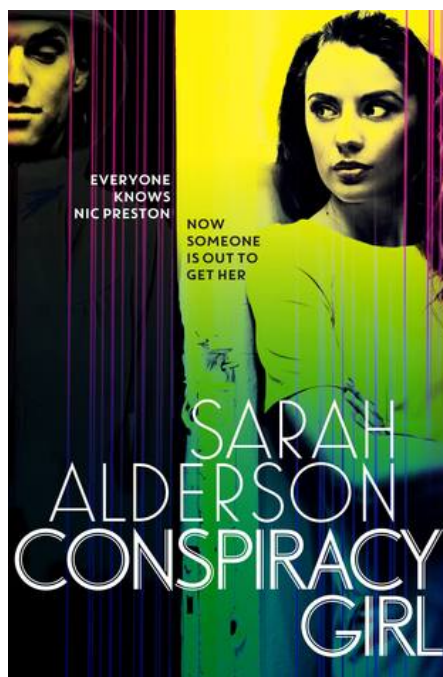




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Everybody knows about the Cooper Killings – the Bel Air home invasion that rocked the nation. There was only one survivor - a sixteen year-old girl. And though the killers were caught they walked free.

Now eighteen, Nic Preston - the girl who survived - is trying hard to rebuild her life. She's security conscious to the point of paranoia and her only friend is a French Mastiff bulldog, but she's making progress. She's started college in New York and has even begun dating.

But then one night her apartment is broken into and the life Nic's worked so hard to create is shattered in an instant.

Finn Carter - hacker, rule breaker, player – is the last person Nic ever wants to see again. He's the reason her mother's killers walked free from court. But as the people hunting her close in, Nic has to accept that her best and possibly only chance of staying alive is by keeping close to Finn and learning to trust the person she's sworn to hate.

Fleeing across a snowbound New England, frantically trying to uncover the motive behind the murders, Nic and Finn come to realize the conspiracy is bigger than they could ever have suspected. But the closer they get to the truth and the closer they get to each other, the greater the danger becomes.

To survive she has to stay close to him.
To keep her safe he has to keep his distance.

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Nic says

I've been lucky to get hold of a copy of Conspiracy Girl early, as Sarah is a friend, and I have to say - what another unbelievable ride. Set in the same world as Sarah's other YA contemporary thriller 'Out of Control' but with a different set of characters, Conspiracy Girl picks up the baton from OOC and ups the sprinting pace for the next part of this relay.

I don't want to give anything away because the key to this book is knowing relatively little going into it. What I will say is you're going to meet some complex main characters who are haunted by some serious demons and who are thrown together on a whirlwind roller coaster ride, doing all they can to survive. The journey main character Nic goes on is infused in the writing, I felt as on edge as her the entire time, I was infected with her paranoia and distrust, which literally turned the story into an absolute thriller of a tale. I've spent the entire day looking around me, jumping at every creek the house makes.

If you've read any of Sarah's books, I don't need to tell you about her ability to write a swoon worthy male lead. Finn is absolutely no exception. Magnetic and smart but flawed and troubled, he's the perfect character throw into the mix with Nic. The chemistry between them is hot hot HOT. There's also a depth there which is something Sarah always writes so well.

Nic and Finn are surrounded by a strong group of characters, all of whom you doubt at some point in time. The beauty of this story is the twists keep on coming but you can't really see most of them until they happen; you are literally suspicious of everyone.

Any fans of thrillers, get ready for an on-the-edge-of-your-seat ride. You won't put this down. You'll just wish there was more...

R.Grewal says

That was intense.

Conspiracy Girl is a definitely a page turner, from the very first chapter I was completely hooked!

Plot/Story

The action starts immediately, with Nic coming back home to her apartment only to hear an intruder. From there the action only escalates and pushes you to the edge of your seat, leaving you *needing* to know what's going to happen next. But, Conspiracy Girl is not all action, there's also the budding relationship between Finn Carter, and Nic Preston. Over the course of the time Nic is with Finn she discovers new things about the homicide that took place in her home in L.A and finds out that not everything she thought was true. Between the action and the romance there is also a spark of humor and tragedy, more than once Nic questions everything she knows making her situation even more ludicrous. Like all books by Sarah Alderson, Conspiracy Girl had some plot twists that left me very ~~emotionally unstable~~ *emotional*.

