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The prophecy's about you, Red...

Allie Carmichael has been haunted by those words for months. After dropping a huge bombshell and then leaving her in limbo, Gregory McBrien still hasn't given her the answers she craves. The knowledge of her past and the absence of both Gregg and her father have left Allie an angry, twisted mess of emotions. She still feels an immeasurable amount of guilt for her mistakes that left her scarred for life and her friend, Quinn a captive of the Coalition. Allie finds herself constantly dancing on the edge of losing control of her power, too afraid to confide in anyone—even her handsome and broody best friend, Aidan.

A chance encounter at a dangerous nightclub reserved for Unproven Immortals, gives Allie and her friends the missing piece of the puzzle. If they have any hope of bringing Quinn home, they have to act quickly.

As Allie approaches her seventeenth birthday, the nightmares that only Aidan can keep at bay, return with a vengeance and she vows to finally face them on her own. But she struggles to understand what her clairvoyant gift is trying to tell her. When she finally begins to truly understand her gift, she fears it might be too late—and this time the price for her mistakes will be too high.

Last time she was afraid. This time she's angry.

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## **From Reader Review The Judgment for online ebook**

### **Lisa Eiff says**

I really enjoyed reading this book. Allie discovers a lot of new things about herself, her roots, where she belongs in the grand scheme of things, and even discovers new alliances along the way. I am enjoying reading this series, and I would recommend this book to readers that enjoy reading books about individuals with powers or gifts.

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### **Lauren says**

This book for me was a "Just one more chapter" kind of book. Next thing I knew it, it was the middle of the night, I finished the book and I still couldn't get to sleep because it was just so dang awesome! I started this book yesterday and I finished this book yesterday... and now I am pining for even more!

I think the best thing about this book for me was the fact that it was really easy to get back into the swing of things without me having to re-read the first book. I read the first book way back in May/April time and I have read a lot of books since then. It was extremely easy to get back into and it had prods and nudges in just the right places to remind me of what happened previously.

What I also loved about this book was the fact that we got to further explore Allie's Clairvoyance gift. It was easy to tell when she was wondering a dreamscape and when she came back to reality, even without a definitive marker there to mark the difference. It was interesting to watch her trying to figure out what her gift was telling her and I loved watching it and trying to figure it out myself. I definitely feel like she has come a long way since the first book in terms of her gifts, and I am interested to see whether she will develop more or whether that's it.

I also loved Darius in this book! I feel like we definitely got to know him better and he is one of those characters that you wished really existed because he was just so awesome! It is easy to understand why Allie felt she could trust him and had fun with him.

The plot kept me interested along with the characters. There was always something going on and it was fun trying to figure out what was going to happen next! It kept a pretty steady pace and I don't feel like there was ever a boring moment in there.

I do keep wondering what is with Allie's mother though???

I really enjoyed this book and I cannot wait for the next installment! This is definitely a series that everyone should be reading because it is just that cool! I gave this book 5/5 stars

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### **Katherine Paschal says**

Allie has had a very hard year with some important bombs dropped completely changing everything she

thought she knew about her life. After spending the summer away, she is back home to train and try and get through her senior year of high school. But as most things in Allie's life, nothing goes according to her plan, be it romantically or danger wise. Life keeps throwing every obstacle it can in Allie's way...

Can we just start with mentioning that the covers on all the books are so eye-catching! The bright colors and the interesting character positioning originally drew me in and I knew I wanted to read a book that could so quickly captivate me just by being so interesting- and that is without knowing what the book was even about. I am excited to see what the forthcoming books will look like!

This is not even a little bit a standalone series, the books must be read in order to fully understand the world as well as all the altering relationship dynamics and conflicts between the characters. I found *The Judgement* to be so twisty I seriously could never have predicted what was going to happen to next, be it a romantic connection or a new villain, I was constantly surprised. Melissa has a way of making her characters multidimensional so they feel real and I could connect with them- their problems became mine. And I think I would classify this as the messiest love square (hexagon maybe??) that I have ever encounter- it was heart-wrenching, complicated, and made me want to shake people yet at the same time I do not know who I was rooting for! (ok, that is a partial lie- I am team Dare even though that is not really a thing!)

