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## Descended Details

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## From Reader Review Descended for online ebook

### Angel Lepire says

I thoroughly enjoyed the story in this book. Though I'm not much of a romance reader, I found the characters engaging and really wanted to see how things came out for them. While I know there is a sequel to this story (possibly to be more than 1?), I did find myself wondering if there was a book before Descended? It seemed like there was back story eluded to in here that I felt like I was missing. Maybe it was just to be left to the reader's imagination, but I would be interested to know what has happened before between Lucian & Gabe, etc.

One of my favorite things about this book was the main character, Vie. Part of why I've been a bit put off with romance novels, is they sometimes seem to take a strong female role and turn her into an insecure twit, always questioning her love interest's motives, wondering what he's thinking or why, blah, blah, blah. In Descended, the author helps to remind us that if Vie questions anything about what Carter is thinking/doing, it's because she has a mission to complete, and she needs to gather all the information she can to complete it successfully. I liked that she was a strong character throughout the book.

Great book, great story. I will be reading the next one to see what becomes of these characters.

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### Julie Ramsey says

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This is a great read with characters you'll love & a story that keep you turning pages until the very end. It's full of everything you need to keep the story interesting. I really enjoyed it a lot. This is the first book I've read by this author & I'm interested in reading more.

I rate this book 4 stars  
Jennifer Wadkins  
complimentary book given for a free review. [juliesbookreview.blogspot.com](http://juliesbookreview.blogspot.com)

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### **Dianne says**

When the destiny of a teen boy is in trouble and he could turn to the darkness, a beautiful and powerful guardian descends to save him, using the body of another. But does fate and destiny have more in store for these two? Does evil have a score to settle with them? Is there more to their meeting and falling in love than they realize? Vie is an immortal guardian, but something about the human, Carter pulls her in like a magnet. How can he affect her so? Will the hidden truth bring them closer together for eternity or will it tear them apart, even if Carter is saved from the horrors of the dark side??

**Descended**, book one in the Fallen Guardian series by Debra Ann Miller is a warm story of love, soulmates, loss and the joy of rediscovery. Ms. Miller's writing is refreshingly suitable for all ages, one to be shared with younger readers who enjoy paranormal tales. The story flows smoothly at a pace that is relaxing and almost lyrical until evil rears its ugly head and the battle wages. Not all questions were answered, but a door was left open for more to come. Well written and not overly detailed, each page almost turned itself.

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### **Tiffany Loves Books says**

So... I started reading this novel feeling a little lost. Let me be honest, it had been a while since I read the blurb and I had no clue what I was getting myself into. Well that being said, the preface drew me in and was a total distraction once chapter one started. It was a kind of over-anxious attempt to complete a puzzle while only having one piece. Make sense? I was in over my head. I managed to maintain this sense of confusion for the first couple of chapters...

Then I completely fell in love. The story is well set up and once the story telling starts I was completely swept up into it. It is an impossible to put down, action packed, romantic, suspenseful read that is captivating. Miller manages to always maintain the element of the unknown that allows for many surprises and constantly keeps the reader guessing. I love how Miller does high school drama. It is unique, well done and never boring or dull. I love Vie's wit and her quick and smart responses. I love the wide array of well-developed characters, the attention to detail and a very well done third person narration.

All in all, it is an excellent read. I was completely captivated and am looking forward to the sequel. I love the resolution to this novel- It ends well yet it left all this intrigue and a few unanswered questions which make reading the sequel a must. I love the romance in this novel and how utterly spellbinding *Descended* is. This is a read I definitely recommend.

*\*I received a free copy of this novel in exchange for an honest review*

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### **Melissa says**

*Thank you, Ms. Miller for providing me a copy in exchange for a review.*

I was a bit skeptical in the beginning. First impressions do count but despite the ratings, the premise did sound intriguing. I like the little summary Goodreads provided so I gave the book a chance. And wow. I was surprised once I finished the book.

The beginning of the book started off a bit rocky for me and I guess it seemed a little too enthusiastic. Vie is a great character, but she was too overbearing in the beginning. Once she settled on Earth she mellowed down a bit and then did I find her a good person. My reason why this isn't a 5-star rating is the beginning and that majority of the characters were trying to be *too* humorous. Perhaps, I'm too serious for the jokes going around in this book? No, I started laughing during the middle so the beginning was definitely a bit too comical.

