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Alisha Tarran says

It's been 9 months since Talia was injected with an unknown substance and shot at Ian Crane's compound in Nevada. Since, she's had to learn to walk all over again, and has been dealing with regular seizures. Talia feels like a prisoner, she's been confined to her childhood home while recovering, with no contact with anyone, and her dream of being a Hunter on hold...possibly forever. So when the Agency director, Mac, asks her to go undercover at the McDonough School for the Talented to find the spy who set the trap for her in Nevada, Talia jumps at the opportunity.

Until she sees she'll be working with Donovan, the ex-boyfriend she's known through childhood that cheated on her. That she's not so jazzed about, to say there was some tension would be an understatement. But after a fight ends in a seizure, a tentative friendship begins to form. Enter Erik, Talia's former team mate, and make out buddy in the week leading up to her mission, and the guy she's got some very strong feelings for. But hey, at least she's got her best friend Penny there, to assist her in uncovering the spy, and help her deal with the boy drama.

As Talia becomes more entrenched in her assignment, she quickly discovers the lengths Mac and the Agency will go to in the name of war, and what she's capable of, when the interrogation of a suspect goes horrifically wrong. Talia begins to realize that Crane's influence is spreading, and there are few operatives without a tie to the coalition. Forced to face hard truths, and dangerous conclusions, Talia realizes that it's those closest to her hiding the biggest secrets. As finding the traitor dumps Talia in to a constant state of frustration and desperation, with lies everywhere, she realizes she needs help. But who can she trust when everyone has something to hide. Who isn't who they say they are? Is Donovan responsible for her seizures? What is Mac hiding? And will Talia and Eric get to be together? You know...without the whole arguing and life threatening mission getting in the way?

So, Sophie very kindly sent me this to review, and man am I so glad for her kindness, because it looks to me like this is going to get better and better. We skip all of the recovery period and join Talia 9 months after the end of Talented, and as she's back on her feet.

The amazing world building from Talented is expanded on as we get to see one part of the world that was previously mentioned, in more detail...the school. An entire mini world is created in the world we're already familiar with, that encompasses you and sucks you in. The new scenery keeps the series fresh, and the readers engaged and interested. We also get to see more of how the world works, with the justice system and so on, which is really cool! Going back in to this world, I had to do a little happy dance, because it's so unique, and it's impossible for you to get tired of it!

The prose is just as concise with the background and details, and just as smooth flowing. The prose is so slick, you could slide right off if you were walking on it. There's just as much action, just as much intrigue and just as much humour, but on another level to Talented. I kept flashing back to Talented and how much I loved and enjoyed reading it and how I was consumed with the characters and story, much like I was with Caged all over again!

I loved all the characters in Talented, they were all so well written and full of life, and that's carried on in Caged, but we get to see even more depth to them, and find out more about them. We see Talia in a different way, she's not a Hunter, but she's still badass, but you admire her strength in dealing with the seizures and

everything on her plate. I feel like I morph in to Talia, or atleast merge with her when I read, because I find myself not only following her thought process, but thinking some of the same things she does, like with Erik. Like Talia, I really thought he'd run a mile when he saw her have a seizure, because I was kind of envisioning he-slut Erik, but shame on me. I loved Erik in Talented, he was perfect, and I should have known we'd see an incredibly tender, sweet and caring side to him in Caged regarding what Talia's going through. I love his protectiveness, although the scene after the Dinner scene...I really wanted to smack him one.

Donovan is complicated for me. I was kind of meh about his character in Talented, he was a sweetheart, as I said in my review of Talented, but at the same time, he was a bit of an ass sometimes, and my opinion of him morphed in to hatred after the Incident. I am fully Team Erik. All the way. BUT. Caged, I felt, gave us more of a look at Donovan, we saw deeper in to his character. I saw he had a sweet and caring side, even more so than I originally thought, he was there for Talia even though she was (rightfully) horrible to him, he was remorseful BUT he was kinda stupid thinking she'd take him back and I enjoyed seeing a side of him that wasn't shown very much in Talented, although I was reading and thinking "HELL NO" when Talia was confused about her feelings for him.

With Donovan and what was going on with him and Talia in Caged, I've seen a couple of people saying "Oh I thought the love triangle was out the way in Talented" and blah blah blah. Well, let's be real. Throughout the whole confusion with the guys (which was very realistic by the way and well done) Talia states she has stronger feelings for Erik, and he's who she wants, and I doubt she'll go for Donovan as second best. Donovan's kind of like a safety blanket for Talia, he makes her feel safe at a time when she doesn't. You need to remember that Talia's known him for years, so for me, it wasn't really a love triangle, because I was confident that Erik would prevail, and he did. It was more she wanted to be friends with him, and didn't want to lose her new friendship with him.

Back to Donovan, I'm interested to see what happens with his character. Can they be friends? Can he get out from under his father's thumb? Speaking of Mac, I personally saw him as a pretty great guy in Talented, Talia's rescuer and protector who took her in, and cared for her. In Caged...well....he's shady. He's up to something, and he's done something, and it is killing me not knowing what and trying to guess.

