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At OCD the losers are tormented.

At Alpha Academy, they're sent home.

Skye Hamilton has scored an invitation to the ultra-exclusive Alphas-only boarding school where beta is spelled LBR . What happens when the country's best, brightest, and hawtest begin clawing and scratching their way to the top?

Alphas Details

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From Reader Review Alphas for online ebook

Farzy Mae of BooksKeepMeSane says

I can't help comparing the book to the Clique series, also by the same author, but this is better, I liked the idea of having an academy in some private island to train future alphas. The academy is so futuristic this looks like a sci-fi chick lit book.

Of all the characters in the book, my favorite was Charlie, she was the only decent character who's not stuck up or bitchy and she's really down to earth, Charlie is the only girl that's rooted to reality in all of them.

Skye has big talents with big ego and it hinders her from discovering her full potential. And then there's Skye's annoying expression, "Ohmuhgud". Is the good old "oh my god" not enough. To me her expression sounds like she's swallowed her teeth. It's not cool. And then there are those hyphenated words like giggle-shouted, lip-kiss, serious-leh, etc which was so annoying. Aren't simple words not enough?

Allie is a germophobe and a narcissistic bitch. It annoys me to think that there are people like her that think pretty girls should get special privileges. I want to slap reality check hard on her poreless, blemish-free face. Girl you're no unique unique snowflake so build a bridge and get over it.

So obviously I am a little biased when it comes to Charlie but hey I have reasons why she is my favorite character. I think she is the only girl in the whole Alpha Academy who wanted to get in to hone her full potential and not just for the prestige and I think that she's the only who is not a fake.

The Alpha Academy is more austere and unforgiving than the real world, everyone is expected to be at their best all the time, always striving for perfection which is stupid because nobody is perfect and it doesn't look like a place of learning to me because the teachers are too mean to the girls and they don't encourage the girls when they're having difficulties with their classes, it's almost like they bully the students. It looks more like Alpha Academy is a reality show than real life.

I honestly don't understand the concept of being an alpha, to me it is just being a prima donna and attention whore. I don't understand the need to be on top of it all. Let's face it, you can never be the best of all for all eternity and I don't think there's the need. I mean, I am not saying that you should do your very best, what I mean is you should do your best for yourself rather than do it to out-best other people. We should aim to be better instead of aiming to be the best because the best gets out-bested but the better ones get even better.

The thing about Lisi Harrison is that she loves cliffhangers as much as I hate them. The book ended without solving the conflict of the story. While ending a story in a cliffhanger is a good tactic to make readers buy the next book, it doesn't do well for the story. If you're the one who doesn't mind cliffhangers, Alphas is for you.

Paolene Nepomuceno says

I found this book, as probably everyone did, when I was reading the Clique books. Honestly, I never really liked Skye Hamilton, considering how she was such an infuriating character in the series. I decided to try it out though, mainly because I love how Lisi Harrison's writings seems to connect with the teenagers today. It was ten times better than I expected. I stayed up till about 3am reading it. I couldn't put it down!

First off, I'll talk about the plot. It was amazing, for a sci-fi/fantasy fan like me. I guess not so much if you consider that the setting was supposed to be from the same time period as we do. It was too futuristic, and because we all know that Skye goes to OCD like the PC, it was kind of confusing to read. I mean, going from the Massie's story to Skye's should've been really easy to connect with. Unfortunately, the two series hardly connected to each other, which was kind of a disappointment. It would have been better if Harrison made this from an entirely original idea instead of pulling a character out of another series. It was a brave, but slightly stupid move.

Next, the supporting characters. They were okay, for the most part. I just didn't really like how the story showed the supporting characters as a bunch of boy-crazed airheads. I mean, they're in an outstanding school as prodigies for goodness sakes! Of course, I understand how it could get really crazy in an all-girls school with five amazingly attractive guys. But still, they had to still be focused on their fortés, being all disciplined and all that.

The main characters have their quirks, and I have a few favorites in this too...

Skye Hamilton was pretty okay actually. I know that everyone was really focused on her character at first because she was going to be the 'Massie' in this book. It turns out she wasn't. She was okay though. I love how the reason she wanted to be the *ultimate alpha* was because she wanted to make her mom proud. My heart just went 'awww' right at that part. It's quite exciting to see another side of her that wasn't in the Clique. I guess that was a reason why Harrison even pulled her out of that one. She gave us a side of her antagonist to like, which was very clever.