(view spoiler)

The Romance Side

Like in pretty much every single book written by Sarah Alderson, you're guaranteed to have your heart stolen by -another- fictional character. In this case it was Finn Carter who was just... Well the gif says it all.

Ending

The ending was perfect.

Overall this book was really great and I'd definitely recommend it to anyone who likes to read YA fiction

Aly's Bookish Wonderland says

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We can't save everyone. Finn's right. Sometimes it's all we can do to save ourselves.

After the brutal murders of her mother and step-sister, and after the supposed murderers walked free, Nic Preston now lives in New York City, fighting her OCD and stress with high-tech security on her apartment, kick-boxing and a tight routine alongside her guard dog Goz. She's studying psychology and has a tight leash on her life. Nothing else can go wrong. Right?

Wrong.

Here, I am going to admit that the first quarter was not my cup of tea. Nic's internal monologue and slowness of the story just didn't grab me. The fact that I was dealing with a second point of view, too, didn't sit right with me, either. Why? Because **Finn comes across as a total dickwad straight away.** First impressions are a big deal, and if I were to meet Finn in real life, his first impression on me would probably end up with a shoe hurled at his face.

I mean that in the nicest way possible.

However, the deeper I delved into the story, the more tangled things got. I have no reservations in saying that, although I've only read one other book by her, *Conspiracy Girl* has got to be Sarah Alderson's best story yet, just for the sheer research that went into it.

We're dealing with pay-offs, mob murders and hackers. What's not to enjoy? And the hacking side of the story is what *really* made me love it. It's always been interesting for me to learn about these geniuses that hide behind a computer screen, capable of doing *absolutely anything*, no matter how well protected you think

you are. I mean, someone out there could've hacked into your computer, and you wouldn't even know about it. Someone could be looking through your files, digging through your things that you think you're keeping private, or even looking at you through your webcam. It's creepy as fuck. Imagine not having that privacy, the thin veil of anonymity as you sit at your computer, typing away. Imagine if someone can literally strip back all those firewalls, and lay everything out on a silver platter for the whole world to chew on.

Scared yet?

Imagine how Nic Preston felt when, coming home from her daily workout, she realises someone has broken into her apartment. An apartment, may I add, secured to the tens. Not even the nines, but *tens*. We're talking top-notch security cameras, sensors, passwords. It's impenetrable. Or so she thinks. Because **someone has managed to strip away every single bit of security, and threaten her life.**

I slam my bedroom door shut and draw the bolt, scrambling towards the panic button that's built into the bedside table and ramming the hell of my hand down on it. Collapsing to my knees, I stare wide-eyed at the door. Three minutes, I tell myself. The armed response unit will be here in three minutes.

The door is reinforced with steel. Nothing, no one, can get through it. The security guy told me my apartment was as safe as the President's nuclear bunker.

People are dead. Shit is real. This isn't a nightmare or a sick manifesting hallucination.

As soon as I throw open the door, Goz flies past me, snarling. He leaps towards the body lying on the floor and I scream, calling him off, even as I throw myself towards the person on the ground.

The FBI are involved, and suddenly she's on the run, jumping from her home to a safe house...

"Well," says Agent Corbell, "something doesn't add up. I don't think we're looking at an ordinary break-and-enter."

Just then Agent Ziv appears behind her. "We good to go?" he asks Agent Corbell.

She looks at me. "Nic, do you want some help packing a bag?"

"What? Why?" I ask, looking between them both.

"We're taking you to a safe house."

And then, inexplicably, to a man's apartment. The very man who helped the supposed murderers of her family walk free.

"You!"

Bracing myself, I turn around.

[...]

"You're the guy who testified for the defence in my mother's trial," she says. "You're the reason

her killers walked free."

I sigh under my breath. This is just great. "Guilty," I say, immediately regretting my choice of word.

Finn is a hacker. One of the best in the world, apparently, and his job is to look after Nic whilst the FBI do their thing, and figure out who is behind the hacking of the security systems.

Once I got over my initial impression, I enjoyed reading Finn's point of view a little bit more than Nic's. Even though he's really far too perfect to be even real. But whatever. A girl can dream.

I frown at his driver's licence photo as it pops up on my screen. He has a shiny forehead, is already starting to lose his hair and has a nose you could slalom ski off. She's dating this guy? He looks like the kind of dude who'd spray down the sheets with antiseptic before making love and bleach them straight afterwards.