It's rare for me to find a book revolved around angels that I enjoy. And I think it's because those books focus too much on the structure of the Heaven in their minds. *Descended* didn't really talk much about Heaven itself but more of the people in it. I liked that and it also didn't make the book overbearing with its religious(?) aspect. I don't even know if it could be considered religious. In short, I did enjoy the plot going on. Refreshing like a cup of iced tea in summer.

The characters were simply amazing. I felt they were all a little childish in the beginning (AKA too comical), but they definitely developed and that's a sign that these characters are golden. Like I said before, I loved

Vie. I think she's better off being a human than her Guardian status. Being in her human vessel grounded her and I think she needed that to realize that what's going on is serious. Way more serious than her not being treated like a proper Guardian.

Gabriel was scarce in the book, in my opinion. But what I did see of him was good things. I just believe he needs to lighten up and mellow down. Carter on the other hand was almost perfect in my eyes. He did have a few flaws, but none I really cared about. I loved him with Vie and I hope they can be together as Vie's (view spoiler).

The book definitely got better as you read. I struggled a bit in the beginning because I wasn't used to the humour going around, but when Vie got to Earth - everything got better.

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### **Melanie says**

3.5\*s

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<http://bookpassionforlife.blogspot.co...>

Descended was a good start to the Fallen Guardian series. The synopsis is very accurate in its description as we join Violet & Carter on their journey of discovery, discovery of love, of life and of potential, two souls made for each other and needing each other to realise their own destiny. The book was filled with likable characters, especially Vie & Carter, they were made for each other and that was put across quite well. I can't say that I connected to them emotionally but I did enjoy reading about them and I could appreciate their qualities & what they brought to the book. I also liked Gabriel's character; he had a best friend role and shared a secret that might have been nice to delve into.

The storyline was good, to be honest it took me a good while -25% of the book- to get into it, I felt the beginning could have been thinned out a bit or maybe just given flash backs throughout the book of what happened because by the time our two main characters had met, I had nearly lost interest in the book and was having to push myself to read it; Saying that, once they met and had their connection, I did enjoy it a whole lot more. I liked the idea surrounding the plot, how Vie came to be in her new body, her mission, it's not new, it's been done before but I liked it none the less. I was slightly confused as to their roles, were they guardian angels with wings etc. or were they simply guardians with angel like powers? The Guardians also seemed to have free will and freely felt emotions like love & envy and were also capable of lying & keeping secrets.... So again, are they angels? I always love anything to do with soul mates and I liked the way it was handled in the story, there is a sort of innocence to our main couple, they are very clean cut & perfect and their relationship was super sweet making it easy to see how they connect so well. I also liked the way a couple of belief systems came together because for all we have different beliefs, their message was the same and I always like when American Indian spirituality is brought into a story & I hope the reservation will feature again in the sequel. I liked the main threat to the couple, who doesn't like a good versus evil scenario? Especially involving heaven & hell and I loved what the main couple were meant to become and am curious to see what will happen next for them. Why is everyone so interested in them? We get a little knowledge but I don't feel we know the whole scenario yet. So, after a shaky start, this turned out to be an enjoyable read and as I said, I'm curious to see what will happen now for them & there are still answers to be found so I would read the sequel for sure.

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## **Bonny Bon Bon says**

*Firstly id like to thank Debra Ann Miller for giving me a copy in exchange for an honest review*

I think the cover is absolutely stunning. I would have given the book 3 1/2 stars if I could have only because I had a little trouble getting into the first few chapters of the book I'm glad I persisted because I found myself engrossed and not wanting to put it down. I suppose that is because I am a sucker for soul mates and love concurring all. Definitely worth reading. One body, two souls.

Cant wait to read Ascended (Book 2 in the series)

What happens when a guardian, on a mission to help a boy discover his destiny and in turn becoming the 'chosen one' who will save man kind from the evils of Lucian falls in love with said boy?

