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Allison Beckstrom has willingly paid the price of pain to use magic, and has obeyed the rules of the Authority, the clandestine organization that makes-and enforces-all magic policy. But when the Authority's new boss, Bartholomew Wray, refuses to believe that the sudden rash of deaths in Portland might be caused by magic, Allie must choose to follow the Authority's rules, or turn against the very people for whom she's risked her life.

To stop the plague of dark magic spreading through the city, all that she values will be on the line: her magic, her memories, her life. Now, as dead magic users rise to feed upon the innocent and the people closest to her begin to fall, Allie is about to run out of options.

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Stacy says

If you have not read the first 6 books I think you would be a bit lost trying to start at book 7 MAGIC ON THE LINE. There is a lot of back story that you would have missed and needed to follow along with everything. The Allie Beckstrom series is fantastic though so you wouldn't be disappointed in starting it. All the books up to date have been fast paced, full of action, adventure and interesting story line's to keep you coming back for more.

As always I really enjoyed MAGIC ON THE LINE. It was a great continuation of the series. So much has happened to Allie in such a short time and things really kick up another notch by the end of the book. Zayvion and Allie continue to fit well together. There is a point in the book that he goes completely against what he has always said and stands beside Allie and his friends. I cant get enough of Allie's friends specifically Shame and Terric. Shame although in a funk continues to be someone that is always there when he is needed. Terric always surprises me with what he will put up with and his loyalty. Allie's father being in her head is kinda starting to grow on me. I still don't like him but he sure ends up helping out a lot in moments of need. I'm still really upset with the fact that Allie doesn't have her personal magic. I don't know why it gets to me so much but its a constant thought with me and I really want her to get it back. The book ends with Allie and her closest friends being in a pretty bad position. There is a lot to do to get there lives back and I'm going to be along for the new ride.

Kelly says

I've got to hand it to Devon Monk: she scares the daylights out of me, in a really good way. Earlier this year she sent chills down my spine with the blood-and-steam magic of *Dead Iron*. The latest ALLIE BECKSTROM installment, *Magic on the Line*, is just as chilling, for at least three reasons:

One, something has gone terribly wrong with magic. Allie gets sick every time she tries to cast spells; and worse, one young acquaintance has died and another has become deathly ill from a mysterious ailment connected to the ghostly Veiled.

Secondly, the Authority is cracking down on the magical community of Portland after the chaos of the last few books. Monk creates a terrific vibe of paranoia and persecution as the new Portland overseer, Bartholomew Wray, begins a reign of terror.

Finally, the holes in Allie's memory come back to haunt her when she hires the services of a mad scientist/doctor, and he seems to know her. Very well. Even though as far as she knows, she's never met the man before.

In addition to being a spine-tingling read, *Magic on the Line* is a turning point for the series. Allie changes, becoming more hardened. Zayvion changes, as he weighs the letter and spirit of his oaths against the new Authority policies. And by the end of the book, Allie and her friends face a whole new set of challenges, without a lot of the advantages they previously had. It'll be a very different series from here on out.

Magic on the Line is a great addition to the ALLIE BECKSTROM series; it advances the plot dramatically... and will have you looking over your shoulder for Veiled and creepy Authority goons.

Pam says

Another great book in a wonderful series! Loved the narration.

Nicki says

This book was slow to take off and had a different feel to the rest of the series. There was also too much time with Allie alone, no Shame, no Zayvion, and, frankly, that's too much Allie. For a woman who relies on her wits and Hounding skills to make a living, she's astoundingly slow on the uptake much of the time and stunningly stupid on occasion.

This book deals with the aftermath of the showdown with Leander and Isabelle. It takes a while for the real story to begin as Monk deals with the repercussions of the last book. When the story does start and Allie begins seeing the Veiled possessing people, it takes her ages to put two and two together. Countless times, she sees something practically labelled 'Clue' and walks right on past, commenting that it's weird and then dismissing it completely. So much for being such a spectacular Hound.

Magic is making Allie ill. She throws up and passes out when she casts, but Monk never explains why. It doesn't affect anyone else like this, so why Allie? The whole story is a bit slapdash. Different elements pop up and don't get explained or tied to the story later on.

There are some new characters, mostly unpleasant, untrustworthy magic users, and the Hounds get more of a look in. There are also some interesting scenes with Cody, but the rest of the regulars are somewhat sidelined in this story.