Allie A. Abbot was.. well.. I have nothing good to say about her. I absolutely *hated* her character! I don't know why she was even created as a main character. Reading her chapters was an absolute bore. I don't know why Harrison introduced us to a character that we'll be seeing a lot of, yet dreading to even follow her story. She was there as an identity thief, love-sick desperado, who was such a b*tch to the other main character. Also, she didn't have a talent. I mean, her talent is probably manipulating everyone in the book, though I highly doubt that someone can fool anyone that she's an international sensation just by dyeing her hair black, wearing green contacts and drawing a mole on her cheek. She made it seem like everyone she fooled was stupid and gullible. I just hope she gets cut off soon, but I doubt that will happen at anytime.

Charlie Deery was my favorite, as probably everyone else's. She didn't come out as a self-obsessed airhead but rather as a seemingly-normal girl with an amazing talent hardly anyone knows about. I mean, how cool would it be to be able to invent technologies at the age of 14? She was introduced to us as the girl who gave up everything just to be with her 12-year boyfriend with all odds against her. She's like a classic heroine in a classic love story! Also, when she was getting out of everyone's way just to make her ex-boyfriend happy brought tears to my eyes. Literally.

Now, Lisi Harrison's particular writing style in this book. I've read a lot of critiques about them so I won't go too deep about it. It was sloppy, I have to admit, but I guess it was the way she was trying to portray her characters as the rich, spoiled and ditzy teenagers that they are. The metaphors and similes killed my brain though. I guess Harrison was kind of in a writer's block right there. Of course, I prefer the witty feel of the Clique's book way better. Which is kind of ironic since the Alphas are supposed to be a year or two older than Clique, therefore, should have better sense. It was kind of annoying to read. *Serious-leh*.

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SPOILERS

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(On a side note, the models for the characters in the book did NOT look like they were in the 8th grade. Fourteen? Yeah, right..)

The ending. How was it for you guys? I honestly wanted to throw the book in a sewer, burn it, and rip it in half. In no particular order. It was absolutely horrible! It was like reading half, no, a quarter of a real book and having it end! I know how Harrison wanted to keep us on the edge, but this time she just pushed us off of it. The book did not conclude properly. Oh sure, Allie J came to the school and exposed Allie A of identity theft, so what's next? It's shouldn't have been like that. There's still so many questions in my head left unanswered but not in a good way. The ending was sloppily-written, probably the cause of laziness. Ugh.

Maddie says

I absolutely loved this book. I am so fascinated with the idea of a school on a desert island for the people that are super talented. The school actually seems like a hotel because of all of the luxuries and accomadations. I loaned it to my friend Calley who is a super super talented dancer (ballet) and she kept telling me how much she wished that it was an actual school and that she wished that she could go there. I love all of Lisi Harrison's books and I think that she is an super talented writer and she really outdid herself with this book. I would recommend this book to all of my friends and all of my relatives my age because of how much I liked it.

Riley says

Thousands applied. One hundred got in. Only one will succeed

I really enjoyed this book. It was a light, fun read. If you're looking for an intense, action packed story, this is not it. It is a light hearted quick read, perfect for a sunny day.

One thing I loved about Alphas was the POV switching. I personally love books that switch POV. I feel it gives you a cool insight to the story.

Although I gave this book 5 stars, it did have a few cons.

-Word choice. The characters used words like honest-leh, serious-leh, and lip-kiss. It was kind of annoying and I didn't enjoy it.

-Lack of certain explanations. While the main plot was explained, it didn't go deeper into other things. I know you can't include everything, but still. You saw the girls schedules at the school and it said they all had daily weigh ins. Yet in the story, there was no mention of that at all. Was that just a normal thing that didn't need mentioning?

In conclusion, this book is a great lighthearted read. And remember-

?★Em loves Hollenstein★?♥the summertime and butterflies all belong to your creation♥ says

In year eight, I picked up a book called The Clique, and I loved it. It was witty, clever and interesting with likeable characters. And Alphas is even better.

I liked that the girls weren't nearly as silly as in the clique- no, "LBR" "ermahgawd" "pretty committee" or petty cat fights. This is Harrison at her best.

From page one to the end, I was captivated by the book. I loved the characters- Skye, Charlie and even Allie at the end- and found the book humorous and realistic.

But there was one problem, with two words.

Love. Triangle.

It was obvious there would BE one, but I was upset at Allie through most of it- she was so horrible to Charlie, saying she was a spy and all the rest.

