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This is the first book in a major new series. "Lost" meets "Gossip Girl". I jump at the sound of a whispered voice over my shoulder. But when I turn round all I see is sand, and the towering, green wall of the rainforest. I guess it must have been the breeze, but I can't help shivering. I have the weirdest feeling that we're being watched. Grace Delaney and her fellow dance students are en route to perform on a South Pacific cruise-ship when a freak storm hits and they find themselves stranded on a deserted island. With the tropical heat rising, passions and tensions swell to breaking point. And the island itself is quietly steaming with a terrible secret...

Shipwrecked Details

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Navya says

At first I thought this book would be one of those typical teenager-type of books, and to some extent it was, but I think it was still interesting because of the twist. Every chapter leaves you on a cliff hanger, and I kept wanting to know more. The plot line and characters were very "typical teenagery" and I think that was what made it amusing to read. Overall, I think this was a fun and amusing book. This type of genre is quite new to me and I'm glad I gave it a try!

Svenja says

Das Buch erinnert ein wenig an die Serie "Lost"... Nur stranden hier Jugendliche nach einem Unwetter mit einem Boot auf einer einsamen Insel.

Für Spannung sorgt ein Mythos rund um die Insel, der durch seltsame Vorkommnisse verstärkt wird. Eine Frage beschäftigt alle: Sind die Jugendlichen alleine oder ist da noch jemand? Und spielen alle das gleiche Spiel?

Die Jugendlichen sind ein wenig klischeehaft, aber gerade die Oberzicken bringen ein wenig Abwechslung in die Gruppendynamik.

Das Ende des ersten Teils lässt so viele Fragen offen, dass ich mir den zweiten Teil auf jeden Fall schnell kaufen werde.

Annalikes says

Es würde 5 Sterne bekommen, aber der eine Stern wird für den Gruselfaktor abgezogen

Ava says

It could have been 1000000000 times better if the heroine wasn't so weak. Frustrated the hell out of me.

Cruz should stand up more for her.

The Flea was perfectly realistic.

Belle, god, she annoyed the shit out of me. Fudging weak!

3-stabbing-Jenna-and-her-so-called-best-friend-in-the-eye-stars!

Liz Jager says

I read Shipwrecked in 2 days over the weekend past. The set-up is handled well and effortlessly by Ms. Curham (as expected) and I relished knowing that the kids who seem so very cultured and bitchy would soon be stranded on an island. There is much bitchiness and shenanigans and it's handled well within the context of the book. I liked the voodoo vibe too and I like how the characters find out about that. It's creepy in places - thoroughly approved of this too - and I liked how the main character actually became stronger after being a bit too wishywashy in her ways for a part of the book. This didn't read as a YA for older readers, but definitely a YA for readers on the younger side of things but it's no less enjoyable for my remark.

SJH (A Dream of Books) says

Siobhan Curham is the author of the wonderful 'Dear Dylan' and 'Finding Cherokee Brown' both of which I have previously enjoyed. Her new title 'Shipwrecked' is aimed at a slightly older teen audience and is the first in a saga. Described as Gossip Girl meets Lost, the tagline made the book sound extremely promising and I was looking forward to a thrilling and sizzling summer read.

Grace Delaney along with her friends, are en route to perform on a South Pacific cruise ship when a storm hits, leaving them stranded on a deserted island. As they try to survive with little hope of rescue, strange things start happening and they fear that the island may not be quite so deserted after all. I really loved the idea for this story and the plot sounded so promising but although all the elements were there for this to be a stand-out read, I felt like it didn't grab me as much as I was expecting it to.

The pace of the story was slow and I found my attention wandering in the beginning half of the book, even with the dramatic events of the shipwreck. It did start to pick up in the later chapters when there are some spooky goings-on but it was a little predictable at times. I do feel like there is still so much more to come and it will be interesting to see how the rest of the series unfolds.