Allie doesn't hear from Zayvion for ages and never appears to think to contact him and let him know about the things that are happening to her. When she does see him, she self-righteously bitches him out about the things he's had to do in his role as guardian of the gates, even though she can feel his emotions, none of which are good.

Allie and her brain-squatting dad seem to have called a truce and actually work together without either one of them fighting the other. This works well in the story and it's nice to see Daniel without the venom Allie usually spits at him. Perhaps she'll finally learn not to see everything as simply black or white all the time.

Onto book 8...

Ferdy says

The seventh book in the Allie Beckstrom series and things aren't slowing down. The portland branch of the Authority is under new management - a Mr Bartholomew Wray. Wray is making things very difficult for Allie and friends. There's a lot going on for Allie she's always on the move trying to resolve the next problem which is good but somewhat annoying as she seems to feel that she alone is responsible for everyone around

her - the Hounds, Zay, Shame, Violet, baby Daniel, Anthony, Victor, Maeave, Nola, Cody and Stone. I wished she'd realise that their adults who make their own decisions and stop feeling like she has to fix everything. She does get support from Hounds but I feel everyone else are too concerned with their own problems and only when Allie is hurt seriously do they help her.

Using magic is making Allie sick and the people of portland are dying due to infected magic. Allie is investigating this as the Authority (which is under Wray's control) are doing nothing.

The Hounds are brilliant and loyal to Allie following her in case she needs help. Shame and Terric have a complicated relationship I'm looking forward to see where Devon takes these too whether they stay friends or something more..either way I'd be happy as long as their's some sort of resolution between them.

Zayvion and Allie I don't know where to begin I felt heartsick reading how much Zayvion loved Chase and would always love her, how intense their relationship was and how Chase's death tore Zay up. Poor Allie she had to hear Zay say he would always love Chase. It's obvious Zay loves Allie but since Chase was introduced in the series early on it feels like Allie was just Zay's rebound who just so happens to be his soul complement. I don't mind someone having a past love but Zay still loves Chase and it does seem that his feelings for Chase are more than what he feels for Allie. In the last book Magic on the Hunt Allie's dad takes over her body and is killing Grayson (Chase's soul complement), Chase will die if Grayson is killed but her dad wants Grayson's dead.. Zayvion protects Chase/Grayson and Allie sees in Zayvions eyes her death, so basically Zay was close to killing Allie to save Chase even though Allie was innocent and her dad was the one trying to kill Greyson and therefore Chase. This is never addressed and Allie doesn't question that he was thinking of killing her so Chase would live. Allie loves Zay only but yet she has to live with Zay loving Chase and her forever.. that doesn't sit right with me. It's clear Allie loves Zay more than Zay loves her throughout the series she puts her own life at risk for him and while Zay does save Allie many times I can't remember him putting his life at risk for her. I just think she deserves more she's always having to fight for Zay and trying to get him to open up but he's just too closed off and puts distance between them all the time, I'd like Zay to fight for Allie and make an effort with her instead of Allie doing all the work. I'd also like him to get over Chase.

Moving on their's only 2 books left but so much is left unanswered and I'm worried things will still be left up in the air:

-What happened to Allie's mother? What happened between her mother and father? Where they soul complements? If they were how could he fall in love with Violet, aren't soul complements meant to be special?

-Why does her dad love Violet and his newborn son but feels no love for Allie? Why did the part of her dad she met in death seem to love her? Did the part of her dad that loved her die? If the dad in her head can love Violet and his newborn son so much why can't that part of him start to love Allie?

-Why was her dad not fond of her as a child? Why was she unwanted?

-What happened to her as a child when she nearly died? How did she put her dad's life at risk?

-Where are Zay's family? I can't remember them being mentioned?

-Why did Allie have that extra magic inside her soul (the one she gave up to save Zay)?

-What's happened to Allie's memories as a child, in college and other times? Was she closed or was it because of the use of her magic? If it is because of magic why don't others lose their memory when using magic?

-Did Allie's dad try and stop Jingo Jingo when he found out he was a child molestor?

-Why did Allie's dad never tell her about the Authority? because I don't believe he did it to protect her as he doesn't care about her. When Allie is first possessed by her dead dad she knows his thoughts/intentions and she can feel that her dad would do anything to stay in her body even if it means killing her- so he doesn't care if she's dead or alive and he only cares now because if she dies now so will he. So I don't believe that he would have wanted to protect her from the authority because him not caring if Allie dies as long as he gets to live is not the action of a protective father.

