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*God gave His angels the choice to fall, and for one heartbeat, Xander wished He hadn't.*

Angels don't freak out. Ever. So when Xander Wright experiences his first freak out moment, he keeps it a secret...for twenty years. Forced by his siblings to finally pitch in and help with their assignment, Xander comes face to face with Abby Miller's beautiful brown eyes again. Seeing her now as a young woman, Xander knows with all of his being that his heart and soul belong to Abby. They always have.

With demons clamoring to kill God's Ordained Soul, Xander struggles to keep Abby's identity a secret from Lucifer's spawn and Abby, as well. Nothing could have prepared Xander for falling in love with a human, but as Guardian of the First Choir of angels, he will fight the forces of Heaven, Hell, and Abby's weak heart to keep her alive. A life without Abby would be his own Hell, but to be with her, Xander must give up all he is and break his Vow to God. His one desire and his one fear are the same.

To fall for Abby.

*\*The To Fall Trilogy* is intended for a mature audience due to adult content, graphic scenes and sensitive subject matter.

## To Fall Details

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## From Reader Review To Fall for online ebook

### Ramona Plant says

Donna is an excellent author and definitely a master of her craft. She has a very pleasant writing style that I thoroughly enjoyed. The pace of the book was only ok for me. I thought it might be a little bit on the drawn out side, but not too bad.

Xander is definitely by far my favorite character in this book, making you wish people/angels like him actually exist. I am torn on Abby however. I get it that she has a rough live with the demons, her heart and her past and all, yet she continues to make one stupid decision after the other like wandering off to the woods when they know there are some drunkards nearby. I know she probably wants to be as normal as she possibly can, but when you get injured left and right, maybe at some point it is time to say ok, I can't do that, not while I am alone. I struggle with her not learning her lessons. On the other hand she is a very sweet girl, and character wise definitely someone who I would call a friend.

All the other characters, angels, humans and demons, make up for a very nice mix that completes this story and makes it interesting to read.

All in all I did really enjoy it, just struggle a little bit with Abby. But clearly I liked it since I ended up buying the other 2 in this series

I have received this book from the author for an honest review. (LoP, Lovers of Paranormal).

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### Carrie (Book Fairy) Fort says

Favorite Lines "Closing my eyes, I relinquished to his hold, his love."

"I'll break your heart over and over again, but I promise you, our happy ever after will be something Heaven could envy."

"I wanted to believe it was possible, but I knew better than to hope for miracles."

"You must trust that I love you unconditionally. All I want is you. I will make this work. I told you we are going to get old and wrinkly together. This doesn't change anything. I'm going to fall for you. I'm going to hold you until my dying breath. I'm going to love you forever."

"My true Hell had just begun."

Beautiful! That's the first word that comes to mind when I think of this book.

I've always been a fan of angel books and this one puts a new spin on it. Xander and his brother and sisters are Guardians to Abby. A foul demon Cresil killed Abby's mother and is looking for Abby.

This author did an amazing job of capturing love, beauty, evil, and all that's in between.

I was memorized by this book and can't wait to get my hands on the next one!

Great writing, great story, amazing characters! More please!!

I was given this book by author in exchange for an honest review

## FIVE MIRACLE FAIRIES

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### Jacquelyn Smith says

I am falling, or I felt in love with this story. Abby and Xander are two characters that will keep you on an emotional roller coaster. Xander is Abby's guardian angel that trying to keep her safe from the demon Cresil. This story was beautifully written with more twists and turns than a motion picture. I was amazed by Ms Donna's work and I am looking for to see what is coming next!!!

I am dreaming about five stars\*\*\*\*\*

I was given the book in exchange for my honest review (LOP)

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### Noelle says

To Fall made me remember why I love Angel romances so much. As soon as I read the synopsis, I knew I would love this series. Xander and Abby had the purest and realist love I've ever read. Xander is literally an angel. He would do anything for Abby and always takes care of her needs. Abby does the same for him. They are so devoted to each other and so in love. All they see is each other.

I loved all the other angels. Especially Caleb. They are the true definition of a family. I laughed every time someone accidentally interrupted one of Xander and Abby's intense make out sessions. The chemistry between these two- OMG. So intense, so sweet. You could truly feel the love these two had for each other.

I wish I could rate this book more than 5 stars.