From the moment Violet heard about the upcoming mission she knew she had to be apart of it. She knew it was somehow her destiny to be involved and when her best friend Gabriel informs her that she will be inhabiting Vivian's body so that she may guide a boy named Carter to discover who he really is and uncover the reason for the darkness that is within him, she is ecstatic. But it may not be as easy of a mission as Gabriel and Vie expected.

As time progresses with the mission and the connection between Carter and Vie becomes increasingly stronger, some guardians question Gabriel and Vie's motives and the progression of the mission. Although Vie's soul has successfully merged with Vivian's body she continuously questions her feelings for Carter as she is unsure if the love she feels for Carter is her love or Vivian's even after Gabriel's assurances that Vie's soul is in control and that Vivian has no part in any decisions or feelings.

If that isn't enough on her plate she has to contend with Jeremy, Vivian's boyfriend not understanding why Vie no longer loves him, 2 jealous woman (whom are jealous of the relationships Vie has with Carter and Gabriel), Lucian trying to kill both Carter and herself. Oh and there's the small detail of Violet not being who everyone thinks she is and that she may play a much bigger part in Carters life and destiny than anyone could have predicted

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## **Literary George (For Your Literary Pleasure Blog) says**

*A huge thank you to Debra Ann Miller for the copy in exchange for an honest review!*

Despite being a self proclaimed non-fan of YA, "Descended" is a teenage paranormal romance fanatic's wet dream. [Can I say that in a YA review?! argh.]

While the story started a little slow, the plot is a great mixture of loyalty, betrayals and secrets with a solid dose of angels and demons. Violet or Vie is a Guardian which is similar to angel and in angel land these Guardians go on missions. They take over a "host/vessel" taking front seat of all bodily, emotional and mental functions. I found that slightly creepy in a parasite-ish way but it works, less hostile take-over and more monthly lease.

The main character, Vie, is an assertive, confident young lady and it was so comforting not to have a damaged protagonist for once. She's on a mission to save this guy called Carter and knows what needs to be done, though she gets slightly distracted by her surprise whirlwind romance with Carter... Oops. But what young teenage girl doesn't go completely ga-ga over their first groundbreaking relationship? It's not your typical teenage romance though, Miller builds this relationship beautifully. It has a love at first sight feel but

stays grounded in friendship, conversations and carefree antics.

It got a little church preachy in a couple of scenes, which I don't like, but it didn't stray too far into full on church mode and imparted a few choice life lessons. It's not a dark novel and even in suspenseful situations "Descended" still came off as sweet. The ending is an almost literal cliffhanger that kind of requires you to read the sequel if you give even two hoots about what happens to Vie and Carter. Considering I definitely want to find out what happens next I will obviously be checking out the sequel - Ascended.

It wasn't bad as far as YA goes, the characters weren't overly exaggerated, the plot didn't get too dramatic and the romance wasn't desperate Romeo and Juliet. It was a very lovely, light read that given my recent emotionally exhausting books was a pleasant surprise. I highly recommend it if you are a lover of YA paranormal romance.

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George

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### **Jennifer says**

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This is a great read with characters you'll love & a story that keep you turning pages until the very end. It's full of everything you need to keep the story interesting. I really enjoyed it a lot. This is the first book I've read by this author & I'm interested in reading more.

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## Ramneek says

'Descended' is a brilliant debut novel by Ms Ann Miller and it is such an enjoyable, lovable and thrilling read, much different to the usual angel novels out there in the YA genre. The writing is brilliant and keeps you turning the pages, I can't wait for more of Ms Ann Miller's work!

Violet is sent to Earth by the Guardian Angel's to complete a mission. Her mission is to get as close as possible to human boy, Carter whilst in her human vessel. For reasons unknown to her the mission is very important and neither Violet or Carter know how important Carter is and what his true calling is. This becomes harder and harder when Violet starts falling for Carter but is it truly her or is it her vessel's feelings? It doesn't help that the fallen angels are after Carter too.

Violet/Vie is a very likeable character she was funny and feisty and was such a refreshing character to read about due to the lack of these kind of heroines at the moment. I really loved how Vie was the strong one in the book rather than your usual male guardian/fallen angels.