-Why is Allie afraid to be in elevators? Did something happen to her in an elevator or has she always been claustrophobic?

-What's in Allie's box of dreams?

-Why are soul complements so special and meant to be together, when the love Allie's dad has for Violet and

Zay has for Chase are so strong, undying and true?? What kind of difference is the love between Allies's dad/Violet, Zay/Chase and between soul complements because their doesn't seem to be any really. There's probably a ton of other questions I have but with 2 books left are we going to get answers... I hope so I love love this series and have invested a lot time into it.

Jen Davis says

I thought this installment of the Allie Beckstrom series kicked ass. It's a major game changer for the characters I have come to know and love over the course of seven books now. The people are evolving. More enemies are revealing themselves. And things get worse for Allie than ever before. That poor woman just can't catch a break.

The hits begin in chapter one and they just keep coming. The Authority now has new leadership and the new boss is sporting an obvious grudge for Allie and her friends. Her hardships begin with a painful interrogation and within hours, Allie has lost her ability to use magic.

Here's the thing with that. Magic has been one of the only constants she has ever had. She had a crappy family, no money, a spotty memory, constant pain and only one friend. And magic. I hated it when she had to give up her magical reserves a few books back, but for Zayvion, I understood the sacrifice. But now, it's like losing a limb –and for me, that hit hard.

Anyway, the new Authority boss is turning the organization upside down, and it affects almost everyone in Allie's life. Where I found it most interesting, though, is how it hits Zayvion. One of the things I love best about him is the quiet sense of honor he carries with him. It's terribly sad to see him struggle between his vows and his own sense of right and wrong. He is such a wonderfully complex character and is still one of my favorites. I love him as an individual and as part of the relationship with Allie. They give me so many feels.

I also continue to enjoy the dynamic between Shame and Terric. A whole new layer of that is unveiled here, which adds to the emotional confusion. And then there's Daniel. He is... less awful here... almost helpful. I don't know how I feel about that. We don't have any new answers about him. And he can't undo all that he has done to earn my hatred over the course of the series. So I guess that is all I have to say about that.

The climax is fantastic and we have returned to the cliffhangers of the early books. If I would have had to wait between these installments, I would have lost my mind.

Rating: B+

Julie says

Posted at <http://yummymenandkickasschicks.com/?...>

Wow.

Wow wow wowwow wow.

Magic on the Line by Devon Monk is the seventh installment in her Allie Beckstrom series and it's

just...wow. Devon said that things really ramp up in this one and boy was she not kidding!

In the last book, there were a couple cases of ‘oopsies’ and ‘who me?’ and maybe some ‘oh crap, did that just happen?’. Magic on the Line is the story of what happened within the Authority after these events took place. And let me tell you, it’s not good.

The book starts off with Allie meeting the new Head of the Authority – the magic governing body of sorts – and he is a bastard. Yes, I said it. I don’t trust him. He’s creepy and slimy and just an overall bad bad man. Bartholomew. Yuk. After her meeting with Bartholomew, Allie starts feeling sick every time she pulls on magic. That is one plot line in this story. There are also crazed Veiled that are maybe or maybe not possessing and infecting people, tainted magic sources, more stupid Authority bullshit, people being chased and running for their lives, a creepy but interesting new doctor character, important characters becoming fugitives AND important characters being Closed! *takes a deep breath* Seriously, this book is a ride.

Allie’s dad was ‘taken care of’ in the last book and I actually enjoyed reading him in this one. His aggressive nature was sort of starting to get on my nerves. But what Terric and Shame did really made daddy Beckstrom more tolerable. He actually surprised me in this book too. He was very helpful to Allie and didn’t push too much. I liked the direction Devon took with him.

Another character that surprised me was Zayvion. I always liked him but he’s so “this is just how it is” when it came to his job with the Authority. I would never want his job. It must...well, it must suck to be him sometimes. But when he said (blank) and did (blank) I just lost it...in a very good way. I hooted and hollered and popped open the champagne. Okay, I didn’t do that last one because I didn’t have any champagne on hand, but if I did I totally would have popped it open. And of course, you’ll have to read the book to fill in the blanks because I want you all to be as shocked as I was. So so good!