The king of guy who wouldn't know what to do with a woman if she lay down naked and offered herself to him with an instruction manual.

Oh, Finn. You funny fucker, you.

It's action packed. The moment I thought I could put this down, something else happened and I was immediately sucked into the action.

The characters have depth. Although they may give off the worst first impressions ever (Finn, I'm looking at you), and although their backgrounds are between questionable and downright unbelievable, it still gives them a certain depth so you can really *feel them*.

There is insta-attraction quickly smothered by insta-revulsion on Nic's side. How refreshing! It takes her a while (and, believe me, staying cooped up with that one person day in and day out for weeks can fix this kind of thing) to really see Finn after everything he, unwillingly and blindly, put her through in the past. Although he's instantly attracted to her body, he, too, keeps his distance. After all, he's working with the FBI and canoodling with someone you're meant to be protecting is a big no-no.

As the story unfolds, it all starts to make sense. Unlike some conspiracy books, you're not left absolutely flabbergasted. As pieces start falling into place, you go, "Ah-HA!" It's absolutely genius, the way it unfolds and how it all begins to make sense.

3.5 stars. I was pleasantly surprised.

Huda says

This is the second book I read written by Sarah Alderson, and I have to say I'm highly impressed. Both books have you hooked from the first word till last.

This book is a mix of action, mystery, romance and thriller. Conspiracy Girl had a well written plot line with superb characters. I particularly enjoyed the chemistry/ sexual tension between Nic Preston and Finn Carter, adoring the fact that it wasn't one of those 'love at first sight.'

The journey these two go on is filled with clues, suspicions, blood and surprises. It has you on edge questioning, "who do we trust?" The ending has a good twist that I was hoping for.

I have to say Alderson is by far one of my favourite authors. Looking forward to reading her other books!

Eri says

So glad that j got to read this book! It has all the wonderful things you could want in a book with a ship that I loved and a suspense flavor that left me hanging off the page. I loved the mystery in this, the conspiracy, and the characters Nic and Finn made my heart warm.

SJH (A Dream of Books) says

This may be my favourite Sarah Alderson book yet. It knocked my socks off!

Tense, exciting, thrilling and with a drop-dead gorgeous and irresistible male co-lead, it was definitely my kind of book. I couldn't get enough of the characters or the story. It was utterly amazing and gripping and I never wanted it to end.

Eighteen year old Nic is trying to put her life back together. She has built some pretty impenetrable walls around herself and she is not about to let them down for anything or anyone. That is until everything around her starts to crumble and she is once again facing danger from every corner. A computer genius and hacker, Finn is the only one who seems able to protect her and the two end up going on the run, chased by people who are determined to see her dead.

I was hooked after the first chapter and desperate to find out how the plot was going to unfold. This meant that I had to stay glued to my seat for several hours as there is no way I was putting this book down! I was intrigued about the reason behind Nic losing her family but I certainly didn't guess the real reason behind her loss. I liked the way that Sarah Alderson tied in elements of the storyline with real life events, as it lent an air of authenticity to proceedings.

Now onto Finn ...I'm willing to fight anyone for him! He's hiding a lot of secrets but he's also geeky and gorgeous and pretty much perfect in my eyes. He goes above and beyond to protect Nic and from the moment he came into the story, I fell head over heels for him.

Sarah Alderson keeps her foot on the gas the whole time, as the tension builds from one extreme to another. I loved it! This book was everything a great YA thriller should be with a gorgeous boy who has a heart of gold and a kick-ass, tough heroine at the helm. I can't recommend this book enough and I will be urging everyone I know to read it immediately.

Jess says

A fast paced thrill with a bit of insta lust, only to be counteracted by disgust. How refreshing (which in itself is a bit sad that that's what constitutes as refreshing nowadays, but that's for another day.) FULL REVIEW TO COME. POSSIBLE 3.5 STAR

It's literally what the title gives us. There's a conspiracy. Baddie mcBaddies. A girl who's strong, yet vulnerable, trusts only herself. A super hot genius with a smashing body and a couple of great lines (ok I question the believability of such a character but hey, it's fiction).