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### Judith says

*I received a digital copy of this book in exchange for an honest review. Thank You!*

To Fall by Donna AnnMarie Smith

Rating: 5 stars

Recommend: YES

Bottom Line:

The story was **great!** I have never read a book dealing with angels. I was so frustrated with daily life interruptions because it impeded me from reading this straight through. The plots, characters, and POV's are great. That was unexpected because I thought it was just going to be through Abby's POV, but I loved that Xander and Cresil's views were also incorporated in the story. This story is filled with amazing characters. I've never wanted to read any book involving angels/demons because of the demon part, but this was definitely worth the read. Read this book! You won't regret it.

PROS:

- Romance – Abby & Xander are so cute, and hopelessly in love with one another.

- XANDER – I mean could the writer create a better sweet-romantic talker?! (Seriously raising the wishful real-life romantic gentleman out of a book- bar.) Example: *“I’ll break your heart over and over again, but I promise you, our happy ever after will be something Heaven could envy.”* The feels! I kept thinking: CAN I HAVE HIM?!
- **Abby’s inner-monologue: She is so (so so so so) FUNNY!** Even though she was this pure-hearted soul, it was her humor that made me love her
- Abby’s friends and Xander’s siblings.

CONS:

- The ending! It just got so good! I wanted to read more, but now I have to wait until I get my hands on the second volume! (BTW, thank you so much Donna AnnMarie Smith for releasing that volume already)
- Abby’s life being prone to danger. I mean she’s already in a \_\_\_\_\_ state (the blank contains a spoiler, but you should read this to find out what it is ;). Why go and add on so much more bad to her life. :/

To Fall by Donna AnnMarie Smith is a wonderful novel that everyone should read.

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### **BookWormAli says**

I received a copy of this book for an honest review. This book started as a 3 star book for me in the first few pages probably since I don't usually read much involving plots with Angels and not many New Adult. However Donna BLEW me AWAY. I was not expecting the tenacious villain or the depth of emotion from all characters. The ending is a cliffhanger that left me completely gasping. I was rooting for the Hero and Heroine, and now I want my own version of Alexander, thanks to Miss Donna. If you want to read a book with good characters and twists along the way I recommend this!!!

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### **Xeniya says**

#### **3,5 stars**

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal).

My rating system explanation - 3 stars

3 stars - 3 stars have actually 10 stars within them selves. From 3.0 to 3.9, I'll always put 3 stars. Sometimes it's closer to 4 stars, but I won't rate it a 4-star, 'cause that means just a step more. A 3.5 star rated book means I actually like it, quite much. It has things I don't like, but overall I would say it's a good read!

#### **Overall:**

I actually liked it! I'm not sure what I expected, but I did like it. It had some parts that were beyond annoying, and they are the main reason I didn't give this book a 4 star. Some aspects of the story reminded me of Twilight. School setting, too-young, naive characters, super hot guy and clumsy and ordinary girl. Not that I find Edward hot, Xander is much more up to my taste.

The review might contain spoilers from this point on!

(view spoiler)

**Sexual content:** Few rape mentions and almost-rapes, a lot of steamy kissing and touching, and exactly no sex at all.

All in all, I got caught up in the story and I would really like to finish it, despite me not being a good NA reader! Would definitely recommend this book for anyone who likes angels, New Adult read and a good romance.

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### **Melissa says**

I love this book! I am a huge fan of Angel/Guardian books, so I was excited to get a chance to read this book. This book will definitely have your emotions running and your heart pounding. Xander, who is an angel and Abby, who is a human share something so beautiful and sweet and pure together. It's really magical, but there's a lot more going on in the story. Meander and his brothers and sisters are actually Abby's guardians, and she is in real danger. The author provides a hearty, very detailed story and great well developed characters. I enjoyed not only the main characters but the side characters too. You can just see everything taking place, and slip right into the story. This is a journey full of twists and turns and \*Warning cliffhanger! I shouted out loud. Oops! I can't wait to start the next in the series. I was given a complimentary copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Cheryl La Pa says**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading To Fall. It is an emotional, heart-warming love story that draws you in and doesn't let you go. It starts out as a simple love story between a human and an angel but as the story develops there are twists and turns that cumulate into a cliff hanger ending.

I loved Ms Smith's writing style, the story flowed well and the romance beautifully told from both Abby and Xander's point of view. Abby and Xander are both strong and compelling characters and their attraction to each other burns hot throughout their story.

I can't wait to read the next book in the series. I would definitely recommend this to young adult/new adult readers of paranormal romance.