As a side note, I think my only problem with the series is that there are SO MANY CHARACTERS and everybody had a nickname! I can't keep them all straight, it was just a hodge-podge of people in my head- I think I would have enjoyed this better if I could have had a character diagram with lines showing how everyone is connected as well as what their special gifts are. It has been over a year since I read the first book so the nuances of the story and people were not super fresh in my mind and this book just drops the reader in with no backstory so it was pretty much sink or swim which I usually like, but I needed a little refresher. I highly recommend reading all the books back to back so nothing is lost or forgotten and the crazy twisty plot can keep going.

The ending was a little bit like having my heart ripped out, it was so sad. Allie's gift of seeing the possible future outcomes is pretty terrible and what she sees makes me want to give her a hug. I have no idea what will happen next for the group, but I know it will be surprising, interesting, dangerous and exciting. And hopefully there will be a happily ever after somewhere along the line because I know I need that, let alone Allie and her group. I look forward to more from this world that Melissa delicately created.

I voluntarily reviewed a complimentary copy of this book?.

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## **Summer says**

### **Just when you think it can't get more complicated....**

Our band of Immortals are beginning to see the shape of their lives and how much it will take for them to succeed in their ultimate goals. In this book they have to learn to cope with things they never imagined they'd have to face at their young ages. They also learned that joy sometimes comes on the cusp of the worst loss imaginable. Another great read by Melissa Craven!

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## **Elizabeth says**

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an unbiased review.

I thought this second book in the Emerge series was fine. Not fantastic, but fine.

The story was well written and flowed well. It was also well-edited. The author is adept at giving each character their own voice and personality. That said, I didn't feel the same kind of connection with Allie and her friends as I did with the first story. Characters that had more central roles before seemed shoved into the background for most of the book. In addition, I could have done without the teen drinking and sex, especially the female character that seemed intent on dating her way through many of the men in one family, but that's really just a personal preference.

The story also seemed a little too laden with foreshadowing and teen angst. All in all, this book didn't really feel like it advanced the story as much as it could have. But then the first book set the bar very high. I'll probably keep following the story, though I won't be quite as excited to read the next one as I was to read this one.

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## **Orlando says**

Holy sequel batman! What did I just read? Emerge just keeps getting better and better with each book!

Hands down this is my favorite new series.

I loved the Awakening and I adored the edge. (Seriously, if you love Aiden you do not want to skip the edge even if it is a prequel.)

But the Judgment? I was so excited for the opportunity to receive an advanced copy of this book. I've been dying to find out what happens next. The things that bugged me in the first book weren't an issue at all. The pace wasn't bogged down by so many stories, but there were still some great (short) backstories that fit into the book really well. The book takes off in the first chapter and hits it's stride quickly and doesn't let up until the end.

For those readers who hated Vince in the first book (like me), you will be very happy with the Judgment. He's not gone, but he makes SO much more sense now. Looking back I can see what the author intended with his character and I'm excited to see what role he will play in the rest of the series.

I struggled with the huge cast of characters in the first two books, but the author has focused on the most important characters for this book, leaving some of the excessive characters to fade into the background. (I also read Emerge the Scholar right before this so that might have cleared up some of my confusion too)

Aiden and Allie show a lot of growth in this book as the stakes are much higher this time. In the Judgment readers will get a much bigger picture of where this series is headed and I can't wait for the next one.

YA Urban Fantasy is overrun with books about shifters, witches, angels and demons. But Craven's immortals are one of a kind. Add this series to your TBR for 2017, you will not be disappointed.