When we talk thrillers, I don't want that PG13 "here let me accidentally shoot you in the leg, or bang your head with a pole but we all live because it's a movie and bullets don't actually exist, despite being sprayed with them". Alright, so I lost control of the sarcasm for a bit there, but you get me. We don't want the sugar coated (now, I don't want to speak on your behalf kids, but I feel like the consensus falls here?) thriller where it's mostly about a two hot people finding love on the run blah blah. I want real gore, I want real deaths (oh god, what's wrong with me) and if we really must have romance (god forbid a YA without a little bit of love) I want it to be goddamn believable, for the circumstances. If someone was trying to kill me, I wouldn't exactly go in for a pash in the middle of the road, you feel? Thankfully, Conspiracy Girl gives us a believable romance as a **secondary** storyline that isn't overwhelming. We get intrigue. We get mystery.

I liked it. It was quick, the hot dude that didn't make a big impression (sorry names, I am horrendous) had some good lines, and Nic, our main gal, is quite authentic to her backstory (which I'll expand on in the full review). Lost me a bit with the rather bland characterisation and how quick everything was. But hey, we can't all have trilogies, amirite?

Jess and her horrible colloquialism will now leave. Sorry, she's been rather in love with the urban dictionary as of late.

Kirsty says

Took a while for me to get into but was it got going I was hooked. Whole story hung together nicely. Finn is now my favourite fictional boy. Mostly because is is both geeky and hot.

Christine Alibutud says

"We can't save everyone...Sometimes it's all we can do to save ourselves."

"That moment when I teetered over the edge and almost fell stays marked on my memory. I

could have killed her. But the fact is I didn't.

Sometimes we can save other people. Sometimes, as Finn said, it's all we can do to save ourselves. And occasionally we get to save others, and in doing so we unexpectedly save ourselves."

Coming into this book blind, I really wasn't expecting much. But after reading this, I only have three words: **What. a. thrill!** Although it seemed like a quick read for me, I was more than satisfied with its jam-packed story. Yep, I more than enjoyed this book! I just loved how this one was a combination of a fast-paced thrill, a whirlwind of romance, and a whole lot of complications. Conspiracy Girl was definitely the perfect read to break my torturous reading hiatus.

"The only thing is, I don't know if I can make myself that vulnerable. I've lived so long on my own, keeping people out, hiding behind locked doors with just a dog for company, that I think I might have forgotten how to live like a normal person."

I absolutely loved how Nic wasn't your typical "damsel in distress" even after all that she has been through. It's undeniable that she's really fragile, but I admired how she still tried her best to overpower her fears and uncertainty. Of course, she wouldn't have done this without Finn (And yes, I absolutely adore him #NewBookBoyfriend).

"It means inviting in chaos and uncertainty and all the things I've worked so hard to avoid. It means learning how to live with risk. And I'm not sure I know how..."

If there's one thing I absolutely love about this book, it's Finn and Nic's relationship. I don't know, I just found them super cute, and I liked how their blossoming romance didn't seem forced. I appreciated the fact that their relationship wasn't at all about attraction, but also about trust--which for me is very important.

...But with all that, I tell myself, comes love and craziness and excitement and the type of feelings that let you know you're alive and make you feel grateful for every breath you get to take. If I choose to, I can open myself up to all of it."

Can I just add that I really adore Finn. Besides the obvious fact that he's hot, he's also very caring and thoughtful. But what might be the best thing about him is this: **his intelligence**. I am utterly attracted to guys who can keep up with conversations and witty banters. Aside from that, pure intelligence is just downright drool-worthy. So yeah, Finn, **I LOVE YOU!**

Anyway, as much as I loved this book, I felt the loss of the momentum around 70%, and it sucks that it happened. The book could have been better, but really, what more can I ask? Nonetheless, still loved this one!

4 stars!

"I saved myself. I didn't save them."

"We can't save everybody. No matter how much we might want to."

Ena Tintentick says

Nic lebt auch Jahre nach dem schrecklichen "Cooper-Massaker", bei dem sowohl ihre Stiefschwester als auch ihre Mutter umkamen, immer noch in Angst. Das Verbrechen von damals wurde nie richtig aufgeklärt und Nic lebt mittlerweile mit einer ausgetüftelten Sicherheitsanlage in ihren eigenen vier Wänden. Die Erinnerungen und Erlebnisse sitzen tief. Und genau diese Situation wird im ersten Kapitel direkt eingefangen. Ich habe sofort mitgeföhlt und spürte die Nervosität und Sorge. Die Autorin schafft es auch von Beginn an eine derart spannende Atmosphäre zu schaffen, die wirklich ihresgleichen sucht.

