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The last thing Jordan Marshall wants is a relationship, especially with someone like Taylor Becks, the star player from a rival roller hockey team. Taylor doesn't talk – to anyone. When Jordan's curiosity about the athlete overpowers her predisposition to being guarded, the two strike up an unlikely romance. In the midst of desolation left by being disowned and forbidden from seeing her little brother, Jordan finds that sometimes the biggest risks reap the greatest rewards.

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Megzz says

3 days. 3 days of sheer bliss. Oh the joys of being unemployed and being able to spend days and nights reading awesome awesome AWESOME stories about women in love!!!

Interference is not a slow story, it's just a long story, and I enjoyed every sentence, every word, every syllable.

And I can't imagine anyone that loves romance to not feel the same way about this book.

I was really surprised by the storyline, I expected a coming of age kind of thing with teenagers crushing on other teenagers and a lot of drama. Well, it wasn't it AT ALL, and thank god for that (I don't believe in God but Interference almost gave me faith). This is an incredibly mature story of two young women saving each other from the consequences of a painful past, by simply falling in love. And well, I can safely say I haven't read many other stories in which couples were THAT in love. Seriously, many times I felt out of breath, I felt the butterflies in my stomach, and that longing feeling you get when you're falling really hard for someone, when you're both terrified and excited about the future. Yep, I was right there with Jordan and Taylor.

Apart from the fact that the writing is really good, the story itself is so powerful and original. It made me cry and/or laugh and/or smile like a fool the whole time. I really REALLY felt like a teenager in love.

I love that Zoe Reed gave us the chance to read about the evolution of Jordan and Taylor's relationship. Most lesbian romance stories are either about the chasing and end when the girls get together, or about the struggles of an existing couple. Interference gives us everything: the meeting, the chasing, the getting together, the struggling, the happy ending... and always gives us things to look forward to. That's why the story is so long. The story is not rushed like in a lot of books of this genre: Zoe Reed loves her characters, and it shows. She took her time painting those beautiful women, their love and their struggle, and wanted the readers to love them as well. It was so delightful to read. There's nothing I like more in a story about love. Especially when the characters are so amazing: Taylor is on the top 5 of my favorite lesbian book character, and Jordan is sweet. The supporting characters are awesome as well, especially Jordan's little brother Justin, whose youth and life were so beautifully written.

Interference is not cliché, it's not cheesy, it's not predictable, it's not boring. Interference is something new, it's realistically romantic in a way that is totally relatable, it's angsty yet sweet and funny, and so exciting to read.

I don't want to spoil it, so I'll just say that you HAVE to buy this book if only just to read about characters that are different from the ones you usually read about. And if you want to know or re-discover what it is to fall in love.

Heinerway says

Nice, but sooo slow... and long...

Penny says

Hmm, I'm torn between 3.5 or 4 stars.

The story is about Jordan and Taylor, two girls in their early twenties, both damaged, with traumatic pasts. The romance between them is quite cute and develops at the right pace - no premature "*OMG I love you let's get married live happily ever after*". I mean, the book has almost 500 pages! There's more than enough pages to properly develop the characters and the relationship between them. And in this regard Zoe Reed did very well! The romance is simply delicious to read. Taylor is the sweetest ♥

But the longevity of the book has a downside too: the unnecessary chapters to the plot. Maybe I didn't understand what the author was trying to demonstrate, but I found the enormous amount of roller hockey stuff unnecessary. I understand that the sport was important to Jordan and Taylor - be it as a way of have fun, be it as a way to vent. But truth to be told, I skipped most of those descriptions.

As for the personal struggles of the main characters, the novel couldn't have been more dramatic - so much so that at times I wondered if it was really necessary to create characters so damaged. But this is a question I ask myself in almost every YA book I read. Most authors of this genre think they need to create devastating backgrounds to justify the behavior of its young characters - they seem to forget that young people tend to be inherently troubled. But this is a discussion for another place. So, to summarize: Interference has plenty of angst (family drama, trust issues, psycho exes, illness, etc). Every one of them was discussed and solved in its own time and in the end, things went out okay for our heroines. Amen to that! (:

So if you're in the mood to read a long novel, with all the usual cliches of YA books (and I didn't mean to say cliché in a bad way), Interference is definitely the choice for you: it's sweet, it's dramatic, it's the usual bundle of emotions.

lov2laf says

I loved the characters of Jordan and Taylor and how their story unfolded. I loved their interactions in dialogue, subtlety, and non-spoken action. The character building was pretty amazing. The author didn't rush anything and it was great to savor reading the book through. I still think of this book months after reading it. I think the book is more like 4 1/2 stars because it stumbled a little bit for me about 3/4 the way through (stretching reality into the somewhat unbelievable...but that's just for me as a personal opinion) and then it recovered at the end.