Everything you thought you knew about the characters when you finished Talented....well...in Caged it gets turned upside down, no more so than with Penny. You see different sides to everyone, and get to know the characters a bit more, they're all built on from Talented, and some of them aren't what you thought they where.

Now. Penny. I really didn't see that coming, I came to the realization after Talia did, when she went storming into the room. I'm simultaneously gutted, because you know....betrayal of my favourite character, but at the same time, I'm intrigued, particularly about the revelation in the last 5% of the book I think it was, during the court scene. I'm frothing at the mouth with anticipation for the next book!

While i'm talking about Penny and shocking revelations, let's move on to the plot. As I said, it's action packed all the way through, we have romance, we have regular drama, bitchy girl drama (seriously, someone smack Cadence) and boy drama. For every question that's answered there are a million more. There's a tonne of twists and turns, and shocking plot twists that I guarantee you even Nancy Drew couldn't predict. You're incapable of putting the book down, but you don't want it to end. Seriously. I was on a night out for a friends birthday and I was thinking about the book.

Davis has a knack for giving you exactly what you want in the book, answering all your questions, but also giving you a load more of intrigue ready to be answered in the next book, but still leaving you satisfied and

ready for more. I honestly cannot get enough, and I feel like the books are just going to get better and better.

Caged ends on a hell of an explosive note, and the anticipation is ramped up as you get closer to the ending. The plot is rich, and complex, and blends the over arching storyline for the series, seamlessly with the storyline for this portion of the series. A lot of sequels aren't as good, but Caged isn't one of them, it's better. A lot of authors put more emphasis on the overarching storyline, and setting up things for the next book. Not Davis. Setting up the next book is provided, but it's not the sole focus. I can't stress enough how perfectly written these books are, and how much you will regret never reading this series!

Jacquie Talento says

When Ms. Davis contacted me about reading her second book in the Talented series, I was in awe. The excitement was overwhelming and my memories were flashing back to the day when I was consumed with reading Talented and getting to know the characters all over again. What a privilege to be asked to read this 2nd book of hers. I was in the clouds of happiness for this sequel. As I so want to blab all about the details of this story, I won't put any spoilers out. That was fantastic!!! We have all the same characters back and Talia is out to see if she can find out who the spy is that put her in danger where she almost lost her life. Questions being, is Talia going to be with Donavon or Erik? Will she be returning back to the life that she so enjoyed with Henri and Erik? Who does she trust? Secrets will be told and will unfold before your very eyes. I'm telling you that it will catch you by surprise. There is definitely going to be a sequel to this and I can promise I will be one of the first to read her next book. This was a masterpiece Ms. Davis. Thank you for letting me read this. Your next book won't be out soon enough as far as I'm concerned.

Kacey says

Talia is SO annoying in this book. Nothing about it made her sound like the strong, powerful Talent that she is. The love triangle is NOT resolved through most of this story line, and it just makes her more unlikable. She really, really plays the victim card hard. Continuing to read, because I -have- read this series before (though IDK if I've read all the books) and I know that some of the plot points in this story are important for the long-term story line. I just feel like her weakness was too potent, and the story line, for so few important plot points, was way too drawn out. Looking forward to the next book.. if my memory serves, it's a far more interesting read. At least, I hope it's the next one...

Stephanie says

I read book one as part of a facebook event and was given a copy of the book by the author in exchange for an honest review and a chance to win cool prizes :)
Now I have read three of Sophie Davis' books and I love love love her writing and it only increases with each book and I can't wait to continue this series, continue Blind Barriers and also start the Nightmare series. I must warn you this review will contain spoilers so look away if you have yet to read this amazing book. Book one left me hanging so I couldn't wait to get into this one and get some answers. The fact that Talia didn't just bounce back and resume her spot as a Hunter both disappointed me and made me happy, I was disappointed for Talia's sake it is all she has ever wanted and I feel bad that she has to basically start all over, but I was happy because it is realistic and it shows the hardships of life and how sometimes we are knocked

down but how we pick ourselves up is what matters. I am not gonna lie I was a little frustrated with Talia, she seemed so strong and determined in book one but in this book I found her defeated and a little whinny, but also I can understand why she acted the way she did and of course threw it all I saw her growth and self discovery, I just hope she can carry it on and find the answers that Penny was willing her to see. My least favorite of her actions was how she handled Donovan and Erik, I didn't like that she seemed to still have so much trust in Donovan after he cheated on her, and after everything Erik had done for her she did not have faith he would stick with her when he found out about the seizures, thank goodness she came to her senses and if we are being honest I came to mine as well :) Donovan may have been a jerk but he cares for Talia and I can see why she would still need him after all this time. Erik continues to hold my heart and after getting more information about his past and how he was forced into TOXIC I love him even more, I hope his presence helps Talia discover more of the truth and more about her past.