Gabe, who was Vie's boss-type person was a very strange character, we knew he liked Vie and felt a strong connection with her but it didn't really go further than that for a lot of the book.

Then there is Carter, Vie's 'forbidden' love, he was so lovely, he was dedicated and just so lovable, I really enjoyed reading about him!

Vie and Carter were so adorable together! I loved reading all their scenes, they weren't all mushy all the time, they were funny and sarcastic with each other and had a really endearing relationship! They were really innocent and playful perfect for any teens to read about.

I felt the mythology was a bit too simple and obvious at times, I wanted Ms Ann Miller to delve more into the world of the Guardian and Fallen Angels, perhaps a bit more history on them, but fear not, there is a sequel!

The story is quite slow at the beginning and the first few pages of the book are confusing until you get the certain point where you figure it out, but it is always difficult introducing such a detailed group of paranormal beings. The narrative is written really well, although it is slow at the beginning, like the plot, it definitely starts to pick up when the plot is also picked up.

*This is a really brilliant paranormal angel book for teens and young adults, the book is written brilliantly and I shall be buying/reading the sequel and hopefully be reading more of Ms Ann Miller's books in the future!*

\*Thanks to the lovely Ms Ann Miller for the free copy in exchange for a review\*

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## Linda says

The Guardians were an elite group of angels who have devoted their entire existence to protecting the Gates of Heaven and the world below. This is a unique story about fate, relationships, and the struggle between good and evil.

I have to admit I had a problem buying into Vivian's medical condition, it seemed to be a little extreme considering she had brain surgery and managed to keep all of her hair. I suppose it is possible, I decided to just go with it because there was a higher power at work here and it is fiction.

This is a complicated story with many facets that I did find engrossing. The characters are well developed even though their complete histories are not exposed until later in the story. Ms. Miller has done an excellent job weaving her story together. The plot twists were well thought out and enthralling.

Spirituality takes center stage while religion takes a back seat even though Vivian's father is a minister at the local church. I loved the relationship between Violet and Gabriel. Well, I have to admit, I loved everything about Gabriel. He was, by far, my favorite character and the one who tied heaven and earth together so seamlessly.

The plot moved at a good pace and had a lot of depth for a debut novel. Ms. Miller didn't mess around with dipping her toes in, she jumped in with both feet. I can see where some readers may think this story ends in a cliffhanger but it does come around full circle. It will be interesting to see how Violet's and Carter's story continues.

Format/Typo Issues: I found a small number of proofing errors.

\*\*Originally written for "Books and Pals" book blog. May have received a free review copy.\*\* August 16, 2014

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### **Jonel Boyko says**

This was such a very heart-warming story. It makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside while at the same time keeping you quite intrigued. Miller has mastered the art of suspenseful narrative. She provides all information necessary for the advancement of the story, while keeping back just enough to keep the reader intrigued. Rather than just plonking all of the information down in one long narrative, she feeds it to us bit by bit.

The story itself is also fairly well written. The descriptions are concise, to the point, but provide you with a sense of what or who you should be looking at. I did find that the actual purpose of the story didn't become completely apparent until about midway through the novel, but it was still quite enjoyable.

Some of the characters in this novel were quite well developed. You knew where they came from, or at least as much as the characters themselves did. You also got to know a bit about their personalities. However, some of the characters were a little one sided. I also found that the dialogue gets a little stilted at times. Not a lot, but just enough to break the flow of the story. The cast as a whole was quite intriguing and pulls you in to this world.

At the end of the story you find yourself wondering, who in the world are these people? What's going to happen to them and what is their purpose? You find yourself wanting to reach for the sequel to continue on this journey.

Please note that I received this book from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Stacey says**

I received this book to read for a review. I had high hopes, as the book description really captivated me. Although I felt it lost a bit of the paranormal romance someplace and just went to romance and in the end found the paranormal again....I loved the ending of the book and curious as to where to story is heading.

