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Avery Sparks is a master at controlling chaos - and she gets plenty of opportunities as fire chief and head of emergency management in her hometown of Chance, Nebraska. The only thing she can't seem to control are her feelings when she's around Jake Mitchell, the man who was her first everything the night of their high school graduation. But Jake was so quick to leave Chance - and Avery - behind that she swore she'd move on.

While Avery's job is to minimize drama, Jake embraces the chaos of an emergency. After enlisting in the Army National Guard, Jake became a nationally recognized leader in disaster recovery. Yet a life on the road has left him restless. So when a class-four tornado wreaks havoc on Chance, he's eager to return home - and to the woman never far from his mind.

Now, Avery and Jake must team up to help their hometown weather a siege of violent storms. But it's clear to them both that nature isn't the only force they'll have to reckon with. Will Avery and Jake's whirlwind love affair be an all-new disaster - or can they recover from their stormy past to build a future together?

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Kim says

This new series by Erin Nicholas is BRILLIANT! I have loved everything Erin Nicholas has written and I have collected a lot of book boyfriends along the way. She has written stories that are laugh out loud funny, that touch your heart, that empower, and that combine all those elements into wonderful love stories. Twisted Up is one of those.

Twisted Up has two of my favorite elements in heroes and heroines. Jake is a cocky hero and Avery is a kick-ass heroine. The combination of these two is explosive! AND I LOVE IT!

This story, hands down, is my favorite Erin Nicholas story. Not only because of the cocky hero and the kick-ass heroine, but also because of the emotional elements in this story. I don't typically like a book that makes me cry - that usually means something very sad has happened. Twisted Up, however, had me crying like a baby. Not because it was sad, it was full of very powerful, emotionally charged scenes that touched my heart. I was rooting for Jake and Avery from the moment I met them and even more so as their story developed. The two had a history that neither truly understood. Finding closure not only with each other but other people important in both their lives was amazing to *see*.

Erin Nicholas has create another amazing world that I love to get lost in. I am looking forward to the next story in this series. I highly recommend this story/series!

Rebecca Kroft says

If it weren't for the tornadoes...I'd move to Chance! I was so sad to see the story end. Fire Chief Avery Sparks (awesome choice of names) and EMA guru Jake Mitchell have known each other since they were young. The year prior they were thrown together to ride out a tornado that ravaged the town. Jake blows back into town before yet another tornado takes aim on their high school reunion. A series of humorous misfortunes throws them together in the utility shed at the school as the tornado bears down on them. Once the storm passes they set off together to help rebuild they town they love. The "sparks" fly between them during the time Jake is in town helping out. Avery tries her hardest to not fall in love but soon can't resist the temptation Jake dangles in front of her. Another charming town and excellent new characters to fall in love with. Can't wait to see what else comes from Chance!

Ellen Anderson says

Twisted is how I feel right now. I totally love this new series by Erin Nicholas!!! She brings strong characters, both male and female, along with humor and also everyday problems like we all deal with and combine them to make a hot new book and series set in Chance, Nebraska. So looking forward to reading more from this new little town of great sounding characters!!

Jennifer says

Twisted Up is the story of Jake and Avery. Jake is an emergency crisis manager and is back in town for their High School reunion when a tornado hits Chance, Nebraska. Avery, the local fire chief, has been hot for Jake since high school. Just before the tornado hits, Jake and Avery get hot and heavy in the schools shed. When they get out of the shed they find that their little farming town has been hit by an EF4...again. Jake agrees to stay in Chance to assist in the cleanup. Avery doesn't want him around because it messes with her emotions. Jake is the man she loves to hate and hates to love. When they are thrown together by the mayor and his wife, they find out just how much they need each other and how much the town needs them!

I loved everything about this book from the pace, to the characters, to the excellent writing and dialogue.

Fantastic start to a new series by Erin Nicholas!

Julianna says

I was absolutely blown away by this book(pun intended)! when I started this story I just could not put it down. I didn't read a blurb so I had no idea what to expect and was so pleasantly surprised at how amazingly great this book was. So many great characters that I can already see future stories forming. The hero and heroine in this story had amazing chemistry that just sizzled off the pages. Their banter was the absolute best. One click now! You will not be disappointed.

Nicola says

Erin Nicholas is a new author to me and *Twisted Up* was an enjoyable, fun and heartwarming introduction to her writing.

"For nine years they'd had a no-contact-no-conversation rule. It had been a good rule.

