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“How do you see your cup, Dr. West? Half full, or half empty? Her life depends on your answer.”

Dr. Ian West is the best trial consultant in the city, and he knows it. He’s made a living—a damn good one—helping lawyers win cases through his special brand of trial science. As a natural people reader, West’s one grave error presents in the form of a murderer named Quentin Shaver.

Amid Shaver’s trial, a dangerous bargain is struck, and—impressed with Dr. West’s abilities—Shaver engages him in a battle of wits. The prize? One gritty defense attorney from West’s past—the one woman West could fall for.

Loss broke West once before. Grief his sole companion, until Porter breaks down his defenses. But just as West is about to take a chance on love again, Porter becomes leverage in a sadistic game between doctor and madman.

Can Dr. West save the woman he loves before the last cup runs empty?

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Linda Lee says

First book I've read by this author! If I'm honest I struggled a bit with this book but only due to that this book took more thinking on my part. I generally read books which are light and easy. I found myself having to take more breaks during reading...which I never do.

However the storyline was amazing! The characters were interesting, often blunt, sometimes witty and I was intrigued! A courtroom consultant using his psychological knowledge to help the prosecution nail a murderer! With some twists and turns in the middle of the court case. Dr West also aided in the selection of the jury members and which side they were leaning towards. There becomes a time when he feels threatened, vulnerable and angry towards the accused "Shaver". Dr West told Mia to do whatever was needed to have the courtroom evacuated so he could speak to Shaver personally. I laughed during this scene and poor Eddies reaction. Which path will he choose?

Lauren Townley says

So far I've read a handful of the Cards of Love series, and I won't lie to you, Five of Cups is THE BEST!!

The way Trisha writes is mesmerising. She somehow manages to throw so much information, filled with witty one liners and too many twists and turns to count, all into one book! I'm a huge fan of law and order type books and Trisha manages to go into great detail regarding West' job, his team, even into his mind. He is a professional and my goodness, was she able to keep my eyes and my mind glued to the story the entire time!!

Trisha is the best example of a unicorn author... she can do everything! ?

Anyway, Dr. Ian West. He is a broken, yet functioning, sarcastic psychologist. He works for the good guys, even though he has every right to be one of the bad guys. Something happened a little while ago, his heart was ripped from his chest and was squashed under a moving vehicle.

He's been going through the motions, working constantly within a small and intimate team. They're working on this one case, Quentin Shaver. He's a real piece of work! Then there's a girl, Porter...

I'd hate to give too much away because I cannot actually tell you, for real, how bloody amazing this book is!!

You might be thinking Trisha isn't your kind of author, or maybe tarot cards are silly. Let me tell you, you will rethink everything you've ever known after reading this book! The way the story flows, it's seriousness verses the funny. The characters verses the development. Everything just fits so perfectly! I am all for a romantic book, where someone has hot sex every sixth page ? and I'm going to be honest with you, one sexual encounter in this whole thing and it didn't blow my socks off. However, I didn't even care about how he never "plunged into her moist channel" or whatever! I honestly couldn't wait to find out what happened during court! I needed answers!!

Well, now I know. I feel like a shell of myself and I can't wait to reread this book again. I want to know if the twists and turns-god, there were so many of them!-were obvious from the start. Was I too engrossed all the way through to miss the signs?!

To summarise my utter shambles of a rambling review above... yeah, sorry about that! ?? I just have so much to say, but I don't even know how to say any of it! ????? I LOVED THIS BOOK!!!! ???

Courtney Green says

Received ARC from Author
I Give this Book a 3 Star Rating
Heat Level: 3ish

As soon as I started reading I was instantly drawn in, especially to the eerily dark poetic beginning of the Prologue.

The deeper I got into this story I gotta say I had no idea what was going to happen, couldn't even predict and I mean that in a great way, the story just kept my attention .

West is a very likable guy and enjoyed his POV, and very reasonable.

I'm not really a fan of Porter, I personally just didn't find her very appealing to read, she was a Give or take character.

I honestly think it would've been more satisfying if this was just Wests book, with no love interest. Trust me that's saying something, Porter to me just wasn't needed.

That Epilogue though...I Love It!

Overall it's a moderately good read.

It wasn't what I was expecting, I was looking forward to a Deliciously Dark Read.

Carmen Aquino says

3.5 stars

Ian West è uno psicologo, non particolarmente attratto dalla professione stessa è un consulente e lavora con un team di avvocati e poliziotti per condannare i cattivi.