Jenna says

I don't write a lot of reviews, and I usually save them for 5-star books (because I love them so much) and 1 or 2-star books (because I feel I owe the author an explanation). Interference has stuck with me for a month now, though, and it keeps flitting through my mind while I'm reading other books which deal with storylines similar to Jordan's.

Before I get to the strong points of the book, there are two reasons I gave the book four stars instead of five:

1) The denouement, despite being long, didn't quite give me the catharsis I needed. One of the "declaration of love" scenes felt really underwhelming, given everything that had occurred, and left me a little empty. Additionally, while I really didn't have a problem with the roller hockey elements for most of the book, there seemed to be more emphasis on the hockey than the relationship in the last chapter, which was disappointing in a book that had dealt so adeptly with human frailty and emotional vulnerability up to that point.

2) Grammar/Usage. There were consistent problems with subject/object pronouns (her and me went to the store) and possessive pronouns (she and I's hats). It didn't kill the story, but it did require a lot of mental editing, which became impossible to ignore.

At this time, however, *Interference* is the only 4-star book on my Favorites shelf, and it deserves to be there. These characters are wonderful. Jordan could easily have been unlikeable. She wasn't. I've read sooo many romances with damaged "players" who were utterly unsympathetic, essentially forcing the reader to distance themselves from the protagonist for the entirety of the book. This author avoids that problem, however. Jordan's behavior is more than adequately explained, and she doesn't spend too much time stuck in player-mode. We really feel for her and what she's been through.

Taylor is...well, she's basically perfect. I might even be tempted to take off half a star, since she's so very perfect that she occasionally comes across as wish-fulfillment. In the beginning (as mentioned in the book blurb), she doesn't speak at all; while that isn't necessarily a draw on its own, it was exactly what Jordan needed. Taylor just listens really, really well. She's brilliant, empathetic, unbelievably talented at roller hockey, incredibly understanding, and just damaged enough for Jordan to find her approachable. As aware as I was of her too-good-to-be-trueness, however, I still totally fell for her. The pair just worked.

None of that's why the book stuck in my head, though. The reason it resonated was due entirely to the way the author handled Jordan's reaction to her own damage. It felt authentic in every conceivable way. I recognized her pain, her struggle to overcome it, her guilt for failing to do so. It all felt real, and that's really, really rare. Like super unbelievably rare. I never rolled my eyes, I never screamed because I felt emotionally manipulated. I cried because I felt it. And then I cried because it all worked out.

I could read about these two for another 5000 pages. 4 well-deserved stars (that I'm considering switching to 5 stars even as I type this.)

Bobbi says

This was a touching, heartbreaking, heartwarming book about two broken young women coming together to help each other heal. Throw in some floor hockey and a good supporting cast of characters and this was an excellent read. It touches on many issues like forgiveness, reconciliation, cancer, family, love, and abuse. Taylor and Jordan were very cute together and it was fun watching Taylor come out of her shell.

~ * K E L L I E * ~ says

Why did I wait soooooo long to read this book? Oh, probably because of its length! Well, silly me! I've had

Interference on my Kindle for over a year yet never got around to reading it until now... and, what a journey it was!

As others have mentioned, it's a loooooong book and there's a lot of roller hockey references to digest. Let's face it, a good portion of the book is based at the hockey rink. I personally love sports theme books, therefore, quite enjoyed all the hockey bits and pieces.

There's no need for me to summarize the book as there's plenty of awesome reviews available already. I'll sign off by stating Interference is a tender romance between Jordan and Taylor with plenty of emotion and feeling. It was well worth the lengthy storyline.

4.5 stars rounded up to 5 stars.

Stephanie says

I read this because I loved Breaking Legacies. I loved everything about it. This was not that...unfortunately. In the end I enjoyed the book. But it was very slow moving. There was so much hockey in the first 1/3 of this book, I almost gave up. I gave it 3.5 stars rounded up.

Rebecca says

Wow. Just wow.

I can't really put into words how good this story is! I'm gonna have to come back to this...