I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review by Lovers of Paranormal.

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### **Charlotte says**

To Fall, By Donna AnnMarie Smith is an Angel story, telling from a split point of view between Abby and Alexander. Abby is not your usual teenager; she was a being who was never meant to exist. Conceived from the horrors of Hell, and carrying the burden of failing health - a heart that is getting weaker as time goes on. Abby's life is remarkably restrained, she tries hard to live a normal life, but she isn't meant to be normal. Abby's life changes the day Xander enters her waking hours, you see Xander has been there in her dreams

for as long as she can remember, he has always been her savior. As Xander try's to defend Abby every waking and sleeping second, the odds are building that something is going to happen.

Xander is a Guardian Angel, his purpose to protect Gods ordained soul. Xander struggles with these new Human emotions of Love. There is one thing Xander's heart truly want's... "To Fall for Abby."

I feel this book gives you a little of everything. A genuinely fascinating read that has those pages turning quickly. A heart-wrenching story, of Love, Desire; sacrifice, & despair.

I adored Abby's and Xander's story - they are both loveable characters. You will fall in love with Xander's pure angelic loveliness; he is a beautiful character that leaves your heart feeling mushy. You'll feel sorry for him throughout this story, No matter how hard he tries Abby has one accident after another. You can feel the emotions from Xander coming through the unique way Donna writes. I feel with the unique story and the way Donna writes, it's a story that pulls you in and acts out like movies behind closed eyes. And I loved that about this story, you feel every aspect of despair coming from Xander, every bit of love and desire.

I considered one minuscule issue with this story is the amount of things that happen to Abby, I can guarantee you, you will not ever find such a helpless, hopeless character. However, putting that small issue aside, Abby is still a loveable character; one that you will adore reading about,

Each character has been well constructed and made to be solid Xanders Brother and sisters - fellow Guardian's, are just adorable. Overall everything about this book is Loveable, Adorable; And easy to fall in love with!

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## Jonesgrl says

3.75 Stars

I was given a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review through Lovers of Paranormal.

To Fall is a YA/NA Paranormal Romance that will be loved by some and hated by others. I enjoyed the read. Our heroine Abby is most often believable, interesting and funny. Our hero Alexander, is charismatic, strong and everything we want in a hero. The novel has great pacing, heartwarming moments, believable tragedy and great dialogue. From the first page I was brought into a world that I wanted to experience. I wanted to know all the details about every character and I wanted to get through the hefty length (about 500 pages). The romance is realistic in its simplicity and overall it is beautifully written.

What's lacking in the storyline is depth of feeling, maturity (emotional and social), and editing. The characters go through similar experiences repeatedly which extends the novel in a way that is unnecessary. Alexander is constantly saving Abby because she is putting herself in the same situation over and over again. Stop going to parties and talking to men that have split personalities. Abby is constantly getting jealous of Alexander for his interaction with Danielle. Stop sitting next to her. This is college, request a new lab partner. These elements to provide tension in the book are so unnecessary when you have bigger problems in the form of Cresil, Gabriel, Uriel, and heart failure.

The bigger problems in this novel are the most beautiful. Feelings of inferiority because Abby has a heart condition that impairs her ability to act in the ways of a normal young adult. Xander's inexperience with human emotion and thus his inability to control certain behaviors. The angel that loves a human. The desire to feel connected to a birth parent despite being adopted. The characters wanting to know that they are loved

despite their flaws. The other elements of safety at a party and jealousy of a lab partner clouded the more important conflicts in the storyline.

Finally, the ending cliffhanger was unnecessary. I read this book in a day, purchased the second and third and finished them the same weekend. I would have purchased them because the author is talented and writes a beautiful story. I didn't need the cliffhanger to bring me back. Finish the book properly and start the new novel with Abby's recovery. I have always found cliffhangers such as this one insulting to the reader and believe they are derived from the insecurity of the author. I didn't need anything else to bring me into this series. The descriptive writing and the plot line were more than enough to keep me coming back for more.

\*\*\*\*\*Second Edition

I have upped my stars from 3 to 4, because I absolutely love the changes. Abby is stronger, fiercer, and just down right lovable. The editing improved by miles. Xander was so damn perfect, I had to compare him to the Roarkes, Giedons, Christians, Wraths and Hudsons of the literary world. I don't know if it was just reading this for a second time, but I loved it. Donna's characters are passionate and fun, while being realistic and true to their personality. Yes the sex scenes are hotter and that made it all that much more wonderful. I think there may be a little more profanity, but I didn't mind that. The characters appear more authentic. Excellent read.