Nachdem sich Nics ständige Nervosität und Sorge als berechtigt herausstellt, trifft sie auf Finn Carter. Die beiden sind interessante Charaktere, wenn auch sehr unterschiedlich. Nic ist eher introvertiert und stark von der Vergangenheit gezeichnet. Finn hingegen ist ein genialer Hacker mit starkem Sinn für Gerechtigkeit. Insbesondere Finn war mir von Anfang an sehr sympathisch. Er ist einer dieser Figuren, die man sofort ins Herz schließt. Amüsiert habe ich mich, als er es sofort schafft Nics Hund, der eigentlich als Sicherheitsanlage auf vier Pfoten fungiert, mit Essen zu bestechen. Allerdings ist er auch eine sehr perfekte Figur, etwas mehr Kanten und Ecken hätten ihm sicher nicht geschadet.

Der angenehme Schreibstil der Autorin haucht den Figuren Leben ein und lässt uns Leser an beiden Protagonisten direkt teilhaben, indem aus wechselnden Ich-Perspektiven erzählt wird. Der Handlungsstrang ist dabei so aufgebaut, dass es kaum eine Verschnaufpause gibt. Langeweile kommt nie auf, denn die Überraschungen und Wendungen reißen sich nahtlos aneinander. So besticht die Geschichte durch viel Spannung, viel Action und eine kleine Portion Romantik.

Insbesondere gefallen hat mir bei diesem Buch, dass ich als Leserin die ganze Zeit am rätseln war, wer damals wirklich für das Massaker verantwortlich war und was bzw. wer denn nun hinter den kriminellen Machenschaften steckt. Die vielen Brotkrumen, die unterwegs von der Autorin verteilt wurden, machen das Ende dann etwas vorhersehbar, aber dennoch gut durchdacht. Ich habe mich bestens unterhalten geföhlt.

Fazit:

"Keep Me Safe" ist für mich ein absoluter Glückstreffer gewesen. Dieses Buch ist hochgradig spannend, voller Action und zieht uns Leser sofort in die Geschehnisse hinein. Das ist ein Jugendthriller wie er sein muss! Ich hätte gern sofort den nächsten, liebe Sarah Alderson!

Emma says

REVIEW BY MOLLY 8:1

I have to start by saying that the plot twist literally blew my mind, it was so unexpected and utterly brilliant.

Conspiracy Girl centres around Nic, the sole survivor of the horrific and brutal murder of her family. Two years later Nic is still living in fear, the perpetrators of the death of her family have yet to be apprehended. Nic is convinced they will track her down to finish the job they started that fateful night. Following a break-in at her apartment, Nic decides she has had enough of living her life ruled by the panic she can't discard. It is time to take control, find the murderers and bring them to justice. She joins forces with a hacker called Finn. Together they set about uncovering the truth.

The dual narrative adds insight and understanding to both Finn and Nic as well as their interactions. It is Nic's character that undergoes the most growth throughout the narrative. Nic is a strong character, a born survivor if you will. Understandably, she has some major trust issues, Finn has to work hard to get past her barriers and earn her trust. I really liked Finn, he is your quintessential 'good guy', funny, protective and loyal. Although I liked their dynamic I felt the way it was portrayed made me feel disconnected to their relationship. One of the case of 'told' as opposed to 'shown' within the plot.

Conspiracy Girl is an amazing story that will take you on an emotional rollercoaster while simultaneously maintaining an edge of your seat tension. It's an emotional thrill ride

justmiaslife says

actual rating: 2,5 Sterne

Mir tut dieses Rating im Herzen weh, da ich das Buch von einer lieben Abonnentin auf der Frankfurter Buchmesse geschenkt bekommen habe, allerdings hat es mir ÜBERHAUPT nicht gefallen und ich habe mich sehr schwer mit der Geschichte und den Charakteren getan.

Sarah says

(Source: I received a digital copy of this book for free on a read-to-review basis. Thanks to Simon and Schuster UK Children's and NetGalley.)

This was an okay story, but I just had trouble concentrating on it!