Set in the small-town of Chance, Nebraska, Avery is the towns fire chief and Jake one of the country's most respected emergency disaster relief specialists. And when he returns for the school reunion they soon find themselves trapped together whilst a tornado rips through town.

The second chance trope with an enemies-to-lovers feel works a treat for Avery and Jake. He's cocky, and presses all her buttons but with her sassy, sharp attitude, they have a great chemistry bringing wit, antagonism, passion and feeling to their story. I was rooting for this couple from the start, but with Jake only passing through, it's always in the background that their romance has an expiry date. And as they get closer, past truths are revealed bringing the emotional angle.

"He'd seen a lot of destruction, a lot of loss, a lot of sadness. He knew when something was good, when something was right."

I did feel that the initial spark between them hit a little bit of a lull, however there is a fair bit to deal with

considering they in the midst of a disaster and the roles this Avery and Jake play. Overall though this was a easy read and with the foundation laid for future couples, I'll definitely be revisiting Chance to see what happens between Max and Bree, and Dillon and Kit.

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Crystal Singer says

What an awesome new series by Erin Nicholas!! Twisted Up introduces us to a new town and new characters to fall in love with. Chance Nebraska is well known as a tornado town. It's also known for pumping out sexy men who were born and raised there. Jake Mitchell is one of those sexy men! That man makes me laugh, swoon, melt and want to smack him! Not only is Chance known for its men, but it's also known for its kick ass women! Avery Sparks is fierce, independent, cool and calm under pressure, and the fire chief! I love that!!!!

One person gets under Avery skin unlike anyone else. When she finds out that Jake is back in town, she decides she's going to do her best to avoid him. Wouldn't luck have it that almost immediately they are locked in a shed together?? Jake loves nothing more than ruffling Avery's feathers. He knows how to push her buttons better than anyone. Their sexual chemistry grabbed me from their first moment together and seriously didn't let go until the last page. I adored these two together. I love a couple who can fight, bicker and get turned on all at the same time. The history these two share is one of my favorite parts of this story, but their present? Ohhhh my their present! ;)

You'll get natural disasters that make people do crazy things, storage rooms, friendship, an awesome town that comes together in time of need, a meddling cousin, laugh out loud moments and total sexiness in this one!!!

Happy reading!

Lady Heather says

"A copy of this book has been provided by the Publisher via Netgalley in exchange for an honest review"

3 stars!

This was a quick, light read.

The writing, characters, and story were good.

This is a story about two people who had a history together when they were in high school and have been circling one another for the last couple of years.

A natural disaster occurs putting our lead characters in a situation where they finally give into their desire/lust for one another. The rest of the story is about them trying to figure out where "this thing" between them will go from here.

I enjoyed this story, and look forward to reading more of this author's work.

CARLA says

Twisted Up by Erin Nicholas was AMAZING! I would give it more than 5 stars if possible. I was hooked from the beginning. Having lived in Oklahoma, near a town that has been ravaged by tornadoes more than once, I could totally relate to the story. Erin did a wonderful job of making this story believable. It was definitely attention holding. Avery is what you want every heroine to be like. She is a tough, no nonsense type of girl...except for when it comes to Jake. She has a very hard time denying him anything. Jake is kind of full of himself, but with good reason. He is good at his job, possibly one of the best. Avery got under his skin 10 years ago and he can't seem to get her out of his head. Another disaster brings them back together, but love will have to keep them together. I could read this book over and over, it was that good. I can't wait to see if Bree & Max and Kit & Dillion get their own books!

Princess Thuy says

Reread this book a second time and I still love it. My previous review still stands. What a wonderful, feel good, fun and sexy story. A must read for anyone in the mood for a few smiles and tears. Edited 08/14/17

Aww what a wonderful story! This is the second book I've read by this author and I am so happy that I have found a new author to add to my must read list. Erin Nicholas has written a story filled with such great characters and so much emotion that you might need some tissue reading Jake and Avery's story. Jake, with his hero complex, and Avery, with her abandonment issues, makes for some funny moments and some very heart warming times as well. And let's not forget about the naughty and sexy moments either. The chemistry between Avery and Jake were scorching hot and I enjoyed every single moment of their love story. I also loved the small town life portrayed in this story. How everyone is always helping out and coming together to overcome disasters and make their town a better place to live. I loved that! I can't wait to read more!

Stacee says

I'm always looking for sorbet and this sounded perfect.

