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When thirty year old Alice Pleasance feels her life and writing career going nowhere, she fears her namesake ancestor, a resourceful girl immortalized in a classic novel, would be disappointed by and ashamed of her failures. This fear is abated when Alice is approached by a talking deer who explains that Alice has been chosen to battle the Red King, a manipulative and evil shape-shifter, in order to thwart his plans to infect and control humanity. Mysterious and ominous appearances of the numbers 10:10 convince Alice that although she may not know what is coming, she must relinquish self doubt to defeat it. Joined by a makeshift army of two telekinetic children, a dog who grows to dragon-size, a pair of ex-soldier Nigerian twins, and a bodiless Compass who desperately wants to become a real girl, Alice prepares for a terrifying and unpredictable confrontation.

A ring of child pornographers, cruel office managers, sadistic cheerleaders, and a two-headed contractor are only some of the obstacles Alice must face and eliminate in order to own her role in a family well-versed in nightmarish fairy tales and spiritual riddles.

Funny, poignant, provocative, and disturbing, the story illustrates the epic details often existing in everyday life, the power of imagination, and the requirements of redemption. This surreal, adult adventure is a new slice of Wonderland for a very modern audience.

A lysergic head trip of a novel, The Final Alice is the rare tale that possesses equal measures of heart, wit, and inspired, demented madness. Alycia Ripley's fine novel deserves to be read, re-read, analyzed, debated, and perhaps become the sacred text of a passionate cult.

-James Ponsoldt, writer/director of Off the Black, Smashed, and The Spectacular Now

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Jessica says

Okay first off, I'll be honest when I say that this book is fascinatingly odd. I mean this in the best way possible. If you are tired of the reading the same story, give The Final Alice a try! I can tell you that you won't be disappointed in the uniqueness of it at all.

That being said, let me share a bit about what this book is actually about, since I couldn't find an actual description for it. Despite its relation to the Alice stories of old, this isn't your same old Alice story my friends. This one is dark, bloody, and full of creatures that will scare the living daylights out of you. See Alice is actually the great, great, great (I can't remember how many greats), granddaughter of the original Alice. Each new Alice in the family is blessed with their own special ability during their lifetime, and eventually is taken away to Wonderland. Until the newest Alice that is. She feels as though life is passing her by and that she isn't special at all. Alice has been a misfit since birth, and she's not sure that she'll ever measure up to her predecessors.

Enter the Red King. This bloodthirsty tyrant is trying to come over from the other side of the looking glass. He wants to turn the human world in his own image, and it isn't a pretty one. Lucky for Alice, she's surrounded by one heck of a posse. Complete with a talking deer, a dog that can grow to the size of a horse, and a talking mailbox, this is quite the trip down the rabbit hole. As her powers grow, she begins to take on some of the evil that the Red King is bringing into the world. Let me tell you, this evil is EVIL. I'll give one tiny thing away, since this will judge whether this book is for you. Are you okay with various body parts being strewn about? If you are at all squeamish when it comes to blood and gore, you might want to stay away from this one.

This book is tough to describe, it really and truly is. What I can say is that it is unique. I can also say that it is violent. If you are okay with a healthy dose of darkness in your stories, you might enjoy The Final Alice. Although this story was definitely over the top, I did enjoy reading it. I'm not sure I'd ever read it again, as there is just too much outright violence even for me. However I am glad that I gave it a chance. Alycia Ripley has definitely opened up a new Wonderland for a whole different audience.

Johanna says

This is a great book!! I couldn't put it down. Alycia has created the ultimate female superhero!! You must give this book a try!!

Nancy says

This ain't your average girl down the rabbit hole story folks! Alice is here, ready, willing and able. Tweedles Dee and Dum are bloodthirsty young children. Simmons is here to guide them all – he's a Stag. And off we go.....

The Red King is after Alice and he doesn't really care how he gets her – as long as he does. Alice has been a misfit since birth. Her gr-gr-grandmother was THE ALICE, it seems and has left a task undone. Alice'

boyfriend, Gray, just smiles and tries to keep her happy while not quite getting the whole blood and death thing.

Red King's minions are everywhere and they are committing horrid crimes against children, each other and humanity in general. Alice, along with her crew of odd folk (plus the deer) goes after them in an attempt to stop the Red King from escaping Wonderland forever.

Excellent plot, splendid characters and, in general, just an over-all decent story to keep you up all night because, after all, this IS Alice!!!!

Joseph Sweet says

The final Alice by Alycia Ripley is a great book by a very talented author.

I found it hard to put it down, which is rare for me.

To put the main character in recent reference terms that I think I would react to - even though this book does not fit in exactly with anything in particular - I would say that Alice is like a female version of Dexter from Wonderland with far more heart and soul than that other darker character, and easier to relate to.

As others have said, this is not the Alice we grew up with. This is an Alice that will chop your head off and feed it to her dog if you do evil.

Alycia has created very vivid characters and graphic - if gory at times - scenes that will not easily be forgotten. Her characters are easy to love and feel real enough to walk off the page. And while the book deals with Wonderland and sometimes unbelievable locations and characters, it's hard not to believe in it all while reading. And that, I think, is the sign of a truly great author.

This is an Alice for all of us who grew up with the old one, a dark vigilante Alice for a new age who maybe we could all use out there, protecting our children from the evil waiting for them in the dark.

I recommend this book to anyone who is looking for something different and good. I may even read it a time or two again, myself. And I'll be in line for the new one when it comes out.

Kudos to Alycia for a fun, violent, tumble down the rabbit hole.