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## **Brittany says**

\*I was given a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review by LoP (Lovers of Paranormal)\*

\* I have also read and review the revised version below\*

I fell in love with this book before I even read a single word. I do have a minor (extremely major!!) obsession with books that have an amazing blend of angels, demons, and devastating romance. This book had everything I was looking for!!! The main characters were Abby and Xander. Abby is a girl that is extremely limited physical-wise, and has never been able to truly live her life like a normal girl. Xander, short for Alexander, is a Guardian Angel. Xander is actually Abby's Guardian because of a series of very unfortunate events stemming from a demon named Cresil. Xander is drawn to Abby from the time she is a baby, but soon after her birth he grows detached till the time that she is of-age. I really do adore their love story, it is so tooth-achingly sweet. I do have a question though, where are all the Xanders in the world holed up and where can I get me one??? The demon lord Cresil is always causing trouble and wreaking havoc upon Abby and Xander at every turn. If I could, I would personally annihilate him with bitter torture!!! Anyway, you do get to see this story from multiple points of view. I think that the multi-views were a very nice plus because you could find out more information from the characters and it ties up the story to make more sense in the end. My ONLY issue with this book is the really suspenseful cliffhanger that had me literally holding my breath. This book did have some deliciously steamy scenes but they never went too far, so I would highly recommend this book for the more mature YA and NA audiences alike. I fell in love with this book so completely and I can't wait to read the next books in this angelic series!!!!

\*Revised Review\*

So, I got the revised edition because it was simply an excuse to re-read one of my favorite books. The story line is more or less the same, but there a few more details given. The steamy scenes were definitely re-vamped! I could not complain on that one! I couldn't help but fall in love with Xander all over again. \*swoon\* But I did notice while re-reading that Abby is RIDICULOUSLY accident prone! Like she needs to be bubble wrapped in 10 layers so that she doesn't harm herself. And I also noticed how insecure she is, I kind of wanted to shake her so she'd open her eyes that Xander has those angelic eyes on her, and ONLY her.

Anyways, this is definitely my favorite angel book, and I can't wait to re-read To Hold!!

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## Faye says

When I read the synopsis for To Fall, I immediately signed up to read this. And I wasn't disappointed.

To Fall maybe more on Abby and Xander but it's told in multiple point of views.

The story was very interesting and I do loved the characters especially the relationship between Abby and Xander. I freaking loved some of the words exchange between those two. Although of course, no characters are perfect. There's always some flaws. Abby was too much of klutz to me (I admit that I'm a klutz but not like Abby) and although I do love some heroine who needs help but not too much. And Xander would be one of the most ideal boyfriend ever.

There were some scenes that were a bit not to my taste, and I just sort of schemed through it to just get it over but overall, I quite enjoyed it.

The ending was to be expected. And I'm of to book 2.

I received this book in exchange for an honest review (LoP or Lovers of Paranormal)

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## Raph? says

i received a copy through Lovers of Paranormal in exchange of my honest opinion.^^

**this review contains spoilers.proceed with caution!you have been warned**

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Eli Young Band - Say Goodnight

i have one word that can describe this book:intense.

this book was great,wonderful but above anything else intense.

the story begins with Abby running for her life because a dark presence repeatedly tries to molest and kill her.desperate she runs into the arms of an entity radiating life and warmth.our very own angel,Xander.

Abby suddenly wakes up and she founds herself in the hospital with pneumonia.

you see, Abby is a lot more than what she seems.except for the fact that she has a weak heart and she thinks her mother abandoned her when she was an infant,Abby unknowingly is the centre of the eternal battle between Heaven and Hell.

it all begins when Anne, Abby's biological mom, was raped and impregnated by demon Cresil whose only wish is to ameliorate his hellish social status and in order to do so must kill Abby as he did with her mother or malignate her soul, Abby was put in a very dangerous situation. her whole existence is a threat to both Heaven and Hell and she doesn't even know it. when Xander failed to save Anne he promised to protect little Abby. nonetheless he didn't expect the feelings that little creature made him feel for the first time.

20 years pass and now Xander is back ready to protect her from the demon who ruined her mother's life and is keen on destroying Abby's.