Dopo aver perso la propria fidanzata tre anni prima, per lui sembra essere arrivato il momento di guardare avanti, di uscire da quella bolla di isolamento in cui si era rinchiuso. Dopo tre anni, si concede di vedere Porter con occhi diversi.

Porter era la sua migliore amica, quella che c'era prima di Mel, quella che gli ha fatto conoscere la donna che amava e che non ha mai fatto trapelare nessun interesse.

Un nuovo caso si presenta in corte che coinvolge i due, Ian vede subito un pericolo in Quentin, il killer che ha torturato e ucciso una giovane donna, nonostante lui si dichiari innocente; Porter che non crede più nella giustizia difende l'uomo anche se contro i propri principi morali di una volta.

Una minaccia non troppo velata arriva sotto forma di una carta di tarocchi, il cinque di coppe, e Ian studia e

interpreta ogni segno per poter salvare Porter.

“Grief,” Mia says, and glances at the card. “The Five of Cups denotes loss and sorrow.”

“Your back to the full ones,” Mia adds. “Looking at what was lost, instead of what you still have.”

Anche in questo libro Trisha Wolfe ha dimostrato cura e precisione nel raccontare gli eventi e gli aneddoti; ogni processo descritto con conoscenza ha dato la sensazione di essere lì in tribunale, tra i componenti del team che studiano e valutano ogni dettaglio per trovare la giusta strada.

Ciò nonostante non mi ha preparato alle rivelazioni finali e all’epilogo, del tutto inaspettato per me e avrei preferito la tematica maggiormente discussa.

Il mistero del killer e dei tarocchi sono ciò che mi hanno affascinato e coinvolto maggiormente, la parte giurisdizionale e psicoanalitica molto meno da causarmi un piccolo blocco durante la lettura, infine quella romance molto sottile l’ho ritenuta ben bilanciata per il tipo di lettura.

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Simii Khanom says

Trisha Wolfe never fails to deliver yet another mind blowing psychological thriller.

It’s intense, gripping, brilliant and as always; unexpected.

I need this to be a series! I’ll devour it without any hesitation.

Sashiel "Shy" Gawerecki says

My Thoughts on Five of Cups

Trisha Wolfe once again brings readers a great book, this one centered around tarot cards. I loved it. I absolutely loved it.

Dr. Ian West was the kind of smart that's sexy. He makes me wonder if other trial consultant books could be this good. I liked him and Porter as a couple. I loved their connection and shared history and the way things developed between them. But Ian himself is what really did it for me with this story. I don't even really feel like I can properly put into words how much I enjoyed this book. There was all this tension and suspense and romance and heartache and just so much going on. I was left feeling so satisfied at the end, and at the same time so sad that it was over.

After reading this one I want more of these Tarot Card books, and I need more from Trisha Wolfe.

B. C. Booklover says

Different

This book was a bit different than the usual because almost the entire story was told from a male MCs POV. The man is psychologist and expert jury/trial consultant Dr. Ian West. This story in the Cards of Love series of unconnected stories, concentrates on a trial of a alleged killer who is drug lord, cocky and confident that he will be acquitted. He is manipulative and controlling, he thinks he will win. Dr. West is also very intelligent and confident, but he believes the jury will be on the winning side that he helps to create with his team of consultants watching every twitch and blink on the jurors faces for clues as to their inner thoughts.

Ian West has spent the last 3 years mourning the loss of his fiancé and true love, Melanie and at the same time, their friend Porter has defected to the other side. She's representing the killer on this case and Ian doesn't like it.

This book has a lot of mind bending courtroom action filled with suspense. You have to pay close attention to see all the twists and nuances of what's going on, it keeps you on your toes for sure. There are some other underlying currents here that you will have to read to appreciate and a very wicked twist that I certainly didn't see coming. Intriguing book, recommend.

Debbie I Heart YA Books says

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Kayla says

"Everybody has a card. It's their judgment. Their imminent fate. The cards don't lie. They offer insight, a choice."

Cards of Love: Five of Cups is definitely going down as one of my favorites by Trisha Wolfe. The author's hauntingly beautiful mind did not fail to deliver another fantastic, suspenseful read. I loved how every page of this book only got more thrilling than the last. Five of Cups was a perfectly woven web of suspense, mystery, and thrill. I could not devour the pages quick enough. They just had SO MANY FEELS! It was an emotional roller coaster ride that kept your heart racing up to the very end. I loved how utterly unique the plot and story line was. It is unlike any story I have read previously. I love when an author knows her stuff, and this story showcased that knowledge perfectly. From the courtroom to the bedroom Ian and Porter are hauntingly perfect together. They take second chance romance to another level. I just could not get enough of them. Their chemistry was off the charts. While their knowledge made them the perfect power couple. I can NOT recommend this book enough if you're looking for a unique thrilling read. And if you have not started the Cards of Love series yet you are missing out. Each one I read only gets better than the last.