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## **R.A. White says**

This second book of the Emerge series resumes a few months after the first book's story concludes, and follows up well. It answers several questions, is a full novel in itself, and still leaves us waiting for more. I thought the writing was better in this book, with fewer issues as far as giving me context and with the secondary characters coming to life. Also, the love triangle is less of an issue in this book, although it still irritated me. Allie's relationships with boys in general irritates me. 'I don't want to commit and I want to make sure I'm my own person without being connected to a man' is wonderful, especially for a teenager for goodness' sake (I'm rolling my eyes right now about another (very famous) series that I compare this one too, where the heroine just really wanted me smack her around and put her in therapy), but I don't think it should be followed with 'but maybe we could just have sex because I think I'm ready for that'. Anyway, more on that at the bottom of the review.

Overall this story was cool, exciting, with neat characters and interesting super powers. The characters have flaws and struggle to overcome, mostly without being depressive or whiney.

Language: Very mild.

Violence: There's fighting and craziness, but I don't remember anything super explicit.

Sexual Content: Religious upbringing aside, if people want to think they're mature and ready for major decisions like sex, shouldn't they think about possible consequences? On the male character side of things in this book it's even worse. 'I'll just sleep around because the girl I really want doesn't want me right now, and I'm not going to deny my hormones just because I'm in love with someone else.' And then for the girls to be OK with that...I know I have biases on this topic, and I'm pretty comfortable with them, but it's a fact that there are a lot of emotions at play when it comes to intimacy of different degrees, and a lot of risks as well. Maybe because these characters are immortals they don't have to be concerned about some things, but since this is a young adult story I think those things should have been addressed. Sex without intimacy or commitment is a real trend, made popular by the many who want to take what they can get and feel they owe nothing, but I JUST CAN'T STAND IT. On the bright side, this part of the story wasn't nearly as forefront as it might have been, and I was able to roll my eyes and move on to enjoy the others.

Diversity: OK, this point is weird. There is definitely a variety of characters, but often I can't remember what they look like or anything because it simply isn't mentioned very often, and there are too many characters for me to remember them all. Some of them I remember are Asian because of their names, but that's about it.

Overall Message/Plot: I like the focus on independence and how Allie wants to make sure she's not being half a person by relying on guys. I just wish she stuck with it longer because the fact is that she has a long way to go before she's really mature, but I've said enough about that. Although it does have interesting characters it's more plot driven with lots of action and a little mystery about what is going to happen, and it does that pretty well. I enjoyed it enough that I intend to get the next book when it comes out.

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**Jasmine says**

**\*\*\*Actual rating: 4/5 Indriell Queen Stars\*\*\***

*Ever since Liam had started working with her on her dreams, she dreamed often of fire and rage—of a bloody world filled with darkness and fear, and so much anger. But it never coalesced into anything she could understand. The terror continued to plague her with no*

*end in sight. But this dream was different. She could hear screams echoing in the forest, but she couldn't seem to find the source.*

*The Judgment*, which I believed, picked up shortly after the end of the first book in the series, *The Awakening*, where the female protagonist, **Allie** was fully awakened by the age of 16. She experienced the transformation from an innocent mortal to a soon-to-be powerful clairvoyant in this book and at the same time, discovered some hidden secret of her real parents and mysterious bond with **Aiden** (whom was supposed to be her equal, lover and soul mate)'s OLDER BROTHER, **Darius**.

*"Knock it off, Allie," Darius said. "You're going all glassy-eyed again and it's kinda obvious you aren't talking to me."*

*"Sorry."*

*"Is her freaking?"*

*"Not really, just trying to keep his lunch down."*

*"Come on, us making out is not that disgusting."*

*"He can feel what I'm feeling. So just then it was kinda like he was the one making out with you."*

*"No. No. No. Unsay it, Red. Please unsay it."*

*"Next time give me a little warning and I'll block him."*

To be honest, I didn't think much happened in this instalment because apparently, Allie was still trying to familiarize herself with her newly developed supernatural ability and spent most of the time figuring out what her freaky dreams were indicating.

*The book slipped off her lap and crashed to the floor, jarring her from the waking vision. All this time, she'd seen the forest and the orchard in her dreams and she's just dismissed it as nothing of importance. But this was different. Allie's clairvoyance was trying to warn her. Her dreams weren't just junk anymore.*

She was like a blind clairvoyant and half of the book focused on her exploration of the dreamscape she walked on every night, where she met her absent father who appeared to be a professional dreamwalker, guiding her through this imaginary place.

