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I knew from the moment I first saw him he was the one. The only boy I could ever want.
The only boy I could ever love.
They say he's bad for me.
But I know he's not.
Until the day he rejects me.
And breaks my heart.
Completely.

Everything changes in the blink of an eye. My entire life as I've known it is...gone. Secrets are revealed. Promises once made are irrevocably broken. There's no way my family can get back to what we once were.

So when Nicholas Fairfield walks back into my life like he never left it, I'm furious.

Thrilled. Irritated. Excited.

Conflicted.

Despite my confusion, I want to be with him. I love him. But danger lurks where we least expect it. Someone will do whatever it takes to tear us apart. All I know is: I won't let them.

Because Nick Fairfield? He's mine.

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From Reader Review Her Destiny for online ebook

Michelle Degrández says

I hate Rev, she is too silly, innocent and live in a fantasy world, dramatic, I don't like the main characters I expected something like Drew or Fable.

Gaia says

Due stelline e sono stata buona.
Che delusione questo libro e questa autrice.

Lauren at Live Read and Breathe Reviews says

3 Contradictory Stars!!

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My Her Destiny Review...

Since I was left with the cliffhanger from His Reverie I had to read this book to find out what happens. As I began reading I was hoping that I was going to start to like Reverie's character more than the last book but sadly no, that was not the case. In reality I started to like her even less. For Reverie she was a bit sheltered from the world and Nick was really her first experience of the outside world.

Because of this naivety when she gets the bitch slap of her reality she really doesn't handle it well. Instead of being the strong girl she had potential to be, she throws her friends away and becomes friends with the 'mean girls' or class tramps. While Rev is spiraling out of control with her family drama, her broken heart for Nick is still there. If it wasn't for her brother Evan I don't know what would have happened to her. With their recent reality, Evan steps up to the plate and takes care of Rev.

At this point even though I wasn't digging Rev, I still got her and what was going on. However, the moment Nick comes back in the scene is where I got really confused. Until this point she has been missing Nick, then he shows up and she is all 'nope, not going to happen. I've changed' blah, blah blah and does a complete 180° where it comes to Nick.

Nick has never stopped loving or thinking about Rev but he is just as confused with Rev as I am at this point.

I need her to stop contradicting herself.

This is what I realized that bugs me about her, is all her contradictions. She is so wishy washy that it is hard to really warm up to her. They have both had many road blocks in life and some worse than others but Nick handles them with a maturity beyond his age where Rev's immaturity hinders her which causes a divide for me with the depth of their emotions towards one another.

Even though Rev was not winning my heart. I did like the story and especially Nick. I think if I was younger like 20 years younger I totally be cool with Rev and have more empathy with her. Most of the times when I read YA/NA type books I can lost in them and don't feel like I am way to old to read them but this one I felt like it really is geared to a younger audience.

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Tammy Sargeant says

Eh, this was a bad as the first. This was more from Reverie's point of view and oh my god was she whiny. There was simply no character development with her. Her brother though had some. He went from the entitled asshole, to the best big brother finally giving a shit about Rev. The writer destroyed Nick for me in this one. I liked him in the first one, but here she made him a complete love sick wuss. This conclusion was unrealistic AF!!! So it picks up months after the murder, they still haven't found the culprit. Everyone is looking at Nick for obvious reasons. Rev was his alibi, but the dumbass refused to use her so he wouldn't ruin her reputation. All I'm thinking is did this dumbass not watch the news? It's already ruined. Her parents are frauds!!! Anyways, they do this whole tug of war, I love you, I love you not, you're bad for me bla bla bla. Then there is this random twist, the killer is revealed then BOOM! Two 17 year olds live happily ever after and plan on getting an apartment together in....what was i, San Diego? L.A? One of those places. Yea, that's not how it works, that's not how any of this works. It ended as quick as it started. Bah.

Esther says

No me ha convencido. Los pensamientos y los diálogos de los protagonistas, la trama... me han parecido repetitivos.

Aunque ha madurado mucho desde el primer libro, Reverie sigue siendo un poco infantil. Nick, el lado protector de Evan y la manera de escribir de Monica son los motivos por los que le doy 4 estrellas y no 3.

Moon Love says

I have a love/hate relationship with cliff hangers. I love the anticipation that comes with them, knowing I'm going to get more of a story I enjoy, but hate having to wait for it. I've read a number of books by Monica Murphy and know a cliffhanger is something she's familiar with, but knew the pain of waiting was worth it. His Reverie had ended on but a brutal cliffhanger. It wasn't just in one aspect either, but multiple upheavals that occurred simultaneously. So I was eagerly awaiting the release of Her Destiny to find out what was going to happen to the separated lovers.