Cresil if you ask me, is beyond creepy. he is vile, obnoxious, slimy coward who will do anything as long as gains something from it. (view spoiler)

after Xander saves her time and time again, they grow close as Xander is finally ready to let himself feel for the first time in his creation. this bond started when Abby was born but Xander fearing of the human feelings he experienced in her presence.

Abby, too, feels a deep connection with the guy she always sees in her dreams ever since she was born. after 20 years of dreaming about him, she finds herself falling in love with a guy she has never even met in real life. or she believes she hasn't.

their love is kind of an instalove but it doesn't feel like one. it is more like lovers that were meant to be together.

but Cresil grows bold and seeks Abby almost every night. and Xander can't help but protect her. not only because he and his siblings are her Guardian Angels but also because he somehow is irrevocably in love with her.

between her love for Xander and her fear for both her weak heart and her nightmares, Abby matures. she tries to put aside her insecurities and fears and live her life and love in the fullest. she knows she is weak and constantly fears that she is an anchor to her beloved ones, but Xander is always there to tell her otherwise.

***"By the way, you're so tiny I don't think you could anchor a toy boat."***

some times in a funny way and some times in heart-warming way.

***"You don't know how special you are, Abby, and you truly don't get how special you are to me. I would move Heaven for you"***

he is there for her. even though he withholds the truth and keeps her in distance, he can't help his need to be together with her. he tried so hard not to hurt her, to protect her, to heal her, to win her love.

his constant battle between his need to show her his love and his need to protect her was such a great detail in the book. he fights to understand his newly found human feelings and at the same time he tries to act normal so as to not scare her away, until he finally realises that all he needs to do is just show her.

. "This is called a Claddagh ring. I'm not Irish, but I always appreciated its symbolism."

Fingering the design, he explained, "The crown represents loyalty, that I shall be devoted to

you. The hands denote friendship, to be by your side through both sorrow and joy. The heart signifies love. That I may cherish you and the happiness you bring me." His eyes met mine, wide and pleading. "Abigail Miller, will you accept my promise of loyalty, friendship, and love? Will you be mine? My girlfriend?"

and if she had any doubts he just told her

*"Abby, I'm in love with you."*

now Xander is a guy who isn't afraid to express how he feels.the birthday picnic,the zoo,the cooking class,the ring,his dream about marrying her and growing old with her.this guy is so sweet he can give you toothache.and he raised the bar too high for many book boyfriends.  
i adored the fact that Xander was old-fashioned.he was so sweet and cute.i mean come on!the guy blushes!and he asks her dad to date her.

another thing i loved about his book are the family relationships.they were present.you know how many books suffer the Absent parents syndrome where they leave the main characters to fare for themselves.well, Abby's family was always by her side,worried about her,cried for her,were happy when she was happy and they were just there for her.same goes for Margaret,who in my opinion is one kickass lady.  
and i loved the interactions between Xander and his siblings Caleb,Hannah and Calista.the angels were really carefully portayed.

they were innocent.they blushed and they were really cute and caring creatures.they took their duty to protect God's creations seriously and they were happy for Xander finding love even though they didn't really understand it.

as far as Abby is concerned,she was such a cutie.she was constantly in and out of the hospital but didn't let her weak heart put her down.she hadn't become sarcastic or grim.she didn't curse her fate or hate the world.she is kind,sweet,attentive,compassionate human being who was always ready to show a smile and give a helping hand to whoever needed it.

as Xander points out

*"How could Gabriel not sense it? How did I know something an Archangel didn't? Abby had a pure soul"*

these two were really cute together.they may not understand completely one another but that doesn't mean they are clueless.

*"I was his. He was mine"*

fyi i loved Abby's reaction when he told her his identity

*"Then i am in love with an angel"*

and Xander's devotion to his decision to fall for her despite his fear of not being able to help her.

Bryan White - God Gave Me You

all in all i loved this book. some moments in the book reminded me of dear old Twilight and there were a few cheesy moments (but just the right amount of cheesiness) and i loved it anyway and i hope a lot of people will too.

also, you may notice that it has a "Supernatural" vibe

To Fall is a really good paranormal. you will not regret reading it. in my opinion, it is one of the best angel themed books.

PS: the end is a cliffhanger...

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### **Danielle Knight says**

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review (Lovers of paranormal). This was an absolute fabulous fabulous book. I love how the chapters talk in each chapter characters point of view. I love the storyline between Abby and Xander. I instantly feel in love with these two characters. Thanks! I really enjoyed this story.

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