Terric and Shame I can’t get enough of. Shame is always so funny and he has the kind of humor I love. Witty and super sarcastic. If I knew him in real life, I would always be laughing at what he says but I would also want to smack him for it. Terric is someone I love knowing a little more about with each book. I can’t wait to see how everything turns out for him. I want him to have a happy ending. And I want Shame to have one too.

I love Allie. Like, a lot. In each book she’s better and stronger. This book was no exception. She’s really coming into her own and is getting a good grasp at who and what she is. Devon does a great job with making Allie grow as a character without losing what made her so likable in the beginning.

In case I didn’t make it clear in the beginning of my review, I really REALLY enjoyed this installment. Fans of the series will NOT be disappointed. I was bouncing in my seat from the very beginning of this book and at about the 40% mark my jaw hit the floor and pretty much stayed there. Fans of Urban Fantasy books, if you have yet to try this series give it a go. Its unique premise and captivating characters make it a must try. And after reading this latest installment, you will be running to your calendars to circle April 3rd 2012 in big red pen because that’s when book eight, Magic Without Mercy, is due to hit shelves.

As for Magic on the Line, Devon does it again...and then some. This one will blow you away. It had everything I look for in an UF read. It will have everything you look for too.

Shelley says

Rating 4.0

Genre Urban Fantasy

Review

Magic on the Line is the seventh installment in the Allie Beckstrom series and is pretty much a game changer for Allie and her friends. The Authority is in shambles, and there's a new overseer in town making some major moves and problems for anyone who has been caught in the constant battles with Leander, Isabella, and their followers.

Bartholomew Bray, who is part of a group called the Watch, comes to town and subsequently throws his weight around to the point where only a few people are safe from his wrath. He forces several important characters to be "closed" so that they don't remember anything about the Authority and brings back one of the vilest of characters of this series back, Jingo Jingo the child molester, killer, and traitor, to be part of the new Authority.

From the very onset to the ending, Bray was one of the most deliberately evil men I've had the displeasure of reading about. He hates Allie because of who her father is, and thus goes a long way in setting her up to take the fall for everything bad that happens. He even forces her into accepting a Truth spell, which reveals that Daniel Beckstrom still possesses a part of Allie's brain. Bray and Daniel have a long history of hatred and distrust towards the other. Allie subsequently is forced to make a life or death choice where it concerns Bray.

Since the arrival of Bray, Allie has found that she doesn't really know who she can trust except for maybe the Hounds who have made it their mission to be her constant guardians at all times of the day and night. Allie is seemingly always in a defensive mode, and treats others in a cynical manner as well as distrusting that they have her best interest at heart. You could say she was being realistic about her current surroundings and self-aware that not everyone has her best interests at heart including her own dead father who for most of the story is silent as a mouse.

Allie discovers that the Veiled, former magic users of some talent, are infecting those they touch with flu like symptoms. It ends up becoming an epidemic which without stopping will literally kill thousands of innocent people. Does Bray care about any of this?

Allie also finds that it is nearly impossible for her to do any sort of magic without getting really sick and passing out. For a person so used to doing magic as a Hound, this is devastating news.

Allie also gets to suffer through Zayvion's mood swings as he prepares to go to Chase's funeral. Ok, Ok, I get it. He still loves her, and always will. His words, not mine. It's a wonder Allie has any patience when it comes to Zay's mood swings and fits of rage. For most of the first half, Zay was a no show in Allie's life because of actions he was forced to take for Bray and the Authority. Later, he seems almost reluctant to believe that Bray is anything but trying to clean up Portland's Authority. Thankfully, when the chips are on the table and everyone is all in, Zay steps up to the plate and delivers a full house.

The one constant throughout this series is Allie's feeling that she needs to do something for seemingly everyone she meets or gets involved with. She knows that Terric and Shame are having issues even though they are soul compliments. It seems she has to put her nose into their business to find a way to resolve their troubles.

Monk did an interesting twist with Terric which I'm not so sure wasn't planned from the beginning of the series. I guess we shall see what happens next.

I am not going to complain about the ending or how it was left off. Although I am totally against cliffhangers, in this case, it works because of what happens to the characters at the end of the story. This

seems to be a stepping point to a full scale war which has Allie, Zay, Shame, Maeve, Hayden, Victor, and Terric on one side. The Authority and possibly Leander, and Isabelle on the other for the well being and safety of the residents of Portland.