It felt so wrong to see them apart, especially when they would've preferred to be together. I was surprised to see how changed Reverie was. In a way I was sad to see her innocence go, but happy to see her taking her happiness into her own hands. I wasn't very happy with Nick for turning her away, but then again I wasn't happy with how he was being targeted once again for something he didn't do. I was eager to find out who Krista's killer was. The identity took me by surprise, and although it made sense, I kept expecting the other shoe to drop.

I found the unsent communication Nick and Reverie wrote to each other to be extremely romantic. I felt it was a great way to prove their bond was still strong and true even though they were no longer in each other's lives. Speaking of bonds, Ethan was quite a surprise in this book. It was great to see him and Reverie together and being a family. I was not very happy with their parents. Good riddance to them. I was hoping to find out the reason for their mother's partiality towards Ethan, but that didn't happen.

The book was written well. I read it as fast as I could and was not disappointed when I finished it. This duology is the first young adult series I've read from Monica Murphy. She's proved she can write in many different genres and age ranges. I look forward to hopefully reading more YA from her. Perhaps Ethan can get his own book. I'd definitely like to read about that, even if it would be NA and not YA.

Lauren - SERIESous Books says

I liked the character development we get here; especially with Reverie. She's come a long way from the character we first meet. I thought the mystery of the crime was predictable so that made the plot not as engaging as it could have been. But it was a drama filled conclusion and it wraps up this duet nicely.

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Full Review: <https://wp.me/p7hLUw-2vc>

Actual Rating: 3/5

Angigames says

Orribile. La solita brodaglia di cliché.

Lui l'ha lasciata perché vuole proteggerla da se stesso e dai suoi casini. Lei è distrutta e quindi sfoga tutto il dolore in festini, alcool e sesso occasionale, per non pensare, anche se è pienamente consapevole di stare facendo più che altro male solo a se stessa.

Sono lontani ma si pensano in continuazione. Ti amo, ma ho dovuto lasciarti però ti amo. Lo sai vero? Ti amo, ti amo, ti amo...

Il ritorno di fiamma ovviamente sarà esplosivo e per il lettore sarà una tortura infinita, certe frasi non si possono veramente leggere! Avrei preferito cavarmi gli occhi!

La fiera delle banalità. La Murphy continua la discesa nel limbo dei romanzi super trash! :(

The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog says

Review: Jo Rushton 4.5 Stars

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Following the huge cliffhanger I was left with at the end of "His Reverie," I couldn't wait to get my hands on this sequel and conclusion to Reverie and Nick's story.

In this second and final installment, I found that life had dramatically changed for Reverie and nothing would ever be the same again. At the beginning of the story, she wasn't handling these changes at all well but then again, her world had been turned upside down.

Good girl Reverie Hale doesn't exist anymore. She's gone. Wiped from existence.

As I worked my way through the book, I found myself becoming more and more annoyed at how Reverie reacted to her situation. Her actions were so childish and she appeared to be so different from the sweet girl I'd met in the first book. I really had to step back and think about why she was acting so out of character and take into account that she was still only seventeen. Reverie, up to this point, had lived a very sheltered life with very little real life experience and as such was, at times a little immature. Now, suddenly all of that protection had gone and, for the first time she was having to deal with real life and the problems that it brought.

Nick was also in a depressing situation. After yet another run of bad luck, he was left wondering what had happened to his Reverie. I felt so sorry for him. This boy just never seemed to catch a break. My heart went out to him and I hoped that he could find some much deserved happiness in his life.

Protecting her only ended up fucking over my chance with her. I think I may have ruined it for good.

Nick missed Reverie like crazy and was desperate to find her and put things right between them. But would it be that easy for him to walk back into Reverie's life after so much had happened?

As you can probably tell, I found the first half of this story a little gloomy, leaving me desperate for some sunshine and happiness for this couple and I remained hopeful that Monica would grant them some.

"You and me...we're not a good idea, are we?"

"Probably not. But that's not going to stop me from trying for us again."

I once again, fell in love with Reverie and Nick as a couple. Thankfully Reverie found her old self again and actually emerged a lot more confident and determined to tackle both her own and Nick's problems. At last Reverie was beginning to grow up. Nick remained as loving and patient as he was in the first book. That boy just didn't deserve any of the crap that was put in his way. Life truly had sucked for him.

