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Tone Deaf



Synopsis

His world is music. Her world is silent. Ali Collins was a child prodigy destined to become one of the greatest musicians of the twenty-first century; until she was diagnosed with a life-changing brain tumor. Now, at seventeen, Ali lives in a soundless world where she gets by with American Sign Language and lip-reading. She's a constant disappointment to her father, a retired cop fighting his own demons, and the bruises are getting harder to hide. When Ali accidentally wins a backstage tour with the chart-topping band Tone Deaf, she's swept back into the world of music. Jace Beckett, the nineteen-year-old lead singer of the band, has a reputation. He's a jerk and a player, and Ali wants nothing to do with him. But there's more to Jace than the tabloids let on. When Jace notices Ali's bruises and offers to help her escape to New York, Ali can't turn down the chance at freedom and a fresh start. Soon she's traveling cross-country, hidden away in Jace's RV as the band finishes their nationwide tour. With the help of Jace, Ali sets out to reboot her life and rediscover the music she once loved.

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Customer Reviews

This was a really great book with amazing and real characters. Ali Collins was a child prodigy musician until her life changing brain tumor caused her to be deaf. Now Ali lives with her father that was a retired Police Chief that abuses her and tortures her daily. Her best friend drags her to Tone Deaf's concert. Ali has studied American Sign Language and does her best to read lips. She thinks about turning 18 and running away from her horrible father and life. She doesn't feel safe and she's miserable. Her mother was killed while she was in surgery for her brain tumor and she's stuck with a father that doesn't care about her. She and others have tried to get Child Protective Services to help many times but her father was a police chief and no one could believe it. Jace is the lead singer of Tone Deaf and he has a reputation for being a jerk and a playboy. Ali wins backstage passes during the concert but when he realizes she is deaf, he is worse than normal. He grew up with parents that were deaf. His mother was loving but his father used drugs and abused him. He recognizes the way Ali acts and seems and asks her to run away and go on tour with him. He knows she's only 17 years old and he could be in serious trouble but he doesn't want something horrible to happen to her. He experienced it and wants to save her. His band is really different. Two of his bandmates (and one is his cousin) are in a relationship. But they are a tight group and they are always there for one another. Definitely worth reading.

I am a big fan of Olivia Rivers. She knows how to tell a good story and keep you interested. In the Hope of Memories was by far my favorite book of hers, but the realism of this book makes it a close second. I loved Ali and Jace's characters...so different, yet the way in which Ms. Rivers knits their lives together makes them seem like they naturally fit together. Parts of the story seemed predictable, hence my 4 star rating. I didn't really buy into Ali and Jace's romance. I liked them as friends and because they had a mutual connection to the deaf community. But for me, it ended there. I also could have predicted Ali would be saved in the end from her abusive father. No doubt a good thing, but a predictable event. Neither of these things deterred me from thoroughly enjoying this book though. I look forward to more work by Olivia Rivers in the future!

I loved this book. The characters felt REAL and the story was achingly bittersweet, beautiful and deep. My only complaint, the reason I gave it 4 instead of 5 stars was that I felt the ending was rushed. I think there needed to be more resolution (slight spoiler) I wanted a worse "fate" for Ali's father. I also would have liked a longer epilogue, again the ending just felt rushed. However, other than that I loved this book, and I would love a sequel where we get to see Ali and Jace...possibly

married and on tour? Hint hint? :)

It was amazing, I could not put it down, and I finished it in just two days. I have never read a book where I feel so in touch and attached to each character and feel the same emotions as them. Not to mention the amount of emotions conveyed. I've always loved books with switching perspectives and this is definitely no exception. As well as the amazing talent of writing showed, I feel as though I have learned so much more of what it can be like to be abused, and what it can be like to be deaf, and I will definitely look more into these topics and learn more about what I feel is so important to talk about. Overall the book was absolutely amazing, and I have recommended it to all my friends and I recommend it to anyone thinking about getting this book, it is beyond worth it!

This was a very good book. Ali was a musical prodigy. At least she was until the doctors found a brain tumor. After the surgery she wakes up with no hearing and her mother dead. She's sent to live with her abusive father. For the past seven years she's been saving up money to run away. When she's seventeen she gets chosen to go backstage to meet the lead singer of the band tone deaf Jace. A band her friend adores. Jace comes from a painful past and has been afraid to get too close to anyone. Until Ali comes along. He gives her a one way ticket out of Los Angeles. This book is a very good book so this is definitely one I recommend.

I don't normally like books that have famous people falling in love with a normal person. It's like it's not sci-fi enough to create its own world, but it's not at all realistic to just be a modern novel. I don't like them, but this one was so well written and focused less on the whole Cinderella of it all and instead focused on real characters with real pain. I love that Ali wasn't at all star struck and that Jace wasn't a dream boat. Their protectiveness of each other is reminiscent of an actual healthy relationship which is ironic since their backgrounds had relationships that were far from healthy. I loved this book and highly recommend it.

I loved this book. I'm not a reader that really picks and critiques books, but I'm also not one of those readers who will make herself read through a book no matter what. If I get into a book, I'll inhale it within two hours. All that said--it's hard for me to get into books lately, but this was one of them. It kept me going the whole time and I got emotional towards the end, all anxious, so I recommend this book for sure.

This is by far the best book I've ever read. The plot was amazing, with the abused girl and her hero. This not only is a story, it is life. This gave me information on what's it like to be deaf. Oh, and there is also no sexual scenes. I definitely recommend this book to anyone who likes a good clean romance story.

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