Nic was a bit of an irritating character at times. She seemed a little full of herself, didn't help when she could have at times, and didn't even apologise when her dog pooped on someone's carpet!

The storyline in this wasn't bad, but I just found it really hard to keep focus on. Even the action couldn't keep me interested, and I just found myself zoning out all the time. I cared less and less about what was going on the further I got into the book, and even the romance didn't appeal to me.

The ending was alright, and I hadn't guessed who it was who was trying to kill Nic, that might just have been because I had such problems paying attention though.
6 out of 10.

Emma says

Rating - 4.5 Another terrific book by Sarah. Fast becoming my favourite author. Full Review to come.

Melanie says

3.5 stars

With all the bad luck I was having with Sarah Alderson's books, I started to think that I wouldn't like any of her works. But look at this, a Sarah Alderson book that I rather enjoyed! Conspiracy Girl is a quick thriller – I've been a reading slump as of the late and this really got me back on my feet with how easy it was to fly through, whilst being entirely interesting at the same time. I really loved Nic as a character. She's a strong young woman who only trusts herself and I loved her strong sense of independence.

In addition, I loved Finn and Nic's relationship. You can see that their history with each other runs deep and raw and I love how Alderson tackled that. I definitely grew to like Finn as the story went through and YAY for a romance that takes the backseat and lets the plot run the show like it should!

This one definitely goes highly recommended to anyone who wants something easy to read but thrilling (and romantic) all the same.

Lisa says

When Sarah contacted me about her upcoming blog tour, I didn't even hesitate to sign up. After reading Come Back to Me, written under her pen name Mila Gray, I was already well aware of how fantastic Sarah's writing was, and I knew this was a book that I had to read. I actually started off my love of reading many years ago with mysteries and thrillers. There was just something about them that really held my attention. I'm always happy when the opportunity arises to have another new thriller/mystery author that I love. Sarah is it! She's a very talented author and one I will be following indefinitely.

Conspiracy Girl was intense from start to finish. This book literally had my full attention whenever I was able to find time to read. It starts off with a bang and never loses steam. Nic, at the young age of only 16, was the lone survivor in a home invasion that took the life of her mother and stepsister. Nic is trying her best to move on after such a horrific event, but it still sticks with her. She has taken excessive measures to assure the security at her apartment is unbeatable, and even took in a huge doggy companion to help with her fears. Nothing seems to help though. She lives in fear on a regular basis, fairly feeling relaxed or comfortable. Any hope she has of a "normal" life is shattered when her apartment gets broken into. She's forced to go into a witness protection situation to prevent the home invaders from finding her and killing her. Of course nothing is that easy, and she's ultimately on the run with a computer hacker, Carter, who is trying everything he can to keep her safe.

As you can probably tell from the synopsis, this book will have you on the edge of your seat. Running from bad guys is always high-blood-pressure inducing, at least for me, but adding in some romantic sparks and a few characters with tortured pasts and I was overloaded with tense feelings. This book seriously had it all. Even a few "awww" moments. With a strong, attention-holding story line and intense, extremely well-developed characters, this story was a complete package! I've been recommending this book to anyone that

enjoys this type of story (and will listen to me gush about it for hours on end) and I will continue to recommend it in the future. Another fantastic book from Sarah Alderson!

(Thanks to Simon & Schuster and Sarah Alderson for the review copy!)

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Taneika says

A fast-paced, action packed page turner which is so like Sarah Alderson's work. I absolutely adored this! Finn is gorgeous <3 and the mystery had me not wanting to put this down! I definitely guessed the plot twist that happened at the end but I'm not even mad because it was such a fun read!

Full review to come

TheBlueBookworm says

The premise sounds interesting as hell, so I'll definitely be reading this when it comes out.

Donna {Book Passion for Life} says

Another book from Sarah Alderson? Well that alone sold me the moment I heard she had another book coming out. You guys know how much I adore her work thus making this one of the books I was most looking forward to this year. And true to all her previous work, Sarah Alderson never fails to disappoint!

The Cooper killings was such a high profile case that people are still talking about. Nic Preston, the sole survivor is trying to leave it all behind her but no matter what she can't get rid of her OCD tendencies such as living in a highly secure apartment with every high tech security system. But when someone breaks through Nic's fortress, she knows one thing..... The killers are back and they've come to finish the job. Teaming up with super computer hacker Finn Carter might be Nic's only chance – if only she didn't hate him. But with no other choice soon they embark on a mission to try and uncover the killers as well as running for their lives.