But all the characters had really good backstories- Skye, and her need for people to notice her, Charlie and her devotion to Darwin and feeling guilty for what she had to do to get into Alpha academy and Allie and her secret of identity theft. I had hoped she would be found out. I really hated Allie through most of the book- she was needy and pathetic. She was okay in the end, though not exactly loveable. She is still crazily insecure and scared.

As for the recurring cast- perfect. Triple was a pretty awesome frenemy, and Renee was a pretty cool one, too. But Renee was almost Massie-like, which worries me a little. As in, in the second book, what if I open it to find that Skye has become Dylan Marvil and Charlie is suddenly Claire Lyons? But I trust Lisi to NOT have made that mistake.

The book itself was pretty readable and easy- a fun read that does teach you a few things about being yourself- from when Skye realises she has just danced for others and not herself. You need time to do something for yourself and this book said that clearly.

5 stars!

Lola says

Worst book/series by Lisi Harrison EVER. I adored The Clique series but this one doesn't have any single interesting element. And what the hell with the private school inside a dome which is controlled by Shira AKA the most influential woman in the world? It felt like a science fiction/futuristic and maybe dystopian book by moments when this is really a contemporary apart of all that hi-tech stuff.

Even if it says being suited for 12 years old readers and older, this is the kind of book I would have read if I was ten or eleven years old. I don't know what you're expecting inside this book. If you're expecting some great friendship then look somewhere else. Every girl inside this book is a BITCH, even Shira (especially her.) I was looking VERY forward to this book...Don't think I'll continue this series at all. I don't care about those whiny girls who care less about their education than boys. It's pathetic actually.

NOT RECOMMENDED.

Vanessa M. says

Billionaire Shira Brazille founded a new super exclusive school called the Alpha Academy to nurture the next generation of dancers, writers, musicians and inventors. It's a complete dream for 100 lucky "alpha girls" but for any reason those who are not up to par can be sent home for any reason. The only one who isn't sent home will be on their way to fame and stardom.

Skye Hamilton is one of Westchester's best dancers. She is well known for her super fast dance moves and super fast dating connections with boys. Skye plans on dominating the Alpha Academy and dating all of Shiras's sons. Or will she?

Allie A. Abbott is on her way to stardom at the Alpha Academy when she receives an invitation for Allie J. Abbott. She does what any young crafty inventor does: commits identity theft. Will she get caught? Charlie Deery is a last minute placement at the institution." A beta for life.

She tries to climb her way up to stardom.

I first heard of this book while watching TV I thought it would very much like The Clique because it was written by the same person (Lisi Harrison). The books format is the same as The Clique, diary style and is written in the tone of the average teenager. I would recommend to anyone who likes teen dramas such as The Clique.

Jessica says

First time I read it, I wanted to get engaged to it and marry it. That's how much I loved it! There's so much heat. As you can see from the summary, Alphas is about a boarding school housing some of the world's greatest talent in dance, theatre, music, technology, etc. There's lots of competition and drama. Lots of things are going on but the plot is easy to follow. I love the characters; they may seem perfect but like any other character - they have their flaws. That's what makes them so authentic, and authenticity steps this book up to a whole other level. Each character in this book is different but interesting; they have their own strengths, weaknesses, and talents. I have no doubt that the reader will have a favorite character. No doubt ...

that the reader of this book will love it and read it 5 more times. :)

Donna says

BEWARE OF SWEARS!!!

I am now officially dumber for having read this epic fail of a book. Seriously, what the fuck is the draw? Yeah, this doesn't render WTF? It needs the full on WHAT THE FUCK??? The vapid, pea-brained little girls are as shallow as dried puddles with nothing more going for them than good feet and great ideas. Yeah sweethearts, feet can break and ideas are dimes a dozen. What happens then? I'm not a fan of targeting talent like that to being with. Everyone needs a contingency plan because, like Murphy said, anything can happen and environments like this don't offer that. Weight gain is forbidden at Alpha Academy. Seriously? Well you're in deep shit if you're a dancer and gain more muscle . . .

It's just so . . . implausible. For a book that's somewhat supposed to be grounded in reality, I just couldn't suspend my disbelief for most of it. Yes, I understand that there are child prodigies everywhere but these girls are so unfocused it was hard to believe that they've made the achievements they have being as flaky and flighty and boy-crazy as they are.