I know we weren't to be cheering for Gabriel to be the love interest, but I LOVED the character and found myself rooting for him and not the intended love interest of Carter Stone. I felt the main character of Vie/Vivian was a little one dimensional. She seemed quite immature to me to be in such a pivotal role as a Guardian. I know this is a YA book, and I am not a YA, BUT the story seemed to go off in the direction of two love sick teens who then out of nowhere the boy declares he loves her and the timing just seemed forced. I would have loved to actually had an opportunity to know more about the characters Reese and Fallon. Both of whom appear in the beginning of the book and both go before Lucian and then are never heard from again, that is until the last chapter. Fallon hands over a knife of some sort for a trade....yet you have no idea what she is trading for. You never find out what she got in return from Lucian, and SPOILER ALERT\*\*\*\* (view spoiler)

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### **Stacy Sabala says**

This is the first book in the Fallen Guardian Saga. Violet is a guardian and is finally getting her first assignment. She needs to merge with a human girl named Vivian Thorne. Her assignment is to find Carter Stone and help him realize his destiny. He is the chosen one and she has one year to complete the task. With the help of her best friend, Gabriel and the other members of her team she is excited to finally have a chance to prove herself.

Violet, or Vie, enters Vivian's body while the girl is still in the hospital after brain surgery. Merging with her body is harder than Vie expected. Vivian fights for control, especially when Jeremy is around. Jeremy is Vivian's boyfriend and produces strong emotions from her soul. Vie has to push Jeremy away in order to continue with her assignment. She claims amnesia where she doesn't remember him. She is able to get him to back off as she finds Carter. She feels guilty interfering but knows when she is gone, Jeremy will have Vivian back.

While the guardians are in Newcastle, Wyoming trying to complete their mission with Carter and keeping him safe, one of their own is following the road of betrayal. The guardian Reese is disillusioned by the guardians' ways of dealing with humans and seeks out to help Lucien, the fallen angel. Reese believes that he too is fallen and that is where he is supposed to be. Now that Reese has joined Lucien and his demons, Gabriel fears for Vie's life. He wants to send her home, but she is making progress with Carter and he can't justify the actions. While he tries to make her see reason of how dangerous this mission has become, she argues and refuses to go. During the argument, Vie develops this golden aura around her. Gabriel is completely shocked and then smiles a huge smile. He knew his best friend was special and this divine development is what they need to turn the mission around.

Unbeknownst to the guardians, another of their kind is filled with jealousy when Vie is allowed to go on the mission and she is not. She is determined to find out why. When she learns the secret, the shock is almost overwhelming. She decides to reveal this information to Lucien where she strikes up a bargain. The

knowledge about Violet's soul is the secret to the mission. Few know the truth and now Lucien has an edge over the guardians. When Gabriel learns the truth about Violet, he sees red when he realizes how in the dark he was when this mission started. He is bound from telling her the truth to keep the mission on track. Lucien learns the truth and uses it against the guardians and Violet. Carter comes full circle as he protects Violet. This story was intriguing. The mighty angel, Gabriel, is the leader of the guardians. He is thought of as this powerful angel that is an important warrior protecting mankind. He is thought of as fierce and ready to battle. Yet he seems more human with how the author portrays his relationship with Violet. He is her friend and mentor. She makes him vulnerable and it shows with what he will sacrifice for her. They are very close and trust each other completely.

Violet is trying to prove she is a good guardian. She is using trial and error, plus her instinct to get the job done. Her determination is felt by the reader as the story progresses. The author makes her relatable to the reader. She has had training, but she realizes that her first mission is not easy and she has to think on her feet. Her confusion about her feelings for Carter and her abnormalities as a guardian is front and center throughout the story also. It adds to her allure as a main character and the reader roots for her the whole story. She is finding her way in a world she was dropped into. I wasn't happy how it ended but I know it was preparing for the next book. I will definitely read it to see how the story progresses.

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### **Michelle says**

The Guardians is a book about a divine group created by God (?) that goes on missions to protect the world and heaven from evil...I think. Violet is a guardian with Gabriel sent to earth on a mission to guide the chosen one without interfering with free will. It was actually an interesting story. A little on the religious side but not pushing any particular one. Well it seems Christian maybe, based on the names but it wasn't like overly in any direction. Basically God has a plan and we (and the guardians) must blindly follow it...that bothered me a bit but it did add to the story a little.

(view spoiler)

The story is a little young at some points but it is interesting. I can't wait to see where the story goes.

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