I wondered how Reverie and Nick would make their relationship work with all of the challenges that lay ahead and just as I thought they had a chance, along came yet another nightmare. OMG!! I did not expect the twist in the story. I did not see it coming and I was left biting my nails, feeling apprehensive. What was going to happen next? It appeared any chance of happiness for Reverie and Nick was slipping through their fingers, yet again!

Monica Murphy gave me an ending that I truly loved. Yay!! And it was one that suited the characters perfectly.

I want to melt into him. Become one with him and never leave his side.

My final thoughts in this review are for Evan, Reverie's older brother. I was really surprised how he handled the changes in his life. He appeared to be dealing with everything a lot better than I had imagined, his priority being Reverie. He placed her needs first in everything that he did, not doing anything for himself. All his life consisted of was working, sleeping and looking out for her. I wondered what he truly felt and what sort of future Evan was going to have. I think that maybe there was potential there for another story. So, if you are reading this Monica, Evan needs a happy ending too! LOL.

I loved "Her Destiny" and it gets 4.5 happy ever after hearts from me!

Candy says

I really enjoyed this story, maybe even more than His Reverie. Her Destiny is filled with young love, uncertainty, unanswered questions, suspense, coming of age issues, family issues, and self identity. Two unlikely teens find each other and first love in one summer. But that love that has a ripple affect of consequences that follows them into the fall bring confusion, heartache, and danger to an already complicated situation.

Her Destiny picks up where His Reverie ended. Reverie's family was forced to leave their summer house while Nick is being held for 48 hrs as a suspect in Krista's death. By the time he is released Reverie has gone

back to school and Nick isn't quite sure how to find her. After Reverie's parents are accused for stealing from the ministry and their assets are frozen, she moves in with Evan while finishing her senior year of school. But she is no longer miss innocent goody two-shoes, no she's a rebellious party girl trying to forget all her family issues and especially trying to forget Nick after he broke her heart by abandoning her like everyone else. She feels unloved and unwanted. But something's gotta give, she can't keep this act up, it just isn't her. As she's trying to put her life back together, restore friendships, bring up her grades, and apply for college there isn't much more she can deal with, until Nick comes looking for her. Now she must decide to give him another chance or push him away for good. In the mist of all this she is pulled into the very thing Nick tried to keep her out of, the investigation of Krista's death. Reverie is the only alibi Nick has and can remove him from the suspect list if she is brave enough to give her statement. Krista's killer is nowhere near being found and the police are looking in all the wrong places. But the killer will stop at nothing to make sure Nick and Reverie never make it to happily ever after, if they even have a chance at that happening in the first place.

Silvia Altomiri says

Dopo il pauroso finale del primo, l'ho cominciato subito e devo dire che mi e' piaciuto piu del primo.

Una bella storia d'amore tra due ragazzi ventenni e mi sono emozionata tantissimo.

Leggetela merita tanto.



LA Spiez says

I met a boy.

And I fell for him.

Hard.

He was sweet, she was kind and no matter how much he tried to deny me...

He couldn't resist

And neither could I.

He was my first kiss.

The first boy I let touch me.

He was my first...everything.

But he walked away from me.

To protect me...from himself.

When the only protection I really wanted...

The only protection I needed...

Was him. ~ Reverie Hale

Before I say anything about Her Destiny by Monica Murphy at all, I'm going to tell you to read His Reverie. You have to read it for two reasons. First, it gives all the background information for the story to make sense. Second it's such a phenomenal story of course you have to read it.

As Her Destiny begins, Reverie Hale is heart broken, because after spending a wonderful night with Nicholas Fairchild, he completely disappears from her life. It's bad enough that Nick has left her, but now she also has to deal with the fallout from the collapse of her father, Reverend Hale's ministry. It seems the Hale mother and father were most definitely not the good Christians they portrayed themselves to be.

They've been embezzling funds from their ministry for years. Living the good life while stealing from their flock.

If you thought Reverie's parents were uninvolved in her life in the first book, they're even worse in this one. Since her parents have lost everything, Reverie goes to live with her brother Evan. The two have them have only ever known life having money. Now, they worry about being able to pay for their small apartment. Both of them work as many hours as they can and worry about college for Reverie, since she's now a high school senior.

Of course the relationship between Nick and Reverie plays the biggest part in Her Destiny. Nick arrested again for a crime he didn't commit has lost contact with Reverie. While he was in prison and Reverie had to leave her vacation home the two of them are lost to each other. Nick tries to text message Reverie, but never gets a response. Reverie, thinking that Nick only used her, starts on her way down the wrong path at the start of her senior year.