The only girl with a nominally compelling story was Charlie. She actually seemed to be a raw talent, she's down to earth and pretty normal. Not to mention she doesn't talk like a massive airhead tool. Bonus points in my book. The situation she's in sucks ass. It really does. And the woman controlling the entire situation, plus the Academy, is a complete cunt. There's just no other word for it. And chicks are supposed to want to be her? Why? Because she's successful? Superficially, sure, but her life's as empty as many of these girls' heads because of it. Apparently that's supposed to be a worthwhile venture. How encouraging . . . O_o

And what the FUCK is with the hyphenated verbs? Giggle-sniffed? Lip-kiss (this one REALLY pissed me off because that dumb-twat Skye kept saying it, what other kind of kissing are you trying to differentiate from, sweetie? and it was used REPEATEDLY)? There's one involving a pillow, pillow-sniffed or something like that. I think my brain's officially blocked them out because I can't seem to find all of them but reading it, it's like they're on every fucking page. It's so goddamn annoying I wanted to cry.

The language is just trying so hard to be hip and up-to-date and fashionable it's revolting. You know, when I was a teen, we got by just fine on reading books that didn't sound like a sub-par Clueless spin-off. Is sounding as dumb as these girls do in this book actually fashionable? Is this ear-bleeding slang-type-speak the next Valley Girl? Honestly, I can tolerate Valley Girl better than I can handle this crap.

And the worst part about it (OK, who am I kidding, they're all worst parts) was the ending. You know how Pirates of the Caribbean 2 ended? You know they filmed movies two and three together and the end of two looked like someone took a set of scissors to the reel and blindly cut? That's what the end of this book was. A shameless shill to buy the next one because where it ends has you wondering what's going to happen next. And it's not like a Harry Potter ending where the story within the book is rounded out and leaves only a few pieces hanging so that you're satisfied enough until the next book comes out? Not this one. It's like Harrison wrote one giant manuscript and randomly pointed to a spot in the book as an ending point for this first one, chopping it up like that. Ugh.

Really, what a waste. I just don't get the appeal. I really don't.

Abigail (Read. Sleep. Rave. Repeat.) says

Rating: 4 out of 5 stars

Summary:

International Alpha Female Shira Brazille had opened up a boarding school for exceptional and talented girls from all over the world. One hundred got in, but only one can win.

Skye Hamilton is known for being the best dancer in Westchester, New York. And she's also known for kissing the hottest guys in her hometown. But can she do the same in Alpha Academy?

Allie J. Abbott is not really Allie J. In fact, she is Allie A. Abbott, a heartbroken mall model, in which her boyfried and her best friend at the same time. But when she got Allie J.'s Alpha Academy acceptance letter by mistake. In fact that mistaken invitation is a chance to start over again. All she had to do is to pretend that

she's Allie J., the eco-loving songstress. The problem is, will she survive at the academy without everyone finding out her true identity?

Charlotte "Charlie" Deery was begging Shira to admit her to the academy. In fact, she had known Shira for years and Charlie wanted to prove herself that she can impress Shira for her talents, but the female mogul always rejected her ideas. And when Shira finally accepted Charlie as her student, she makes the impossible - break up with her boyfriend, who happens to be Shira's son. It should be fine for Charlie, but when her ex-boyfriend's favorite singer is in the academy - and who is also her roommate - , it's hard for her to survive now that she is watching them getting more attracted to each other.

At OCD, LBRs (Losers Beyond Repair) are being tormented. But in Alpha Academy, losers are spelled *beta* and they are sent home. Could these three girls survive - and form a real friendship in the process?

Review:

It's been four years since I read the whole series. And in 2014, I decided to refresh my memories of this series and also to see if something has changed. There is.

In fact, when I first shelved this series in GR, I rated this book a perfect five, but after reading this book again after many years, I realized there are flaws to this book and I have encountered some problems to this one. My problems are:

- (view spoiler)

- I don't like Skye, to be honest. In fact, as what I've observed, she's focused on too much jealousy of her Dance class classmates, especially Triple Threat. But the good thing is that she finally snapped out of it and focused on her studies, at least in the end of the book.

On the plus side, I do like:

- Charlie's transformation from a heartbroken - and a bit needy - girl to a fighter who doesn't want to play foolish games from everyone and a girl who needs real friends to support her.

