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Have you ever loved someone so much that it hurt?

I have.

Have you ever cherished the pain because you knew the kind you'd face without them would be way too unbearable?

That's me.

To young Neeka Perry, Denny is one thing. In the streets, he's a whole other entity.

But she was brave enough to love both sides, upside down, all around, and back again.

He provided her with all a girl could believe she dreamed of – security, desire, and most enviably, genuine love, all wrapped up in gold and diamonds.

He removed her far from the course of her ordinary college girl lifestyle and swept her into his world of whimsical madness.

For this and more, her love went beyond loyalty. She was devout... devout to him.

But is there a such thing as too much passion? Can you love someone too much?

And when you realize the person you love and the person everyone fears can also be the one everyone loves and you can one day soon fear, who will save you?

Especially when the person you need saving from, is yourself...?

Stop right there. I don't want to be saved.

I've shackled myself to him with love. And I swallowed the key.

I'm in this for the long run.

I am devout.

Devout Details

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Dana McLeod says

Wow.....that was amazing!!!!

This book was amazing!!! Not your typical love story!!! Its does start off like a regular dopeboy meets girl love story but boy does it get intense!!! Takerra you are an amazing writer and I will continue to support you!!!

Me'Tova Hollingsworth says

I'm glad I read this for myself. Very touching story, that I and so many others could relate to. Although the ending was not bad close to the story, I feel that Tekerra should consider a book two.

Kat says

I hate it took me so long to read this book but I'm glad I did. Denny was crazy as hell but I loved every minute of it.

Carol says

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Everyone was raving on this book, so I had to read it. I was put off at first because it was boring. There were many instances where I wanted to put it down, but I kept going. It got a little better, but not much.

Barbara says

I read this book after seeing so many people read it and loved it. The reviews were good. The book started out slow to me. I didnt get into the story until I was about 54% into the book. After completing the book it made sense but I had already figure out he wasnt just crazy in love he was just plain crazy. The story ended up being good towards the end. I could'nt picture the characters as being the way the story was written.

Christiana says

The best book I have read all year...hands down...Takerra Allen has never disappointed me...

Kellee says

The book was pretty good. It was definitely a page-turner. I feel as if when the author referred to the past, that should have been italicized, and when she wrote about the present, it should have been regular font. Also, it doesn't seem as if the author knows what the word "gape" mean because it was used incorrectly the majority of the time...which was A LOT. Other than those 2 complaints, I think the book is worth reading and I have already started the sequel.

Wilki J says

de·vout

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adjective

: deeply religious : devoted to a particular religion

: loyal to something : devoted to a particular belief, organization, person, etc.

: serious and sincere

-Merriam-Webster Dictionary

This adjective described Neeka Perry to a T..to a fault..her fault? A young woman in pursuit of higher education, she didn't realize she would find a higher love..maybe even higher than self love. Denache'aka DRock aka Denny Graham to her was like a breath of fresh air: oxygen to her lungs really. In a mixed up world, a love story so classic yet so modern ensues. They become lost in each other, lost in a love so strong that it makes them blind to self destruction..yet again when the thought of losing said love can have the same affect, what are you to do? Not everything that comes from darkness can stay in the light and even when love is an escape..can it save you..from yourself? When passion becomes madness and love becomes a losing battle, will devotion out rule logic?

Sighhh...what am I to say? Right now Brave by Jhene Aiko is on repeat as I write this review. It really was infused..tangled and utterly tripped up in Takerra's every word that basically floated up from my kindle and assaulted my mind. Words that swirled through my head and made me think beyond what I read..what I understood it all to mean. Because that's what she does: she appeals to the senses through words. It's almost like you can read this book and close your eyes and paint a picture..you smell the peaches (lol), you see and feel the devoted love between the main characters, and you hear the heart beats and breaks in every way.

This plot was a little different for T.A, but in no way was I shocked that I'd enjoy it. Right away you can see that she is trying to paint you a picture in pieces. The drama is abrupt and in your face from the first few pages and you want to understand so bad and suspense just builds and builds until you paint this big picture and connect all the canvases together in the end to really understand it all. Subsequently through out the read, you get bouts of the past that helps you to put this puzzling love story together. The timeline was accurate and Takerra moves from present to past so smoothly that there is no need for you to remember when something occurred that affected the present. You just see it and the ending makes you want to go back and exprience each time reference again to really find meaning in minute things that you didn't even pay attention to, but should have. I am a stickler for timeline accuracy and Takerra does it effortlessly here.