*"And when you enter the world of dreams, do not ever leave your own dreamscape. This is very important, Allie. This world is infinite and it is very easy to get lost here when you are not a dreamwalker. It could drive you mad if you found yourself trapped in someone else's dreamscape."*

As much fun as it was to visit these interesting realms with Allie, **I would appreciate more if the author dug further into the inescapable fate of Allie and other superpower friends.** In other words, I was more concerned about what they were going to encounter after Allie could control her ability. I knew they were in trouble since there were lots of snobs out there, hunting for the rare breed of immortals like Allie, in order to take advantage of them and do what-I-had-no-idea.

Aside from the fact that this story put little emphasis on Allie and her friends' future, there were still some

elements I adored in the book. For example, **the strongest feature of Allie was her fierceness as a female character despite her naivety and innocence. She was the perfect representative of a feminist and what attitude women should have under whatever circumstances.** Her feisty personality had made a great impression on me since the first book and now it only brought out the awesomeness in her even more.

**"I don't want to *need* any guy. I don't want to be the girl who can't figure her own shit out so she uses her boyfriend as a crutch to lift herself up."**

Moreover, I'd already shipped Allie and Aidan so much in book one, this instalment took their ~~romantic~~ relationship up a notch and reached another exciting new level. What they had wasn't exactly swoony or heart-melting but I had faith in them and believed both of them would find the way to each other as the story unfolded.

*No matter what happens between us, we will always be more than just friends. We will always be equals. It would break my heart to lose you, but you're part of me now. The best part of me. No matter where life takes us, we will always have that.*

Last but not least, this entire series was like a beautiful combination of several books from my favorite authors. Allie reminded me of Celaena Sardothien/Aelin Galathynius from the Throne of Glass series by Sarah J. Maas so much because both of them were such badass female role models and both had symbolic tattoos around their scars.

*He frowned down at the intricate drawing of vines and flowers. He changed his attitude when he saw the lines of poetry she'd worked into the black and purple vines that would follow the path of her scars. It all spoke of positive body image and accepting her perceived imperfections as part of the unique and beautiful person she was, inside and out. It was a message to herself. She didn't want to let the ugly scar affect her anymore, she was ready to embrace it as the badge of honor it was.*

This series also reminded me of Jennifer L. Armentrout's Obsidian series in that all the main characters had alien-like powers to conquer the world. Besides, Aidan's healing power, Naomi's space-creating ability and Darius's hearing others' thoughts power were pretty similar to those in Michelle Hodkin's The Unbecoming of Mara Dyer trilogy. Despite the fact that this series and other books were so much alike at some point, I still loved it nonetheless. The characters in *The Judgment* were lovable and they had their own uniqueness that I appreciated.

Overall, I **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** the EMERGE series to everyone because there were some serious spectacular plot going on and super kick-ass characters you'd want to befriend with! Before you jumped into *The Judgment*, please make sure you picked up the #0.5 *The Edge* first because I thought you'd have a better idea about what happened from Aidan's POV after Allie was awakened. Shamefully admitted, I made the mistake of not reading *The Edge* beforehand so half of the time, I had blurred memory about what was going on previously while reading this book. Anyway, EMERGE was a fabulous YA Dystopian series you'd like to dive into, trust me!

\*\*\*Thanks to the author for providing me with an e-copy of the book in exchange for an honest review.\*\*\*



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## **Andy\_Fanboy says**

Wow! I really liked the first book in this series, but WOW, the second book has really sold me on this author. I enjoyed the way the author wove a good message into the first book, giving young readers a really great, but flawed, heroine to look up to. Allie has her issues, but she knows what she wants. She knows what she is ready for and what she isn't ready for. I always thought the author did a great job showing young readers that the forever, soul mate kind of love isn't something a sixteen year old is ready for. I love how Allie knows that what she needs is a safe, normal high school relationship.

But that was the first book.

Things are quite different in book two.