- Allie A. Even though she stole Allie J.'s identity to stay at the academy, I felt sorry for her. While I was hoping that Allie A. would move on - and to live happily without a boyfriend for a while, I was also hoping that Charlie and Darwin would be together again. They're not my favorite ship, but I do feel that they should get back together again.

- How the academy's futuristic interior looked like. In fact, some part of me wanted to enroll to this school. But I knew it was impossible, because I don't have any exceptional talent to offer in case the academy meets the real life world.

- The plot didn't bore me. Not a single bit. Everything (The characters and their lives) was so interesting that I finished the book in a short period of time.

Conclusion:

Despite some minor changes and flaws, I do enjoyed this one. I recommend it to anyone who wants a book about forming a friendship despite the competition between each other. Overall, a quick, easy, and interesting read.

Tamara says

I would prefer to give this book zero stars. It absolutely kills me that this author is popular with actual YA

girls. I don't mind ditziness at all sometimes - but it needs to not be aggressively stupid. Reading this was so, so, so painful. It read like stories I wrote in 7th grade -- except with an occasional attempt at wit (massive failure) and consistently writing "Oh my god" as "ohmuhgud", which is just the start of TryingSOHARDToBe14YearOldGirlCoolAndEndingUpSoundingLikeActiveBrainCellDeath. I'm not exaggerating, either.

I just want to shake its audience and say, girls: there are fun, lightweight books out there that don't teach that you have to be an utter idiot to be cute or fun or cool or interesting. I honestly can't name a book that does it worse than these.

"She wanted to look away to protect her identity. But couldn't seem to do it. He was a magnet. She was a fridge."

Sigh. I want my two (spread out) hours back.

Sophia Sardothien says

I love the clique, but then I love this even more back thenxD But if I was to read this now, I think I'll hate it.

Tangi says

Good book. Liked the story. Just didn't love the girls being so young. Should have known getting it at the intermediate book fair ;)

Alex says

I did not have high hopes for this book at all. In fact, I wasn't even planning to read it. When I heard she was making a spinoff featuring Skye Hamilton from The Clique I inwardly groaned. I have no interest in reading about Skye's life. What a stupid idea!

Then I passed by the book at the library and thought, let's give it a chance. I'm so glad I did.

Skye has so much more depth to her character here, but she still isn't enough to carry a book. The new characters, especially Charlie, are such a breath of fresh air.

The main focus of this book is an eccentric billionaire who builds an elusive school on her own private island. 100 girls are invited, and they will get kicked out of the school one by one until only one girl remains - the "true Alpha."

The one thing that really annoyed me in the beginning was this book acts like it takes place years in the future. I don't care how rich you are, you can't control the weather on your private island with some weird device that monitors your mood. You can't make holograms of people that are so realistic people actually think it's the real person, and then program the hologram to mimic the actions of the people around it. The plane that a character took to the island is made from completely recycled materials, and had so many

ridiculous contraptions in it I can't even name them.

But as it went on, I decided to suspend belief and just assume this takes place in the future. Knowing Skye went to school with Massie ruined it, because they are obviously set in today's world. But I just decided to pretend that Skye is a completely new character. My illusion was ruined when they would quote something popular from 2009, but I just kept going as if this took place in the year 2100. Otherwise, the fantasy in this story was going to drive me insane.

But no matter how much I suspended belief, the part where Skye sees a hologram of her younger self dancing in a ballet recital, and has an entire conversation with her younger self and HUGS her? Ridiculous.

But in spite of it all, this book was highly entertaining. A thousand times better than I expected it to be, and I am actually looking forward to the next one now. I am so ashamed of myself for giving this 4-stars, but it was seriously that entertaining.

Brooke ♥booklife4life♥ says

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Basic Info

Format: Kindle

Pages/Length: n/a

Genre: Young Adult; Chick Lit

Reason For Reading: Challenge

At A Glance

Love Triangle/Insta Love/Obsession?: Slight triangle.

Cliff Hanger: Kinda

Triggers: n/a

Rating: 1.5 stars

Score Sheet

All out of ten

Cover: 6

Plot: 6

Characters: 3

World Building: 8

Flow: 8

Series Congruity: n/a

Writing: 6

Ending: 6

Total: 5

In Depth

Best Part: Cool tech!

Worst Part: Characters are no

Thoughts Had: Yah that's about what i expected.