I quite liked the main character Grace and events are told from her point of view as she struggles to cope with life on the island. I enjoyed seeing her develop friendships with Cruz, Flea and Belle but I wasn't as keen on some of the secondary characters such as Jenna, Cariss and Todd who seemed a bit one-dimensional.

Although I didn't end up loving 'Shipwrecked', I'm keen to see what direction Siobhan Curham will take the story in next. I still think that this could be a great series, but sadly, for me, the opening instalment failed to wow me which was disappointing considering the immense talents of this usually brilliant author.

little bookworm girl says

OMG.

I absolutely loved this book. I will definitely be reading the second book. I could not believe the ending and how creepy it got !!!!! My favourite bit was when they were all playing truth or dare and it all kicked off. LOVED IT !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kirsty says

The press release for this is bang on when it describes this book as gossip girl meets lost. A group of teen dancers are shipwrecked onto a tropical and oh so slightly sinister island and the story follows them as they adjust to their new settings.

The story is told from the point of view from Grace. Grace and her friends are hilarious to follow as they find themselves shipwrecked. The group immediately splits into cliques, the bitchy rich ones in one corner, the nice but poor scholarship students in the other with grace stuck in the middle. Just being on the island heightens those differences rather than seeking to bring them together and seeing their differing reactions is brilliant and pure comedy gold.

I liked seeing how grace grew as a character as the book went on and couldn't help but swoon with her over the very hot Spanish boy who is shipwrecked with them.

Not only are the teenagers shipwrecked they are shipwrecked on a very creepy island. It become apparent very quickly that not everything is as it seems. There are so many spooky things going on and it takes a while for you to get your head round which of the things are real, which are imagined and which a caused something else. I loved finding out more about this spooky element and have many many more questions that I am hoping are answered in book two.

A fab read and something really different and unexpected from an author I thought I knew.

Luna says

The tag line of "Lost meets Gossip Girl" has no impact on me, I've never seen Gossip Girl and gave up on Lost after episode 2. I picked this book up for one reason only: Siobhan Curham

Reassuringly Siobhan Curham writing remains brilliant. You just want to read Shipwrecked. As a first book in a series there is a good balance between setting up the next book while having a gripping story for the reader to enjoy this time round. Personally I'm really looking forward to reading what happens next.

I wasn't as enthralled with the characters as I wanted to be. Grace is a little middle of the road and really no one else stands out. We have the pretty rich mean girl, the scholarship kids, the best perfect friend who isn't. While I didn't dislike any of them I didn't love anyone either and I really wanted to.

When I reached the last page I wanted the next book, ideally that very minute! Because I have to know how this ends.

I think that tells you how captivating the story is. :)

Smithjamest says

Shipwrecked by Siobhan Curham is darker than her previous two novels, Dear Dylan, and Finding Cherokee

Brown. However I think I enjoyed it more. Shipwrecked is what I would look for in a Young Adult novel with equal amounts of sass, adventure, drama, and romance. I like how Curham manages to make sure that there is an equal amount of girl/boy time to girl/friend time.

Shipwrecked follows a dance crew as they become wrecked on a desert island while they travel to a cruise ship to perform. Curham really develops each individual character, Grace, Belle, Jenna, Cariss, Todd, Ron, Dan, and the Flea. The story is told from Grace's point of view and she's a perfectly flawed teenager, she's real, she's easy to relate to and she's kind and likeable. I really enjoyed following Grace and watching how her relationships changed with the members of the dance crew. I also thought Curham introduced Cruz, the Spanish boat boy, to the crew well (he's shipwrecked with them) and portrays the attraction between Grace and Cruz well.

Something I have to comment on about Curham's writing skill is that she is amazing at dialogue. All the dialogue in Shipwrecked is beautifully written and seems realistic even when the events that are taking place seem far from! Just flicking back through this book in order to remind myself of what I thought I've reminded myself how much I liked it! and how I can't wait for the next in the series!