Magic Without Mercy, Allie Beckstrom #8, releases April 3, 2012

Jen says

I am so glad I got to read this over the weekend - but it's really not a weekend book - it's more of a read in one day and lose a few hours of sleep because there is NO good place to stop reading to work on laundry, clean out the garden and hang out with the kids?? No I didn't want to stop -

This is the 7th book of Allie Beckstrom, and I'm STILL in love with this series!!!

Allie is at it again! She just amazes me with each book, when starting out in Magic to the Bone, she was a frail little thing - and now - she just blows my mind! She is even getting use to her dad living inside her head. and they're talking like they are friends instead of hating each other :)

The book starts off with Allie being called in to meet with the head of the Authority - Bartholomew Wray - This is one scary guy who has everyone running around with knots in their stomachs. And of course, he knew all about Allie.

The set Allie up with a Truth Spell that hurt her beyond necessary. When she stumbled out of the office and into Anthony. Now we all remember Anthony from a few books back when he was responsible for Pike's Death - no one really forgave him, but meeting up with him, and his mother, Allie felt a little sympathy for him, and told him to come to the Den and she'd help him learn the basics to hounding...

When she finally met up with Zayvion waiting for her *sigh * Zay - and of course through their connection with their Soul Compliments, and he knew right away something was wrong with her. She told him about her meeting with Bartholomew, and the painful truth spell. Spells shouldn't hurt like that, so they went to see Dr. Fisher - She was able to clean out the spell and make Allie feel better. Yeah :)

They made it to the grave site where the Authority was holding a memorial for Chase. Because she was Zay's ex-girlfriend, Zay had a lot of mixed feelings about being there. Sadness, loneliness, love for Chase that still lingered, as well as gratitude for Allie being there for him and the love and support she was giving him.

After the services, they all headed to the Den to hold a private party for Chase. She talked to a few people, then wondered her way back to Zayvion who was talking with Victor - Victor was telling Zay he needed to make sure he did what was right and followed all the laws of the Authority - no matter what...

Then he walked off. Grateful for being together, they both just looked out the big opened window down at the street and let their minds drift. That was until Allie saw something really weird. She poked at Zay to see if he was watching, and he was - a green flash of light was playing off a person down on the sidewalk, then all of a sudden, a Veiled had stepped out of the person's body - both Allie and Zayvion took off running down out of the building -

And that's where it all started :)

There is something Strange going on with the Veiled - or the Magic, or .. something - and people are dying

left and right - Bartholomew didn't seem to want to deal with anything magic related - so what were they suppose to do?? If they were there to protect the innocent from magical harm ...

This was awesome - and Really REALLY Anxious to get to the next book - there is going to be some Great stuff going on with this group - and I'm really anxious to learn more about Dr. Collin's - he is the new Dr that Allie's dad recommended to look after Davy when he got bit by Anthony (Going to have to read about that part - wow!) But it seems like there is a lot of past with him and the Authority - and he seems to know Allie too .. hummm...

Dani Harper says

This is Book 7 in an engrossing urban fantasy series, and Devon Monk does not disappoint!

Lucy says

Interesting book. I teared through the first five in the series to take a small break before reading the sixth, as it was a lot of Allie and a lot of Zay. Overall, the book was a bit slow to pick up, dealing with all kinds of loose ends. It definitely started to pick up and while the storyline and big ideas are really good, I'm a bit critical of the interpersonal relationships. I feel like Zay and Allie's relationship has been while strong, a bit off. Allie mentions that she feels it too, but why? The last book ended with her going into Hell to get him back, what kind of issues are we having now? Also, what's going on with Allie's powers? I feel as though things weren't explained well or Monk's got some inconsistencies. Allie, who although lost her inner spark, was supposed to be filling up with magic regardless of the spark. What happened? I get that she can't handle doing magic or be around it, but I'm pretty sure the way Monk explained this filling up with magic business, it was independent of her spark...so what? My other big issue is her Dad, while it's kind of interesting, I always have felt like it's kind of a cop out, a deus ex machina if you will, where any issue in the plot or magical problem, let's ask good old Dad. Why doesn't Allie know more spells like the rest of the Authority after training? Why does her Dad get to solve everything?

