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Hitchhiking is dangerous. Picking up a hitchhiker even more so. Amy Squires knows this but as an ex-cop and private security consultant she feels safe enough to pick up a young woman thumbing a ride on a blistering hot day. A surprising attraction smolders between them, but they part company—until later that night when Kael Harding reappears outside Amy's hotel room.

Never one to question her instincts, Amy welcomes what seems to be an uncomplicated one night stand. The morning brings another surprise—Kael is anything but a carefree young woman hitchhiking her way across the country.

While perfectly willing to stand up for victims and their rights, and known to push the limits, everything Amy believes about herself and justice is challenged by Kael—and exactly how far Kael is willing to go. How can a future possibly be considered when the risks are so high?

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D. Leigh says

Actually, I'd give this book 4 1/2 stars because it's definitely different from most of what's out there to read. I'd definitely recommend this book to fellow readers.

Amy is an ex-cop who stepped over the line when she let her anger overrule procedure and shot an escaping rapist as she stood next to his emotionally and physically violated victim. I pause here, because I have to admit I had a tough time believing she didn't do jail time for shooting him as he ran away. The one flaw I found in the novel. Anyway, her current career is setting up home security for women who have been traumatized by or live in fear of men for various reasons.

Kael, as a child, was sexually abused by her stepfather and ended up killing him. She was turned over to her lesbian aunt to raise without further incident, but when she became an adult, she began carefully stalking and killing repeat child molesters across the country. This isn't a spoiler, the story's upfront about it.

The two women meet in the first chapter when Kael is hitchhiking and Amy gives her a ride.

I was hooked in the first chapter and my interest never lagged throughout the book. It's fewer than 200 pages, but tightly and beautifully written. The subject is difficult, and some might find the outcome unbelievable. But the author sucked me in and, though not probable, made me believe it was possible.

This is Rebecca's second book and I thought the pacing and smoothness of flow showed a lot of growth as a writer. Her characters are well developed, I thought, and most importantly, her idea very bold.

Maman says

These well-developed, charismatic characters will draw you into this page-turner and keep you hooked from beginning to end. Worth every penny!

FionaH says

Wow. I loved this so much. The plot skirted my comfort zone, but it didn't matter as I was hooked and needed to know what happened. Great writing. I found the ending a little unbelievable, but not enough to mark this down from 5 stars.

Also, buying in Australia, this was expensive. \$11.99 for a 176 page kindle. Ouch.

Chezza Kennedy says

what did I think about bec`s book? I`m not very good at this review stuff but I thought Falling was fantastic, I really loved the character of kael and the way the story unfolded between her and amy, and how it kind of

went on from her last book pales in comparison, very well done bec, cant wait for the next one!!

Jackie says

Ex-cop and current security consultant Amy Squires knows better than to pick up a hitchhiker. She works primarily with women who have been physically or sexually assaulted. But somehow she's drawn to the woman standing by the side of the road, the combination of her relaxed pose and her "dare you" eyes, and stops. The gun in Kael's backpack, and her declaration that if Amy is a cop, she'll have to kill her, have Amy a bit weirded out. But Amy trusts her instincts, and her instincts tell her that Kael is not a threat.

Alternating chapters tell the current-day story from Amy's POV and the past of an unnamed young girl who kills the stepfather who had been physically abusing her. Amy and Kael spend the day together, and unexpectedly, the night, when a storm makes it impossible for Kael to hitch a ride with anyone else. It's a night of physical passion, but little sharing of life stories, and in the morning, Kael is gone.

Yet as the interwoven chapters increasingly make clear, Amy and Kael's past histories have them headed on a collision course.

Well-written, tautly suspenseful, and a good use of the novella length. Personally, the moral decisions Amy and Kael have made in the past would not be ones that I myself would have made, so it was interesting to be asked to embrace them as both protagonists and as a romantic couple. Still, one of the better lesbian romances I've read.

Michelle Teichman says

A talented writer

While this wasn't my favourite plot ever, I was very happily surprised to find a true talent in the author's writing style. Her descriptions were very well done with just enough detail, and her vocabulary was nicely sprinkled throughout instead of unceremoniously shoved into sentences like a lot of authors today attempt to do with a thesaurus. I found that I could actually picture the face of the love interest where normally no matter how hard the author tries, I'm still seeing a blank space where characters' faces are supposed to be. This was definitely some of the better writing I've read in a while (and the last book I read was a Hemingway) with good characters and an interesting enough idea to drive the story. I read it in a day, and would recommend it for the writing alone - how often can you say that about a random online find in "lesbian" fiction? I'm going to buy her first book soon. Thanks for the great read!

Loek Krancher says

Excellent!

From the beginning I was immediately engrossed in this book and I became more and more emotionally connected to the characters. The story is very well written. Step by step you will become acquainted with the dark side of Kael, her past and the past of Amy. It is not your average romance but that makes this story so special and fascinating to read. I am really impressed and recommend it highly.

Sascha Broich says

While sexual child abuse is a crime, I can't condone the self justice this book promotes. This book shows the problems a public sex offender data base creates. Self elected avengers going around and killing people - that's as evil as the crime their prey committed. Too many cases exist where there was false accusation - and the accused has to live with the rumors and whispers and public shaming. Even if the system fails now and then, do you want to be the one false positive?

Heather Henkel says

Interesting book

I recommend this book as not only was it a nice meet and fall in love story, but the backstory aspect was interesting and well written too.

Gabrielle says

Fast-paced.Sexy. A good read.
