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“Guilt. A painful, lonely feeling. It seeps into your pores slowly as you go through life day by day. Like a disease, it blackens your heart with thoughts and memories of what you did, or in my case, what you didn’t do.”

Surviving the storm was only the beginning for Jules. Surviving the guilt? That is something only love can help her overcome.

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From Reader Review Out of Ruins for online ebook

Tennille - Aussie Chick Knows Books says

Love this series

Stormi (Bewitched Reader) says

Speechless. That is how Out of Ruins left me. When I finished this heartachingly beautiful story I wiped my tears away, because yes I was crying, and just sat on my bed at a complete and utter loss of words.

Jules and West are two teenagers who have experienced an immense amount of loss, grief, and guilt at a very young and already difficult age. Instead of dealing with their guilt and grief in healthy ways, they get cover up the pain with alcohol, sex, and love. Their story is proof that even when things seem to be going well on the outside, everything can be falling to pieces on the inside.

If you have not already read From the Wreckage, book 1 in this series, you seriously need to one click it now.

Alana says

Out of the ruins... this book is amazing. It is full of drama and love and something every teen age girl wants someday, well most of it anyway. The book is not like other books it is... different some way it pulls you in and doesn't let go, it brings the story to you so you don't have to imagine it. I think that the way the book is set up, so the Jules is telling the story to a camera, makes the story better in a way, it is hard to explain most of the story is like it is in the present but the other little part is her talking to the story and- in the stories scents- is the present.

Annie Brewer says

Enjoyed the sequel very much, just as much as the first! I love the characters and the story itself was wonderful, though heartbreakingly at times. I'm looking forward to reading the last book and can't wait for these two to get their HEA once and for all. There's a lot more angst and drama in this book and at times I was worried for both Jules and West if they could really get past all the guilt they feel. After surviving the storm in *From the Wreckage*, both of their lives have really changed.

Forever.

And now they have to sort through the aftermath. When Jules and West go to a new school since their town was ruined along with their school. The school they now attend is their rivals and they're looked upon as their enemies. Well, Jules more so than West. Every girl wants West and every guy wants to be his friend. But with Jules, it's not so much. She's his girlfriend and therefore, her last year in high school is not very

easy. She's no longer the cheerleader she was at their old school. She's no longer the popular girl she once was. And she's having a hard time moving on without one of her best friends.

After everything they go through, can West and Jules overcome all obstacles to be together? Is their love as strong as they both believe?

Well, I guess you should just buy the first and second book to find out. I definitely recommend this series because it's a beautiful story of survival, love and moving on from a tragedy that alters your whole life. Great job to Michele Miller for another great read! I'll be reading the last book for sure!

Valory Kennedy says

What the hey . . .

I guess I have to say I am ticked at the ending. I loved these characters and guess what I am not a teen. I am older. I loved the story until the end. I guess I feel cheated.

But it was a great story and should be read. Don't take my review as a reason not to read as it is worth it.

Cindy Sickenger says

Book 2

Just as riveting and compelling as book one. I love Jules and West's story! Excited to read Book 3 and hope for a happy ending.

Cinderella2shoes Wenger says

Guaranteed satisfaction! After the last words of the book are devoured, one marks the calendar for the next book release date in the trilogy. I fell in love with the characters and the pace of the story. The author will certainly receive accolades for her talents with this novel. I didn't want to put the book down. If teachers or high school students are seeking a book for a project or lesson in character development and foreshadowing then this is the book to select. The intimacy is tastefully approached. The story is beautifully written. I look forward to the release of "All That Remains", August 2014! You will cheer for West and Jules too, wow what a love story!

Jenna says

I feel like this book is describing other characters than book one. the scenes are sometimes very sappy

Sherry says

Can't wait for book 3! Ugh!

Jules and West are completely infatuated with one another until another tragedy rips them apart. West, West, West! What will we do with you!?

Shannon says

The journey for Jules continues as she is in a new school and she is trying to deal with the loss! She turns to some bad habits to try and mask the pain! West is trying to be her support but things are not always easy, especially when Jules tries to hide her pain! What happens when tragedy strikes again? Will Jules and West lives be altered again? Such an emotional story, so excited for the next book! I need to know how it ends!

Jessica Surgett says

Well Michele has once again ripped my heart out.

In From the Wreckage we dealt with a physical tornado. In Out Of Ruins we deal with an emotional one. I am completely in love with Jules and Wests story. Not only are they teenagers dealing with the heavy emotions of young love, but everything is magnified by the trauma of the near death experience they shared. But is that experience the only reason for their bond? Or is it really genuine love? In this sequel, doubts are dealt with and insecurities faced. And the biggest twist will smack you right in the chest. Trust me, by the end- you won't know what hit you.

Claire Burnett says

A story about how life can change with the click of fingers. The love is there but will it survive through all the heartache that is still there from the incident. Great Second Book :D

Lisa says

Just as good as the first! Different emotions, things I hope I never really have to understand. For a teen love it's pretty epic.

Laura *Little Read Riding Hood* says

So glad book 3 comes out soon I need to know what happens next! These poor broken people, I want them fixed and happy!

Mandy (I Read Indie) Anderson says

I will never be the same girl I was before West. Everything changed the night of the twister. Everything.

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Jules used to know who she was. In school she did it all: cheerleader, student council, popular. But then the tornado that bore down on Tyler came and took her town, her school, and her friends. Lying with the rest of the debris somewhere scattered is also her confidence and her security. Now she doesn't know who she is. She is still dealing with grief and loss, but most of all guilt. Guilt of not being able to save her best friend. Her only cure is West. But that may be too much for him to carry alone.

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"West, who was so unsure of himself at first, became confident and steadfast. He truly was my anchor at a time when I was sinking slowly."

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Give me a moment here to gather my thoughts and wipe the tears away. Wow. This book! I absolutely could not wait for it the moment I finished the equally awesome FROM THE WRECKAGE to get my hands on this one. But now that I have finished OUT OF RUINS, I find myself with a huge, whopping case of book hangover. I am not sure I will be able to start the contemporary romance I planned to start right after. In fact, I think I need a good dose of paranormal to help me heal.

This book doesn't necessarily end on a happy note for Jules and West, but it ends exactly how it should. How it was meant to end. It ends in a way that makes you crave and desire for ALL THAT REMAINS. I am sitting on pins and needles to know how the series will end.

Oh me, oh my. The Romance! I was enamored and in love with these two and the love that just poured from them. Even young, I could see it was there. Heck, even I was beginning to believe that as long as they had each other they could work through anything. They seriously have a beautiful chemistry and a connection like no other. And it has been there from the beginning. If they can just focus on that, they just may be ok. But things are not all rainbows and butterflies for West and Jules. Both are struggling in their own ways and using each other as a crutch to get past their guilt. But the thing about crutches is every movement is slow go. They need real help for the issues they could do past on their own.

Miller has yet again proved that she has what it takes to write a book that captures the reader imagination and holds them hostage long after the book is over with. I am proof. OUT OF RUINS is captivating, engaging, and emotional. A definite must read! I will be adding this one right alongside FROM THE WRECKAGE as one of my all-time faves of 2014! 5 Stars all the way!