Conclusion

Continuing the Series: Yes

Recommending: Eh

Short Review: Like serious-leh, i honest-leh, hated this book, but i hated it so much i want to keep going to hate it even more. The characters are jokes. The dancer is a ego maniac. Claire is a whiny, selfish B. Ally is just dumb, pretending to be someone else, like the famous girl isn't going to find out. I kinda like the island weird school vibe they have going one, but the head lady is freaking nuts.

Misc.

Book Boyfriend: Pass. (there is only 5 guys in this book)

Best Friend Material: Pass.

Review in GIF Form:

Audrey says

Caution : Spoilers! And also only read this if you didn't like the series, or haven't even begun.

SKYE HAMILTON: So, I'm a shallow, insecure girl, and I HAVE to beat this girl in dance class that's better than me. Also, I need to get this guy to like me! I know right, even though he doesn't really like me now, I'm going to make him!! Ehmagawd, I'm totally going to break the rules, and like, it's so totes ah-mazing, correct? Back home, I was like, DA QUEEN, but whenever I took, like vacations, you know? EHMAGAWD it was the worst!! People always made fun of me because of the way I talk! So not cool, right? I'm so popular and beautiful by the way. Like, ehmagawd, you will stop dead in your tracks when you see me! I'm GORGEOUS!

ALLIE J ABBOTT: EHMAGAWD! SO I found this crazy ga-rul in my place when I went to the school on that, like, island, you know? So, I'm just going to like, make her never forget, by like, you know, acting really like a, you know, like a jerk! Ah-mazing plan, right? Ehmagawd, can't wait to get started!!

ALLIE A ABBOTT: OMG!!! My boyfriend broke up with me and left me for my bestie! I don't even know why, she is so ugly, and so not talented like me, I look so ah-mazing twenty four seven and am so talented because I am like, beautiful! What more could you need, right? Ehmagawd, I just can't stop thinking about why he left me for her! Sure, she's smart, but ehmagawd, being smart isn't going to like help me like figure out why he dumped me! I'm not stupid, thinking like that, you know?

Well, I actually liked Charlie, because she sure acted much more like a human than the other girls. So no bad review on her.

If you loved the series, then I'm sorry that you had to read all of this, because I understand that some people like this book series and some don't. It's pretty 50/50.

Gemma says

Well, I was looking for a fluff read after *My Sister's Keeper*. And I found one. This was one of those books where the pros and the cons are equal, so they sort of cancel each other out.

Pro: Interesting setting in an almost sci-fi community. I loved all the awesome futuristicness of it.

Con: Everyone fit the description of the b word. I kept getting confused as to which character I was reading about, because they were all completely interchangeable: lame, backstabbing arrogant bleeps.

Pro: Value on women being educated and becoming their best.

Con: Weird writing analogies and combined words that were just stupid. Like honest-leh (that came up several times). Or: Envy hit Allie like a blast of deodorant on freshly shaved pits. Or: Skye was popped like a water bra. Or (and this one's my favorite): Relief washed over her like finally peeing after a car ride from Oregon to California. Serious-leh?

It was interesting fluff, but I wouldn't recommend it to anyone. But I will be reading the sequels.

Lydia says

I selected this book thinking it would be a fluffy-plotted book.

I was right, but I didn't enjoy it. No way. The characters had this slang where the words were hyphenated, like "honest-leh". Really? It made the characters sound stupid.

The characters themselves annoyed me. I began reading and my thoughts on Skye were, "She sounds like a bitch. I cannot wait to see her inevitably be pushed off of her pedestal." They were all the same- vain, pretty, bitchy. I got them mixed up easily as there was little character development: it was all in the physical traits and what they COULD do, not what their actual personalities were.

Skye is 14 years old and basically described as a slut. Her hobbies involve dancing and kissing. Or, "lip-kissing", as Sky calls it. What else would you be kissing? Cock? Maybe. Her character was just so self-righteous and, like the others, had an unsafely large ego.

Another thing was Shira, the benefactor/dictator of the school. The author writes her as some ultra-feminist and then has her other characters BE SLUTTY BOY-CRAZY SLUTS.

The whole book revolves around how these girls can sneak out and develop relationships with Shira's sons. The author is saying, "Fuck your education in a prestigious motherfucking insane school. You can land a human with the Y-chromosome." The characters didn't learn anything, and I realize it was only the first book

of a series, but there never was any real problem.

As a 14-year-old girl myself, I felt embarrassed. No girls I know act like these characters and don't have some issues. They do. They fuck theirselves up.

There was only one good character in my eyes. Charlie had potential, but then Shira throws in the whole narc situation.