Karissa says

This is the seventh book in the Allie Beckstrom series. This book has some big changes in store for the characters as they pick up the pieces from the mess that was left after the previous book. I enjoyed it, but the beginning of the story is more of a transition...the end packs some serious awesomeness though. This is not a book to start the series on, go back and start at the beginning or you will be seriously confused. The next book will be titled Magic Without Mercy and is due for a April 2012 release.

With the mess that happened in the last book someone in the Authority has to take the blame and someone new has to be put into power. The new head of the Authority is a man named Bartholomew Wray and he has some dark past with current members of the Authority, he also seems determined to make Allie's life miserable. Then Allie starts getting sick when she uses magic and notices Veiled entering people on the streets. The people that the Veil enter get very sick, to the point that rumors of an epidemic of sorts are spreading throughout the city. Allie is convinced that the epidemic has something to do with magic being tainted but Bartholomew disagrees. Allie has some tough choices to make; will she go along with the

Authority and watch the city die or will she go against the Authority and accept the consequences?

The first part of this book was a bit tedious but necessary, basically all the loose ends from the last book have to be tied up. People who caused trouble in the Authority must be Closed and the people around them have to cope with this. New leadership must be chosen and put in place. Allie has to try to get back to her own life taking care of the Hounds, dealing with her father in her head, that sort of stuff. All necessary to get the story moving the right way, but it made the story seem a bit aimless in the beginning.

Once Allie starts seeing the Veiled things really pick up. Allie finds herself in direct opposition to the Authority and both her and Zayvion have to make some big decisions. Both of them change a lot throughout this book. Allie becomes harder and has to do some things the old Allie would never have had the stomach to do. Zayvion starts to see more areas of grey versus everything as black and white, good and evil.

The end of the book totally blew me away and I am eager to see how everything falls out in the next book. So, although this series has never been one of those absolutely outstanding ones for me, it is a series that is consistently good and always engaging. I am still reading it seven books in so that says a lot!

Overall a wonderful addition to this series. I thought it started a bit slow with all the clean-up and transition that had to be done from the last book, but the second half of the book saw some huge changes for are characters and the ending was spectacular. I am dying to know what happens to all of our favorite characters in the next book, Magic without Mercy (to be released in April 2012).

Denise says

Something has poisoned magic in Portland, with Allie herself getting sick every time she tries to use it, and the Veiled are possessing people and spreading a deadly infection throughout the city. Bartholomew Wray, who has taken over control of the Authority in Portland and whose uncompromising methods and bullying are not endearing him to anyone, refuses to believe in any such thing as magic poisoning and has no intention of doing anything about it. It's up to Allie and her allies to do find a way stop it - and a way to stop Bartholomew before he destroys everything the Authority is supposed to stand for.

This one's a gamechanger, with another extremely evil cliffhanger at the end. Lots of action, ever fluctuating loyalties and a lot of hard choices for all the characters at the center of the story - one of the best books in the series so far IMO.

Theresa says

4.5 Stars... Another page turner in this series that intrigues me more and more with every book... I love how we are witnessing the connection between Allie and the hounds intensify into a loyal friendship and ultimately a formidable force against the Authority... The relationships between this cast of characters are put to the test as they face betrayal and challenge their own moral compasses as they make decisions against a rising evil... Another heart pounding, action packed adventure that captivated me from the beginning:)

Kris says

Oh man, cliffhangers how I hate you!

Another fantastic read in the Allie Beckstrom series. What I love about these books is not only the believable characters and the snark and the fun, fast-paced action but that everything - *everything* - comes with a price attached. I'm not going to bother giving a summary of this book because if you're starting now I'd tell you to not bother and go straight to the beginning, pick that up, and go from there.

Overall this was yet another great book to add in to the series but somehow it felt a little weaker to me. I just kept thinking '*damn, Grant has everything, doesn't he?! And good thing he's such good friends with Allie so she can take advantage of that.*' That was probably the one main thing that irked me in this particular story; Allie needed something and if it was mental she could go to her dad and if it was physical well, Grant has turned out to be quite beneficial in that regard.

With that little bit of snark aside I must admit that I powered through this book in one afternoon; I just couldn't put it down like all of the other Allie books. It was fun, it has a quick and action-filled storyline, things happened to people that I cared about, and there were more nasty people showing up to screw up Allie's life.

...but a cliffhanger? Really?! Ugh, I hate those so much! Now I have to wait until 2012 to see how Allie gets out of *this* predicament!! But you know what? I'll totally do it because I really want to know *what happens next!!!* And that should be praise enough.