Les Read says

If you're a Gen-Xer or Millennial who spent your teenage years in Culver City, CA, you know the hot spot on Friday night was the Culver City Ice Arena. I remember skating at the rink with friends while listening to US3's "Cantaloop (Flip Fantasia)" blaring on the speakers and chasing after one boy, or two boys, or three. I was such a teenage hussy. I met too many boyfriends (that I'm embarrassed to admit) on that block of ice. I miss those days. Except playing the "boy-crazy" part. Now, I'm just a girl-crazy fool that slips and slides on the dance floor at a gay bar. I am proof positive that grace does not come with age.

The person who recommended this book warned me that I wasn't going to like Jordan very much during the first few chapters. She was right. If I met Jordan in real life, I'd run for the hills. She comes with enough red flags to open her own airport. I think that many of us, casually (if you know what I mean) have encountered this type. They flit in and out of your life, and you hardly get more than a 2-second glance before they disappear for good. It's never enough time to get to know who they really are, and they prefer it that way.

But we don't always realize is that everyone is carrying their own baggage. If we're fortunate enough and we take a chance, we find someone who will help shoulder our burden. Most of the time, we're just floundering aimlessly, carrying our load like a high school student who stuffs six classes worth of books in a Jansport backpack because they're too lazy to use a locker.

Unfortunately, some of us believe that we don't deserve to be happy and when we're finally at a place where we are, we ruin it rather than believe it's true. We "wait for the other shoe to drop", so to speak. This is the place where Jordan resides. She comes with some pretty heavy baggage, and life has dealt her a pretty shitty hand of cards. It's the same with Taylor but different circumstances. Without giving too much away, they both deal with significant loss in their lives, and how they recover from that loss and move forward together is what makes this a beautiful story to read. They both take a chance, but more importantly, they believe in each other and in the capacity to heal and change for the better.

Needless to say, I grew rather fond of Jordan. She has a bigger heart than I thought she did at the beginning of the novel. I would say that this genre hovers in the space between YA and adult fiction. Fans of both genres will be entertained!

Catherine says

Like some others that have reviewed this book I was reluctant to read due to the length. I personally find books this length can be hit or miss. I can't believe I waiting so long because I am so in love with this book! Jordan and Taylor are my comfort couple that I became accustom to reading about over the last 3 days. I thought the author did a fantastic job with the two characters who had so much hurt to work through and I wouldn't change a thing!

I think this will definitely be a re-read when I need my comfort couple again!

Pin says

This is a very good new adult book with a very nice cast of characters. The book is a lengthy one (199,965 words according to Marvin eReader for iPad), and in my opinion possibly too lengthy. I liked how the author slowly developed a tender love story between the main characters, but with that many words the pace is too slow in places. Nevertheless, this is a lovely book, full of feeling and worth reading.

Fia says

I liked the book. I did. And I didn't even mind that it was so long.

But.

I didn't care about the whole roller hockey stuff. I know it was important, because that's how they met and how they got closer, but I'm not a sport fan. I don't care about sport and there was just too much of it. I gotta admit, I mostly skipped the parts.

Another thing... I think Jordan's ex was a bit too much psycho. It didn't even feel real.

Now let's talk about Jordan. I get that she had real issues. A lot of them. And that's the thing. She had A LOT of them. I don't know... again, it just felt *too much at once*.

Taylor on the other side... yes, she had issues. She had traumas. A lot of them. I'd say even worse than Jordan. But still, Taylor dealt with her personal dramas better than Jordan. Yes, it was probably because she met her, but still. That is just my opinion. I was a fan of Taylor. I liked Jordan too, but not always. But I loved their chemistry. They were one of the sweetest couple I've ever read about.

The other characters were okay. I wish Victoria got more 'screen time'.

The most interesting characters for me were without doubt Taylor and Jordan's Mom. I actually loved the scenes with Jordan and her mother. How she slowly - very slowly - started accepting her daughter after such a long time. It was very interesting to read.

So anyway. It was a good book.

Tinything says

Damn! After Broken Legacies and now this! Even though i still love Broken Legacies, but this book is still great! I love how both leads slowly develop there relationship, support each other, understanding and always by each other side. I really love Taylor she is such a great and strong character T_T

I love how Jodan's mother come to realised how she had been to her own daughter. Even though i have to be honest, at the first of the book it took quite a while for me to get really into it but toward around 35% onward i started hooked and want how the story really going to lay out. Unlike Breaking Legacies i got hooked at the very start and couldnt still until i finish. Zoe Reed is becoming one of my favorite character now. <3

Kexx says

Wow! What not to love - Superb! And of course slow - given the content that is essential & part of the tale's DNA. Had everything in here & it got me from the start. Tears, laughter, anger and love all in there. Brilliant - best new read for, well, close on 500 books I reckon.