With the Judgment, the stakes are higher, the action is more intense and the drive toward the ending is like a rollercoaster you will not want to get off.

I'm definitely a fan of Melissa A. Craven and will look forward to anything she writes in the future. I recommend this series to all ages.

I received an advanced copy of Emerge: The Judgment and this is my honest review.

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## **Fiona Padmore says**

Wow!!

In book 1 Allie learned some things about herself that she would rather forget but she needs to come to terms with the fact that the prophecy was never about Aidan. It is hard for her to accept that their family friend is actually her biological father, she flips and freaks. She feels a lot of guilt for Quinn's being taken and she is bubbling over with a rage inside that she is struggling to contain, her visions are coming thick and fast in her dream and waking worlds it is leading very confused and frustrated.

There is a battle to be had but who will come out the victor?

Great book, awesome character development and some fantastic scenes, especially the fight scenes.

I am looking forward to reading book 3 like now...

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## **Topsues says**

I've been thinking about this review for a few days, typing a few sentences, then deleting it again, as I tried to find the right words to do this book the justice it deserves. Melissa Craven has again managed to transcribe her brilliant imagination into the pages of Book.2. the plots are so realistic and so easy to picture. I found book.1."The Awakening " a great story, which within its own storyline laid down the foundations for this book. In this, she has seamlessly continued building the characters up around the main character Alexis. But this is definitely Alexis's rodeo. I could almost feel the Author breathing life into the pages as the story picks up and carry's on from the cliffhanger left in the first book. As this is told mainly in the first person, you find yourself getting more and more invested in what's happening in Alexis's mind and how she is dealing with it. I felt the other characters, though there, are not as prominent, in this book, I cried, I laughed, I held my

breath, then I cried again !! Rollercoaster much !! Some books I have read, I have felt the need to check back and double check where I am in the story, but not "Judgement" The author has a great way of defining the start, middle and end of these books, so you always no where you are. Its the characters emotions that get me, I literally feel them pulsing through me, as if I am part of them, as if it's my best friend facing all these challenges and she confides in me. Blah !! See what I mean. When something touches you, you can struggle to find the right words without letting the secret out, and I don't want to spoil that experience for you. So summing up, this series is, great. !! It is thought provoking, it will touch nearly every emotion you have, it will pick you up and wring you out, and once again ( No !! that can't happen, not now, it's not fair !! Tears ) the cliffhanger will leave you with an OMG feeling. I can't wait to read book.3. I also read the shorty story "Volunteer" that goes with this series, though not at all essential that you have to read it, to understand what's going on, it was an enhancement. So if you can, grab the short stories to. One last thing, if you are more interested in the style of this Author's writing read my review for book.1. "The Awakening" as this review is more personal to me.

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### **Mel B. says**

#### **Please don't cut Aiden out!!**

I love these books, but I am devastated (spoiler)

By the fact that Allie has seen Aiden severing their tie and blocking their link?? I don't understand why the author would make them love so fiercely and invest so much time in their love if only to give them different complements...or separate them down the line. It's clear to me that Aiden and Allie belong together!

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### **Yvonne C Harlev says**

#### **Not sure about this series.**

The story had potential but I found myself reading the first quarter of both books and skipping straight to the end to see what was going to happen. I hate love triangles they rarely work for me. In this series Aiden seemed to be the real love interest but I'm so confused. After two books i have to say I don't really care anymore. I was disappointed.

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### **Pamela Love says**

#### **Great**

Another amazingly written book! Some things were a bit predictable and something's were not. Overall an enjoyable story with great cast of characters. Made the best decision to get all the books for under \$20.

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## **Kayla Howarth says**

EEEEEE! Allie and Aidan are back!

We delve deeper into the world of Immortals and the Coalition in this one. There's a few surprises, lots of dialogue and action, and everything you'd come to expect from Melissa Craven.

Allie is still Allie--sarcastic and hilarious.

Aidan is still the sexy "bad" boy with a heart of gold. <3 him.

Liam is in this one more, along with Darius and the duo are quickly becoming favourites.

The end left me wanting more. NEED MORE. STAT

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