Gad...these characters. Ree will forever be my fav character by Takerra, but Denny and Neeka will always

stay with me. They are so complexed yet so simple in design that you wonder about them even after finishing the book. How can you love yet hate a character at the same time? But then again understand them and why they do what they do? Neeka and Denny's love is one for the books. If you thought you have read every love story out there then..your wrong. A story told so many times before but never quite like this before. Their passion is magnetic and draws you in from the jump. You know them..you root for them..get angry at them..cry for them..and repeat said pattern. They just suck you in like that. The secondary characters do this as well and that is no small feat.

Now..as for the ending, I am satisfied but yet..I want more. Takerra is one out of a handful of authors that I don't really push for a sequel. It's not that I don't want it or believe she wouldn't give it justice but she writes in a way that lets you be okay with what happens whether it be good or bad, it just is; she writes like life.

T.A you said you couldn't wait to share this with us readers, but now I get it. This plot was one I'd never read before. You appealed to my senses in every way possible with this book. Can't wait for another one from you.

Valerie says

Wow... Just wow..... I need a moment (pause)

I've been a fan since the TTW Series, so I already knew about the author's talent. I went into this book blind because even though I had heard all the hype about the book being excellent, I didn't want a preamble....

Once I began reading I thought the experience was the usual then and now account about the love story of D Rock and Neeka. I read each word and lived through it.... Not until 85% into the book did the light come all the way on. OMG... Once the light came on.... I got all in my feelings and there I remain..... Please tell me there is another book being written because I just CANT let go.... in my Anthony Hamilton Voice.....

This book is a beautiful love story with raw emotion... until the lights come on....
Loved it.

Tazzyt2bossye says

'Does that make me crazy? Does that make me crazy? Probably...'

D Rock...Denache...Denny...is indeed the man. D Rock is that dude that has Newark on lock...from the top to the bottom and everything in between. His name makes the toughest thug stutter...why? D Rock has no conscience, he's ruthless and there is a vacant look that lurks in the shadows of his eyes...a vacancy that you don't want directed toward you. His street cred rings loud and clear, near and far, and there are no boundaries or no limits to his actions or his catastrophic reactions. Neeka....Neeki...Love...the young preppy lady with her refreshing innocence that surrounds her and captures his attention. What's a grown azz man want with a teenager...a grown man that drives Porches, Escalades and the likes...a grown azz man that flies his women in to fulfill his wants and needs. So what is it about this young chick that breezes in and whispers his name and you instantly see him soften. There is nothing about her that fits into the edginess of the lifestyle that he has amassed by hook or crook, with blood, sweat and surely some tears were shed in his destructive path. Neeki never thought that hanging out with her cousin Brianna and her ghetto friends would have her cross

paths with the likes of this fine specimen called D Rock Thus the story begins with a connection that is so electric, so vibrant, that it's actually tangible, dangerous, frightening, yet mesmeric, lyrical and priceless. What happens when what you used to take as violent outbreaks, over-the-top rage and cold blooded maniacal commands are slowly presenting other issues, special issues, what happens when the root is more twisted and vicious than you ever imagined...is love enough to stay. What about the revelation that it could mean life or death...like frigging oxygen...is a love that strong, that intense worth life even though you realize it could mean death? Is that love and loyalty...could your allegiance be that Devout? Crazy or emotional, insane or evil, conditional or unconditional, controlled or simply manageable...these are questions that will plague your psyche long after you've read the last page, re-read scenes, and closed the book.