"I dated. I moved on. But it just so happens that I'm sick of trying to get over the one that got away."

Dr Ian West immediately drew me in with his sorrow and knowledge. Haunted by the grief of his past, he was the epitome of the damaged alpha. He commanded your attention in the most precise way. He was definitely intense and all consuming. While his protective ways left you swooning. I loved how his character never faced any task without pure determination and passion. Dr West is one of those alphas who haunt you long after the story ends.

"Porter commands respect with an equal measure of feminine sensuality. And she drives me crazy."

Porter was one of those spit fire heroines you couldn't help but like. She was just the heroine Ian needed to keep him on his toes. She was commanding yet vulnerable. Porter had her own grief that you could not keep from tugging on your heart. Most of all I admired her characters spirit. She was strong willed, and fearless. Even after facing the worst, she came out with her head held high.

"You saved me first, Porter, and I will want to save you every day from here on out."

4&1/2 STARS

Well earned for another fantastic installment in the Cards of Love series. Which card will you chose next? I am more than ready to find out my next card.

I voluntarily read a advanced copy!

Cindy says

Five of Cups by Trisha Wolfe is an emotional, psychological and intense thrill ride. I LOVED Dr Ian West. I was hooked from the start and couldn't put this book down. Once again Ms Wolfe gives us a storyline, and characters that will WOW you!

Melissa Fisher says

Is your cup half full? Or half empty?

I absolutely loved this book and fell in love with Ian and Porter. Both characters are very realistic and relatable. Porter with her sacrifices. Ian with his sarcasm. Both broken in their own way and finding their own ways to deal with everything that has happened. One thing I have come to love about Trisha's writing is the realism and the twists. She takes us to a place that feels tangible. A courtroom, in this case, that feels like we are a part of the whole process. A behind the scenes peek into the happenings. The fact that this is all Ian's POV is also something that I find amazing. We get all the feels from him. The who's and the why's. You can't help but feel what he feels. I, for one, hope this isn't the end for these two.

Michell Hall casper says

It's so good!!!!

This wasn't the normal dark we've been getting from Wolfe lately. But it was still dark and edgy. And will have you flipping the pages.

Dr. West is cocky and arrogant. And after losing is fiancé he has become a little closed off and bitter. But now that has finally opened is heart again will all that arrogance make him lose it all again? Or will the vulnerability help him realize Porter is worth laying is all on the line? How far will he go to save his best

friend and the woman he loves after finally getting her back?

There were so many twists and turns in this book I did not see coming up until the very end. I hoping with the ending we will see more of Dr. West in the near future. Hint hint!! This is one of my favorites in the Cards of Love series.

Debbie says

What can I say except that Trisha Wolfe never fails to amaze me. There is no putting this woman or her work in a box. She surprised me at every turn, from the all male POV, to the sarcastic humor, to the more personal feel and the blasting of the fourth wall! She changed it up, worked her magic and had me under her spell.

With all that is different, somethings remain the same. In Five of Cups, the darkness is a bit more subtle than in her recent work but it's there and delivered in that uniquely twisted, yet poetic style, I've come to love and crave from Trisha Wolfe. *shivers*

"There's a devil with a Tarot deck waiting to challenge your fate. Everyone has a card, a judgment day, just as everyone has a past. They go hand in hand. A tangled, patchwork quilt of suffering and guilt."

"The cards don't lie. They offer insight, a choice. If one should fail to accept their path... Well, that's when I appear. If you meet the devil with a Tarot deck... Run."

"I ask the cards: who will be next?"

Five of Cups is an emotional and tense ride that deals with one man's attempt to move on from his grief and another man's effort to force his fate.

Rochelle | Rochelle Reads ? says

Cards of Love: Five of Cups is more thriller, suspense and mystery than romance. I'm not kidding—Ian and Porter are together *once*. That's right. Once. If you're searching for passionate romance with this novella, you won't find it here.

However, in saying that, this quick novella is actually good for what it is. Pacing is even. Characters are multi-dimensional. Story is jaw-dropping. Writing very poetic that will draw you into its story-telling. Ending was totally unexpected and mind-boggling.

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Veronica LaRoche says

Really interesting story. This was my first read by Trisha Wolfe and it won't be my last. There was twists that you won't see coming and definitely the story will keep you intrigued.