Fortunately, the police don't have enough evidence to hold Nick, so they release him. To clear his name completely, all he has to do is tell the police what he was doing the night of the crime. To protect Reverie, he won't do it.

He also decides he doesn't want to be without Reverie any more and searches for her. When he finds her, she pushes him away. She doesn't understand how he could have left her. In addition, her brother Evan wants Nick to stay away from Reverie. Let's face it, Nick doesn't have the best luck in the world and Evan is afraid he'll drag Reverie down. Evan who definitely didn't give a big brother vibe in His Reverie, does a complete turn around. He's very concerned about Reverie and wants what's best for her.

I have to tell you, there's a plot twist in Her Destiny that I didn't see coming at all. There were some tense moments when I was holding my breath. But that just made the story even better. You won't be sure how things turn out until the very end. Oh and I'm so not telling you because I want you to read His Reverie and Her Destiny.

This has to be one of the best series I've read this summer. You'd never think Reverie would fall for someone like Nick. You'd never think someone who's been through all the tragedy Nick's been through could be so sweet and loving.

As for the book boyfriend factor Nicholas Fairchild is off the charts perfect. He's physically fabulous to look at, but that's not just it. What's inside of him is completes the perfection package. He decides he's going to get Reverie back. He knows the odds are against them, but he loves her completely and that makes me love him even more than I did in the first book.

Of course I'm giving Her Destiny a five lip smack review. It really is a beautiful story. And maybe, just maybe, if we're really lucky, Monica Murphy will give Evan his own story (fingers crossed).

*****ARC read in exchange for honest review*****

1-Click Addict Support Group says

Monica Murphy has been on my autobuy list forever. I always know when I pick up one of her books I am in for a great story. Her Destiny is the continuation of His Reverie. It picks up right where Monica left us hanging in the first book.

I love the star crossed lovers storyline, and these characters definitely fit the bill. Reverie is the daughter of a famous televangelist and Nick is the ex-con just trying to make a life for himself after being in prison.

There's been a lot of turmoil in both character's lives since the end of the first book. Reverie's life has turned upside down. She alternates between missing Nick and rebelling. In the first book we're told the story through Nick's POV and Rev's dairy entries. This book is told through Rev's eyes and Nick's unsent emails and text messages.

While I liked this book I was a little disappointed at the predictability of it. It just needed a little more oomph. Her Destiny is the second book in the series, it's necessary to read His Reverie first as it is a continuation of that story. It is the final book in the series, no cliffhanger.

~ Erin, 3 1/2 stars

Tra Le Braccia Di Un Libro says

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VOTO 4

Abbiamo lasciato Reverie e Nick in balia di onde tempestose, incerti su cosa il futuro avrebbe riservato loro. Krista, (ex di Nick, nonchè la ragazza che lo ricattava pur di rimettersi insieme a lui) è stata assassinata, e oltre al padre di lei, Nick è il principale sospettato.

Tutti sapevano che la notte che è stata uccisa si sarebbe dovuta incontrare con Nick, ma ben pochi sanno che quella notte, lui l'ha passata interamente con Reverie.

Una notte indimenticabile, durante la quale i loro corpi e le loro anime si sono unite, una notte in cui hanno aperto i loro cuori e tutto sembrava un sogno meraviglioso.

Entrambi, però, sapevano che la loro storia non sarebbe stata una cosa semplice, visti i loro mondi così diversi, ma nessuno dei due si sarebbe mai immaginato che quella notte, sarebbe stata l'ultima in cui si sarebbero visti.

Per Riverie il mondo crolla per più di un motivo.

Suo padre, famoso predicatore ed incantatore del suo gregge, viene accusato di aver derubato i suoi fedeli e da quel momento, la vita perfetta e serena di Rev e di suo fratello, subisce un brusco scossone.

I due ragazzi vengono allontanati dalla famiglia e costretti a sopravvivere con le loro forze.

In più, la sparizione di Nick, fa sprofondare Reverie nella più totale depressione e oscurità.

Si rifugia in amicizie sbagliate, si lascia trasportare dall'alcol e dalle feste promiscue della sua scuola.

Nel giro di pochi mesi la sua vita si avvia verso l'autodistruzione e non sa più come uscirne.

Evan, il fratello, accortosi che la sorella non riesce a risollevarsi da questo declino, decide di aiutarla standole vicino, e facendo le veci di quel padre che sembra sparito dalla faccia della terra.

