. Davey and Ethan are two strong characters, brave but not perfect, and that makes them very realistic. Davey can not wait to go to college and go to live away. At school she has had a lot of problems and was not able to express the most of her capabilities. Suddenly she is in grave danger and a very mysterious guy seems the only one who can save her.

Ethan and Davey are a great couple, the chemistry between them is magical, there are sparks since their first meeting. A young rebel and the only guy in the world able to tame it: the perfect love story.

It's the second book I read by this author and I like more and more her style: the perfect band of different genres (romance, fantasy, sci-fi), the original plots, the fast and full of suspense pace and wonderful descriptions rich in details.

This is a wonderfully written romance which I enjoyed very much.

I have no hesitation in recommending it highly.

Cheri says

A wild paranormal ride

This book is definitely for adults only due to explicit sex and violence. That being said, it will definitely grab your attention and have you reading as fast as you can. Highly original with plenty of plot twists my only complaint is that a bit more editing is needed. In one paragraph our heroine is referred to as Mrs, Ms and Miss. This type of thing makes for a stumble in what would otherwise be a smooth read.

Stephanie - Adventures Thru Wonderland says

I received a copy for review. This does not affect my review.

When I was first introduced to this book/series, I wasn't sure what to think. While I do read some sci-fi, I'm more of a fantasy kind of girl, and I'm picky about romances, so it wouldn't have likely been my first choice. That said, the summary interested me, and especially since I got to see the blurb for books one and two side by side, I had to know more!

I'm so glad I agreed to read this! Davey comes from an abusive childhood in a small town who can't wait to get away. (Something I can relate to!) That said, the story quickly starts to take a turn when she is introduced to Officer Ethan Remington. Thinking him just another small town cop...that is until they get caught up in a conspiracy, one that could cost Davey her life! Faced with the choice to trust Ethan, or risk death, she soon learns that there is more to Ethan than meets the eye.

I really enjoyed the characters in this one, and the romance was well done.

Dawn West says

****Disclaimer: I received a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for honest review.****

I really wasn't sure what to expect when I started reading this book. And it took me an entire day to put my thoughts together in order to write a review. I would think of something to say and then look like this:

Our story is about a girl from a troubled home with a distrust for authority. Constantly in trouble at school and squandering her natural intellect, Davey is a wreck. But I found myself easily able to connect with her. In fact, I was already her friend by the third or fourth chapter.

When our mysterious Officer Ethan Remington comes into play, I immediately began to suspect something was different about him. Little things he did and said were curious to me. I tried to pay close attention, attempting to guess the mystery surrounding Ethan before it could be revealed. I was super sleuthing to the highest degree.

Slowly, the events and pieces of the puzzle began to come together. At first, I was confused. I had expected a paranormal angle and was slightly disappointed to find it was more sci-fy, instead. I was surprised and a little overwhelmed by the truth of the mystery. I won't give anything else away. Still, I thoroughly enjoyed this book and the romance was spicy, too!

The one thing that worried me about the story was the open-ended conclusion. I still have questions that aren't answered! I wonder if there will be a repeating of events and if the couple will be ripped apart, again? Since this isn't a series, I guess I'll never know. I will just have to imagine there is a happily-ever-after.

In closing...

I found this book's writing to be some of the best I have read in a while. It flowed smoothly and was an effortless read. I am excited to check out Eden Ashley's other books. 4 stars!

Full review on my blog:

<http://uptildawnbookblog.blogspot.com/2016/07/review-book-blast-love-alchemy-by-eden.html>

C. Gonzales says

I liked the diversity and originality of this novel.

Believable and Relatable characters really help to captivate the reader and get them invested in the happenings of this story.

This is the epitome of fun Fantasy read. You have Daveigh, who is a witty main character that really helps keep the novel light and funny.

If you like a romance aspect, you will get some of that in this. It will also definitely keep you guessing. Ethan was a wonderful counterpart and I enjoyed their banter.

I like the way that it sets the stage and leaves room for advancement of characters and plot in the future novels.

Gina Stamper says

I found this novel to be wonderfully written and full of vivid descriptions and emotion.

Two equally wonderful leads. I liked that they were different, yet had similarities. Their connection was one I was genuinely excited to follow.

There are plenty of twists and surprises along the way that kept me flipping pages and invested in the storyline.

I look forward to going back and reading more in this series by Eden Ashley.

Isabelle Morebooksthanlivros says

Unexpected! Different! Mouth-watering hero with a kick-ass heroine!!!

Davey is close to finish high school and all she can think about is to go away for college. She wants to move out of her unstable home and start a new life for herself. Some bad choices from her part brings horrible consequences. Now she must fix this and doesn't really know how. Along the way she meets this totally different boy that decides to help her. She doesn't really understands Ethan, but she trusts him completely. In a journey beyond anything you can think, Davey and Ethan find peril and love. Is love ever enough?

O.M.G! I love both characters. Davey is only coexisting. She doesn't have much hope for her future, but when needed she finds her inner warrior and goes after what seems right. Davey is easy to love and relate. Ethan is lost! He really needs help, but all he seems to do is help others. He is hot, sweet and dangerous! I totally fell in love with Ethan!!!

Ms. Ashley created a good, even though sometimes confusing, plot. At times, I felt the pace of the story too

slow, others, too fast. That's a personal problem. I love details, and in a fantasy book I tend to wish for very descriptive scenes. But I was always entertained. I was compelled to keep reading and was constantly trying to guess what was coming next.

What I wasn't expecting in this read were steamy scenes. But let me tell you, there were some very nicely described hot scenes. Have I mentioned that Ethan is hot? Yeah! He didn't seem like very alpha and then suddenly: bam!!! Would leave you having hot flashes.

Love, Alchemy is a very creative book that should have a follow up. Yes, pretty please! I have ended this book wanting more. I would love to know them better. Where are they going from there?

I've finished reading this a couple days ago, but I'm still thinking of them, and the possibilities for their future.

P.S: Cover - I like the picture, but I don't really like the mixture of colors and I believe the title is too small. I couldn't find much of the story on the cover.

You MAY read this because you like fantasy; you SHOULD read this if you are always looking for great characters; but you MUST read this if you are ready for a change and would love to find the unexpected!

This review was originally posted on More Books Than Livros

Erin Tanner says

I loved this story. We meet Daveigh Little who is not your typical type of heroine. She is a rebel with a punk rocker streak and a real problem with authority. Too bad for Daveigh, sooner rather than later she finds herself turning to an unexpected authority figure, Ethan Remington. When people around Daveigh start dying it is Ethan who steps in as her protector. Ethan has to be one of the most complex and interesting characters I've ever had the pleasure of reading. From the moment Ethan enters the story you know there is something different about him, but you don't know just what it is. You find yourself forced to keep reading to figure out just what his secret is and when you finally do, boy are you in for a surprise. From Daveigh and Ethan on the run to the sizzling chemistry the two of them share, this story has no shortage of twists and turns and an ending that will leave you hungering for more. Another 5 star read!

mypoppingthoughts says

after reading the last line, my reaction was..

"WHAT THE FUDGE THAT'S IT!!!!!!?"

what the fudge!!!! aaaaaahhhhhh...

Review is now up on my blog

<https://mypoppingthoughts.wordpress.c...>