I don't read many young adult thriller stories but like I said before, anything Sarah Alderson writes I'm going to read it. And I really enjoyed *Conspiracy Girl* and probably more so than *Out of Control* because I felt like it ticked all the right boxes for me. Hot romance – check! Awesome characters – check! A fast paced plot – check! And the most important one DUAL NARRATIVE – CHECK! You know I love dual narrative. Love it!

Nic and Finn are purely awesome characters. I liked them both from the start and I thought they complimented either other very well even at the start when they hate either other. It was interesting to watch their relationship grow and turn from hate to love. And they had so many special moments during the story

that made me feel a number of different emotions.

I can't help think what's next for Sarah Alderson? I would personally LOVE for her to try some YA contemporary romance – just romance. No thriller. No paranormal. I know she's writing more under her pen name, Mila Gray which is New Adult. But you can't beat a good YA contemporary story and I think Sarah would do an amazing, amazing job!

In all, *Conspiracy Girl* is such a whirlwind ride that it's impossible to not get swept up with the characters along the way. Read it, I guarantee you'll love it.

Thank you to Simon & Schuster UK for giving me the opportunity to review this book in exchange for an honest review.

Jasprit says

Conspiracy Girl was once again a fast paced heart in your throat sort of read that I've come to expect from Sarah Alderson. Right from the beginning we're thrown into Nic's dangerous world, a girl who we find is living with the utmost security in her home surrounding her. Why would a girl of Nic's age need this much security? Who is she hiding from? Our fear for her is immediately kicked into overdrive when her house is broken into the first few pages, like I said she has the best surveillance installed, something only which a top hacker can get through and then her neighbour is shot and Nic is taken away to be kept safe, from whom we don't know, but the worst thing Nic is put under care of one of the last people she wants to be with, isn't she just better making it on her own? But who knows what dangerous people could turn out to be out there? Nic knew she had to place her trust with this guy for the foreseeable future; I was all for watching this bumpy ride out!

I'm a huge fan of antagonist relationships, relationships which start upon hate, but have the potential to become something more, but our two main characters are too blind to see or filled with rage to see what's standing in front of them. Nic had all the right reasons to dislike Finn, if I was in her shoes I would be fuelled by the same pent up rage to punch him in the face and then run away from him as fast as I could. But when you have nobody else to protect you and have some crazy killer or who knows what after her and the FBI has deemed that Finn's place and protection is the best place for you, you really have no choice. I loved watching the relationship unravel between Finn and Nic. There was a lot of early angry words thrown about and mistrust between them, but I adored how page by page, we were able to experience small cracks appear against the defences they had up especially ones put up by Nic. Of course it was hard not to fall for Finn, he was super intelligent, could crack any type of security, was willing to put his own safety on the line to protect Nic and did I mention hot? I loved some of the scenes Alderson decided to scatter amongst the tense scenes which took up most of the story, they were certainly great in bringing our hopes up that our characters would find a way to survive and an easy smile or (blush in my case) on many occasion. Also the dual pov contributed in a great way in getting a better understanding of Finn's character, we knew why Nic didn't trust him, but by being in his head we were able to get the fuller picture and also see a softer side to him than what Nic had originally painted of him.

There were many obstacles thrown against Nic and Finn, many which I was worried that they wouldn't find their way out. But I was grateful that Nic had been put in Finn's protection, as together they made a formidable team; there to calm each other down and always thinking one step ahead when they found themselves in tight situations. I feared the worst for Finn and Nic, but this was largely because we had no clue as to why anyone would be after Nic and why they were so adamant until much later on. The person who could have clued her in had legged it on the first chance, which made me slightly mad, if they really cared about Nic, wouldn't they have ensured that Nic was safe when things hit the fan? Wouldn't she be his

number one priority and not himself? This characters decision aside, Conspiracy Girl was a fantastic read, Alderson had us guessing until the very last page about who could be behind it all, to say I was shocked was the biggest understatement of the year. Alderson once again has gone to show why she is one of my favourite authors with Conspiracy Girl; she's written a story with two kick ass characters that will have you rooting for them until the very last page!

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