I liked Avery and Jake. I loved the small town and their history. Avery and Jake had serious chemistry and a somewhat fun banter. Plus the cast of secondary characters leave me interested in future books. There did seem to be a lot of push and pull. The play to appear as a united front wasn't a plot line that worked for me in this story. There was definitely something missing; a spark I was looking for.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoyed the overall story and I really loved the ending. I'll definitely be looking for the next book in the series.

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Kristy says

A new series by Erin Nicholas? Sign me up! Twisted Up is the first in a new series, and may I just say, IT

WAS AMAZING! I've been a fan of this author's books for years, and she just keeps getting better. I don't know how she is able to weave nearly impossible odds into happily ever after but always pulls it off with a twist and bang! Avery was so kick-butt and Jake? *swoon* Great chemistry, with a shared love of their hometown, able to work together well. Fabulous! And the secondary characters! I cannot wait for the next one! Write fast, Ms. Nicholas!

Bette Hansen says

Loved, loved, loved!! This is a second chance set in a small Nebraska town with some very interesting characters. I thought going in that this was a storm chaser type story but it wasn't that at all. It's a heartwarming story of people putting aside their differences and working together to help others.

Avery and Jake have history. Avery practically grew up at Jake's house and she had a very special relationship with his mother. Their relationship was special too, at least she thought it was until she discovered he had left the day after graduation without even saying goodbye. Now he's back for a visit and their high school reunion and she can't seem to avoid him any longer. When disaster strikes the little town again, they team up and work together to help the town recover. The time together proves the spark that was once between them is still there but is it something worth fighting for??

This is a fantastic book and definitely one I recommend.

Jen says

3 Hero Complex Stars

“Maybe if you said sweeter things to me, I wouldn’t have to stroke my own ego.”
“You know what, Jake?” she said very sweetly. “You can keep on stroking all of your own things from here on out.”

Avery Sparks and Jake Mitchell have a long and complicated history. Growing up together, a random grad night hook up and a mutual attraction means these two always seem to be in each other's orbit. Riding off into the sunset together might be a real possibility in another life. Unfortunately Avery's job as Chance, Nebraska's fire chief means she needs to stay local while Jake's position as nation's natural disaster hero (or something like that) means he's always on the move.

Honestly, I'm not quite sure what to add to this review. I liked it but didn't love it. Jake and Avery were cute together but I definitely felt an awkward lack of chemistry at times. These two grew up together with Avery being especially close to Jake's mom in her younger years, but for the most part their history felt a little disjointed to me.

And there were the tornados. Lots and lots of tornados.

My gift for all of the disaster talk was Avery. I'm finding more and more that some authors struggle with that

fine line between strong heroine and stone cold bitch. Avery epitomizes the perfect blend of self aware plus woman hear me roar and I loved it.

I know that based on this review it may not seem like I enjoyed *Twisted Up*, but overall it was a solid 3 star read. I liked it, just didn't love it. Maybe I just need a little more *oomph* from my contemporary romances now that my reading tastes have broadened. Maybe this one just fell a wee bit short of great, but I've always enjoyed Erin Nicholas' writing in the past and I expect that to hold true in the future as well.

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booksofallkinds says

Avery Sparks enjoys making sense out of chaos and relishes her role as Fire Chief and head of emergency management in her hometown of Chance, Nebraska. Independent and sassy, Avery has her life together and doesn't let anything faze her. That is until the guy who walked away from her so easily all those years ago, suddenly walks back in. And when unforeseen circumstances force them to work together, who knows what could happen...

Jake Mitchell has become a top leader in the field of disaster recovery, and when he finds himself in the middle of a tornado, in his hometown of Chance, he will do whatever he can to sort it out. It is just an added bonus for him that he must work alongside Avery, the woman he has never really managed to forget. But Avery certainly knows how to hold a grudge. But can their explosive chemistry ever really go anywhere as he must always leave for the next place that needs him? And can the past ever truly be forgiven?

TWISTED UP by Erin Nicholas is the first book in her new series Taking Chances. With lots of energy and action, a strong, independent heroine who knows what she wants, and a cheeky hero who you cannot help but like, this novel is a delightful read. The witty banter that is natural between Avery and Jake made me smile, and I loved the fast-paced action surrounding the tornado, and the many emotional elements of the story. TWISTED UP by Erin Nicholas is the first book I have ever read by this author but it certainly will not be the last.

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