Si, perchè i genitori dei ragazzi, dopo le accuse, si sono rifugiat in' autocommisurazione relegando i figli nel dimenticatoio.

Grazie a Evan e alle sue amiche d'infanzia, con enorme sforzo e spirito di autoconservazione Rev riesce a risollevarsi, migliorando il livello scolastico che era colato a picco, e dedicandosi di più a se stessa.

In tutto questo però, l'enorme vuoto lasciato da Nick non riesce a sanarsi, nonostante faccia di tutto per

dimenticarlo, lui è sempre lì, nei suoi pensieri e nel suo cuore.

Nick, dopo essere stato rilasciato dalla polizia per mancanza di prove, cerca in ogni modo di ricontattare Reverie, ma lei e la sua famiglia sembrano svaniti nel nulla.

Nel frattempo tenta di rimettere in sesto la sua vita, ma non avendo mai confessato a nessuno che la notte in cui Krista è stata uccisa era insieme a Reverie, sulla sua testa pendono ancora forti accuse.

Ma mai e poi mai, avrebbe messo in difficoltà Reve.

Dire la verità significherebbe far perdere la dignità alla ragazza che ama, e lui non vuole che questo accada mai.

Per entrambi la mancanza dell'altro diventa un peso sempre più ingombrante, ma Nick decide che deve rivederla per capire i suoi veri sentimenti, se questi sono solo l'ossessione scaturita dai ricordi, o davvero il suo cuore innamorato non riesce ad allontanarla.

Il loro incontro non sarà di certo come se lo aspettava, perché Reverie dopo un iniziale sgomento, tenta in ogni modo di allontanarlo per la paura di soffrire ancora.

Il loro riavvicinamento sarà una strada lunga e tortuosa, piena di difficoltà e con un passato che continua ad inseguirli.

Nella mia prima recensione li ho paragonati a Romeo e Giulietta e non posso che confermare questa assonanza.

La linea sottile dell'amore è una storia romantica, dove il cuore e l'amore la fa da padrone.

Una storia difficile, dove entrambi i protagonisti dovranno lottare con le unghie e con i denti per la loro sopravvivenza, ma che una volta risolte le difficoltà più importanti, riusciranno a realizzare che l'uno senza l'altro non possono esistere.

Dolce e accattivante riassumono perfettamente questo libro.

Non potete davvero perdervelo!

T.H. Hernandez says

I haven't been this excited to get an ARC in my inbox in, well, I don't know when. Maybe ever. *His Reverie* was a wonderful story, but as soon as it ended, I wanted more. And now I have it and it was worth the wait. Picking up several weeks after *His Reverie* ends, *Her Destiny* is told from dual points of view. I love that we get to hear from Reverie this time around without being filtered through diary entries.

The passion, angst, and heartbreak are amped up in this sequel, culminating in a climax with higher stakes. I love that this book isn't just a continuation of the first. It's a sequel with more teeth as both of their worlds are night and day by comparison to what they were before. Reverie's life is irrevocably changed on the heels of the Hale family scandal, and in the aftermath of Krista's murder, Nick remains a prime suspect. The fact that they live two hours apart only adds to the conflict.

Plot

Reverie and her family return home to deal with the accusations against her parents, while Nick is left behind to deal with his own accusations — that he killed his ex-girlfriend, Krista. With no way to reach Reverie, Nick desperately misses her and longs for her. Reverie is heartbroken that Nick refused to see her after he was arrested, and now she hasn't heard from him in weeks. She spirals out of control, becoming someone unrecognizable, partying with the wrong crowd, trying to kiss away her feelings for Nick.

Their lives intersect once again in an unexpected way and both of them, trying to do what's best for the other, attempt to deny their feelings for each other, but all that does is complicate things further.

Characters

The character development and growth is gritty and realistic and drives the story. I was glad to see that Monica Murphy kept her characters true to who they were while also allowing them to change as a result of the events that take place in their lives. Reverie, especially, is authentic as the good girl whose sheltered life comes crashing down around, rebelling against the values her corrupt parents instilled in her. It's believable that a teen already searching for her place in the world, would question everything her parents taught her when it's revealed they weren't who they pretended to be.

Nick is still coping not only with Krista's death, but the time he did in prison for his false conviction nearly two years before. He's struggling just as much as Reverie to find his place in a world that isn't what he thought it was. The rug is pulled out from under him once again and he's floundering in believable fashion.

Bottom Line

If possible, *Her Destiny* is even better than *His Reverie*. It explores trust, responsibility, faith and the bonds of love as they're tested over and over again.

Disclaimer

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