Now go read a good book. Hopefully one that isn't full virtual sluts.

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Kira M for TeensReadToo.com

Four girls, all roommates at Alpha Academy, all wanting to be the one Alpha winner selected by Shira, the most famous Alpha of all.

Skye Hamilton is a dancer who longs to impress Shira, her idol and role model.

Allie J. Abbott is a girl pretending to be the famous singer/songwriter/eco-friendly Allie A. Abbott, a person's mail she keeps getting by mistake, including her acceptance letter to the Academy. Having the hots for Shira's son, Devlin, she'll do anything to keep him, including ostracizing and being cruel to his ex.

Triple Threat is a model/dancer/actress who thinks she already is better than everyone else and will do anything to prove it, no matter who it hurts.

Charlie Deery is a girl who's been beta all her life and is a last-minute selection for Alpha Academy, but the price she must pay is that she has to dump Shira's son, Devlin. Constantly in tears from her roommates that ridicule her, she'll do whatever it takes to survive. Spying for Shira, however, was not what she had in mind.

With petty fights, mean girl tactics, and backstabbing, this book will at first seem like other books about junior high girls. However, when you take into account the friendships that end up forming, the cool technology each girl gets at the academy, and crazy midnight meetings with boys, readers will enjoy the adventure, the romance, and the humor that sets this book apart.

Readers who have liked the CLIQUE novels by this same author as well as romance, adventure, and realistic fiction will enjoy reading ALPHAS and will be excited for the sequel.

Mehsi says

1 island, 1 privileged school of awesomeness, 100 girls, and only one can be the alpha!

This was hilarious, ridiculous, silly, at times a bit too overdramatic, but also brilliant and I couldn't stop reading (sadly I had to a few times due to real life butting in).

We have 3 girls, and out of those the only one who really got into the school without anything was Skye. Skye was selected for her dancing (btw I think she is awesome, even though she has quite the attitude). The other two girls? Allie got selected because someone famous with her name (just with the letter J instead of A) got picked and she got the letter. Insert lots of make-up, and acting the part. Lastly we have Charlie, she knows Shira, her mom worked for Shira, she build a lot of the things on the island. She got selected.. well, actually she had to beg her life for it and had to give up two of her most loved things in life. Her boyfriend (and the son of Shira), and her mom.

Watch the 3 girls (and their rivals and friends) figure out how the school works, how to get better, and how to survive, and also in Charlie's case how to fit in. How to become the top alpha in the school.

We see several lessons (I wouldn't mind those lessons, no maths!), and I had a pretty good image of how the school and the whole place looked, not just because of the included map, but also thanks to the descriptions. It took quite a while before the classes really started, it isn't until page 108 when we get to see their schedules and see the girls really go to their classes.

Of course there are also boys (why not add more drama to the already existing drama?). I don't like Darwin though (the main boy for both Charlie and Allie). He was really immature. So your girl dumps you and within hours you lay eyes one the next available hottie and you move on? Wow, I guess Charlie meant nothing to you if you act this shitty. I feel kind of sorry for Allie. Sorry, but I just thought it was ridiculous. He was acting all sad, teary-eyed, but as soon as he sees a new girl he opens up, and the next day he serenades her and gives her a lovely breakfast and acts like he never knew about Charlie. Wow. I may hope he grows up from this silliness.

Allie was definitely the worst girl in the book. She had some good moments, but generally I thought her attitude towards Charlie was just terrible. She totally snubs her, is mean towards her. Never even caring to maybe think that there is a reason why she dumped Darwin. I also got a bit tired of her thinking back to her ex and her best friend. Plus, unlike the others, she didn't really work or do anything to earn a place. Most of the book she just bumbles by. And that is a shame. Later on I did start to like her more, but there was one part near the end (tunnel + saying the truth) that had me wanting to shake her. Charlie confided in her, yet she just lied again when asked about things. Bah.

My favourite girl? Skye. Even with her attitude problems she was a sweet and great girl and I could see she wanted nothing more than to improve. Which she did. She grows the most out of the three girls. But she also had a less serious side, and I have to say that I also liked that one.

I disliked Shira. So so much. What she did to Charlie. How she acts towards all the girls. How hurtful she was.

I will be getting the next book in this series as I need to know how it will continue!

And I would recommend this book. It is silly, overdramatic, a bit whut, but it also has some great drama, the school and the surroundings are well-written, and it is just so much fun to read.

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