Devout is not your average Urban Lit title, which should be your first indication that this will NOT be your average Urban Lit read. Truth be told, this novel shouldn't even be categorized as an Urban Lit read because of the depth and intricate matter of which it is penned. Takerra Allen has once again executed the 'wow' factor with extraordinary characters, although the plot of Devout challenges the reader as they embark on this intense journey. The orchestration of the kingpin falling for the good girl is proof that you can't judge a book by the cover, you will witness this as Takerra delves into the crevices of society's whispers on acquaintances, family members, friends that act a certain way... there is just one small iota that makes them different. Something just ain't quite right...they're not all the way right. Two individuals that have pasts that maneuver their present ...abandonment makes one insecure...death makes another strong...both fighting demons of their parents...but this union, this unique bond makes all the noise silent. It fades into the background until...it becomes an afterthought until the veil is lifted and what you once took for granted will make you question thought patterns, reactions, response...in summation your very own sanity. This is a very descriptive venture, but as you get caught up in the scenarios, you will see that each word, each sentence, each paragraph has a purpose and place. I can't begin to describe my thoughts as I completed this riveting, emotional and powerfully provocative read. I've been a fan of TA for a long time and each read deepens the engraving of her natural skills as a storyteller. Ms. Allen's latest project, Devout, will most definitely leave you with an enchanting and impressionable relationship that will tarry in the deep recesses of your memory bank for an immeasurable period of time. Enjoy this journey and applaud Ms. Allen on her latest Masterpiece, because she has once again surpassed a pinnacle called Success! Magnificent!!!!

Carla says

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What happens when you give yourself to someone completely, wholeheartedly, no questions asked? Neeka soon finds out, as she steps into a whirlwind romance with Newark's finest, Denny "D. Rock" Graham. Feared in the streets, Neeka soon discovers a side of him that very few have seen.

Takerra Allen has done it again! I enjoyed the past to present storyline. The characters were well developed and you felt as if you were really a part of the book and really knew them. I found myself experiencing a wide range of emotions. I laughed, cried, blushed, and was embarrassed to the point of putting my kindle down until I regained my composure lol. I have yet to be disappointed in a book by Takerra. She is definitely at the top of my favorite authors list. Five stars!

Ps. Would really like to see what happens to them next. Hint hint lol.

Victoria says

Devout is not at all what I expected. I would go so far as to say it should not be categorized as Urban Lit. I did not expect the subject matter that I discovered and was eventually revealed in this book. I feel that Takerra took on this subject and handled it well. It was so well written for me that I was already a Denny fan prior to the big reveal, however I was not surprised and it did not matter to me. I was so hurt by the end for him that I could not stop the tears. This was a very emotional read. I have seen this subject taken on more so lately but Takerra wove her story into the subject it was not over taken by it. I felt the love Denny had for Neeka it was ardently fervid. I do feel there were so many forces outside working to influence them. Denny more so with his issue but I hoped they could have worked past it. I am sad that there will not be a book 2. I would love to see Denny get better and get his Love back

Nelly says

I struggled to finish this book. I try to see if there was anything that stood out. But alas it wasn't meant to be. I I felt no connection between the two main characters Denny or Neeka and neither the supporting characters Ty or Briannna they were too trifling.

This was like some crazy in love

And Denny's madness would remove them so far from reality; she had to cling to him to survive because the territory was so unfamiliar.

I waded thru the book reading the past and the present trying hard to find any redeeming qualities between these characters but I couldn't find any...

The story dragged on and on and then when you think that it is going to end she added more to make it somewhat a cliffhanger.

There some WTF Moments am still shaking my head what was the angle for lines like this one... Is he really a drug dealer?" Neeka noticed how Shera's voice piqued with interest at the question. She didn't reply and Shera's eyes lit up. "Fucking awesome."

And also this Huh ????

Rationality, described in rational choice theory is different from most philosophical uses of the word. So typically, rational means sane, to make a sane choice. However, in rational choice theory, the individual makes a choice balancing costs or losses, against benefits and the decision maximizes personal advantage, only ones that are relatable or beneficial to that individual. So in the end, all decisions, whether crazy or sane, are looked at as rational."

"...but if you kill whatever is growing inside of you... which is mine, a part of me. I'm sure all of that love would vanish. And I will seriously hurt you... I will most likely murder you."

Will I recommend this book...

Hey.....

However this is only my opinion and mines only so don't let my lonely review stop you from reading

what I may not like hey clearly It was loved by many soooo..

Maya B says

This was an ok read. the book started out slow and definitely took way too long to get to the point of the story. I really had to force myself to finish this one because I am a huge fan of her other books. The main characters Denny and Neeka I did not really connect with.

Treasure Malian says

SHE DID THAT! Storyline? AMAZING! Character development? AMAZING! I could not put this book down and read it in one sitting. I experienced every emotion possible while reading this and was moved to tears by the ending. Not a little snuffle here or there, full blown weeping. Great job! If you haven't purchased this book already, what exactly are you waiting for?