I'd give Shipwrecked a very fiery five as Curham has really mastered older YA writing with this book and I, well, I really enjoyed it! Published on the 3rd June, at the moment, you can order it from Amazon.co.uk for £5.59 which is a bargain!

Go for it, Summer treat.

Καλ? αν?γνωστη (Greek)

Tabs

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Veronica Morfi says

Nothing special. A lot of teenage drama and not enough island spookiness.

Franzi Bücherseelen says

Anders als erwartet. Wenig "abenteuerlich" dafür viele kleine Zankereien und Dramen unter den Jugendlichen , sowie eine kleine Liebesgeschichte. Trotzdem gute Unterhaltung für zwischendurch :)

Maddie says

Review for Heart Full of Books: <http://heartfullofbooks.com/2014/09/2...>

Jack says

For book reviews and more, please visit my book blog, The Book Stop

I read Shipwrecked during our scorcher of a Summer, and it was the perfect Summer read, I must say. I love all books involving a shipwreck, but this one just blew me away. I was not expecting it to be THAT good. I read Shipwrecked as part of the Shipwrecked Readalong with Sophie and Zoe. It was great chatting about Shipwrecked, and we all seemed to have the same opinion, we loved it!

The plot of Shipwrecked is very interesting. At the beginning I wasn't so sure if it would be the book for me, but after the first few pages I really got into it. The story was gripping. It was totally unpredictable too. That's what makes it stand out, the unpredictability and originality. The hints about Hortense and the whispers Grace was hearing made it a chilling read. I was at the edge of my seat because I always had the feeling something bad was going to happen. And something did. Well, a lot of things did, to be fair!

"In the pale light of the half moon she dances around the fire, her body swaying and pulsing in time with the drums. With every jerk of her head her hair whips at the night air and sweat trickles, salty, into her mouth. Let this be the night, she thinks to herself, please, let this be the night."

The characters in Shipwrecked are just amazing. They're the best aspect of the novel. Each one of them is different have distinct personalities. I loved how Grace wasn't the typical 'strong' female, kick-ass protagonist. She was shy and insecure and didn't really speak up much. I loved how she developed throughout the novel and I can't wait to see her blossom in the sequels to come. She was the perfect protagonist for Shipwrecked. All the relationships between all the characters were realistic. Jenna and Grace had a very rocky relationship throughout, even though they're supposed to be 'best friends'. Siobhan Curham's exploration of the concept of growing out of a friendship was fascinating. It hasn't really been done before in a way like this, and I appreciate the way she approached the idea.

I'm interested to see how some of the quieter, more mysterious characters develop in the sequel, like Dan and Cruz. They were pretty quiet characters in Shipwrecked, and I'd love to get to know them better. Overall, the set of character in Shipwrecked is the perfect set of characters for this interesting story line. Loved every one of them!

"She looks up at the moon and smiles. Not long to go now. Not long at all. Then she pulls up her hood and melts back into the forest."

This is the first novel I've read by Siobhan Curham, and I am amazed how brilliant a writer she is. The writing was full of depth and the character development was flawless. I am definitely going to look into Siobhan's previous novels. One thing I would've liked to see more of in Shipwrecked is suspense. I felt at times, some scenes could've been told in a more suspenseful, mysterious way. I also thought that at the beginning of the novel, the characters seemed a bit young, but that quickly changed as the story went on.

Overall, Shipwrecked was a fantastic read. Although all I've done in this review is rave about the book, I haven't given it 5 stars because it didn't 'feel' like a 5 star book, the story didn't exactly blow me away, but it was still great. I don't know how I'm going to wait for the second novel, since it won't be released for a good while. If you're looking for a chilling summer read, then look no further. Shipwrecked is for you!

Katie (Kitkatscanread) says

Thank you to Electric Monkey for sending this to me for review!!

Oh my God this book was so good!!
Blew me away how fantastically entertaining it was!
It really makes me want to play Sims Castaway now (damn you)
So many fantastic characters. Eep!
Honestly can't wait for the sequel =D

Video review to come..