The hunt for the traitor was intense for me, how could you find someone with so little to go on, it felt like the poor team was just running around in circles and then BAM the bomb is dropped on me, I had to re read the section where Talia confronts the traitor like three times I was just so stunned I mean PENNY really....penny I was not prepared for that, but with the exceptional writing of Sophie Davis I can look back and spot a few hints. I still feel I have to take pause I don't know that I truly believe she did what she did for evil I mean she is sweet little Penny and I think she cares about Talia, she gave her those memories and her talk with Mac at the end gave me even more reason to doubt she meant harm. TOXIC has many secrets and I think Mac has even more, but with the help of Erik and maybe even Donovan I hope she will get all the truth she is looking for, after all she had been through she deserves it. I absolutely love this series and I can't wait for more.

Casey Keen says

Caged is book two in the Talented Series. Talia wakes up after a serious confrontation with Ian Crane (the man who supposedly killed her parents). She found herself in and out of treatment and confined for quite some time. Donovan (her ex) is back in the picture, a lot more than I prefer. I can't stand him. Erik is almost non-existent, expect for his quick hello and goodbyes.

Book two in the series was a continuation of Talented, but not as good. It was too heavy on the descriptions. Talia's mission for this entire book was to find the spy. I didn't mind the sleuthing, but it was a little too much at times. There was little action and the constant presence of Donovan annoyed me to no end. When Talia would get close to him, I wanted to scream at her stupidity! I love strong female leads and Talia was not one of them in this book. This is one reason I found it hard to connect with her, among other things.

Caged falls short compared to Talented - action was non-existent, the detective work was too drawn out and Talia's stupidity for Donovan frustrated me and took away from the story itself. I do enjoy the author's plot ideas and writing, but this book didn't hold my attention.

DeeDee says

I'm still really enjoying this series! This one read more like a who dunnit, trying figure out who the spy is. There's still somewhat of a love triangle going on. It's still not clear who the bad guys are, but Talia is starting to figure it out.

Ariella says

I was given this book in exchange for honest review (LoP). Amazing read! It begins where book 1 ends. I couldn't put this book down. Talia was captured in book 1 and injected with some drug. She now has seizures and is not a hunter. Talia is trying to find the spy. She does find the spy and you won't believe who it is I was shocked.

Marie says

The first one was too good not to go straight to buy the second one!
After the cliffhanger ending the first book left me reeling in I couldn't wait to find out what happens in this one!
And I was not disappointed on no, because this book left me reeling even more!
The ending, blew my mind! I knew as soon as Penny was arrested that the Toxic was corrupt.
Poor Penny! My heart breaks for her and Talia! I'm for sure Mac has something to do with her parents death!

Wow. This series is definitely now one of my favorites!
I am so glad that I reviewed the first for the author because I would otherwise not have known about it and I cannot imagine ever not reading this book. It is too good to go unnoticed.
Read it!! You will not be disappointed.
Plus there's Erik! Who is just fine ;).

Megan S says

Interesting book. The entire series is very different than what I am used to reading.

Talia is locked up after being injected at her last mission.

Her job is to uncover which person is a spy working for the enemy. However, she goes through betrayal, fear, anger, doubt, romance and more to get there.

Excited to read the next one!!

Justine says

So I love Sophie Davis and Caged is another reason why. I love her writing style and I love how detailed she makes everything. I did find Caged a bit slower than Talented but I realize that it was to give us backstory and I was still at the edge of my seat. I loved finding out the secrets right along with Talia. I did guess who the spy was and I kind of figured out the bad guy at the end but that didn't make it any less exciting or shocking when I got to those parts.

I feel like a lot more of the characters are showing their true colours. Donovan is still a butt head (hello, I

need to know why he did what he did), Mac is turning into a big douche bag (power is going to his head) and Erik is getting sexier everyday. Talia just needs to get her crap together and stop feeling bad for herself. I just love this series and everything about it. The writing is so amazing and the story is addicting. I can't wait to delve into book three.

Lulu Vega says

I loved this book from the very beginning, it's fully detailed and Sophie has a way to describe the characters and the story line perfectly, I honestly could not put it down, I loved the first book Talented and she gave me a copy of this one in exchange of an honest review and so, here I am as promised, thank you for another amazing story, can't wait to read Hunted, you really have a gift for writing beautifully, highly recommend it to everyone.....

Anna Wood-gaines says

incredible!!

Tanya says

I'm on the fence with this one. It was like an exercise in frustration. I spent the majority of the book not liking the main character, Talia. A few times, I was so disappointed in her behavior that I actually considered calling it quits. I thought we were done with the love triangle pretty early in the first book (which I was happy about), but this book put us right back where we started and I just couldn't wrap my mind around her ability to forgive lie after lie. I'm also not sure what either guy sees in her other than her awesome Talent since if I had to describe her personality, the only descriptions I can come up with are needy, selfish and whiny. I was expecting some character growth not regress. Her only slightly redeeming quality was that she was aware of all her faults and selfishness. Her actions just didn't make sense to me and I kept expecting to find out she was being drugged or mentally manipulated in some way which was the only excuse I could think of for her confusing behavior. It's still a possibility I guess as there were a lot of unanswered questions as to what is going on with her health/Talents at the end. We do get some answers in this installment but they were all things I've suspected since the beginning so there weren't any shocking twists for me. I wanted more action and Coalition answers and less relationship drama. Besides the big picture items, there were a lot of small unresolved details that I'm not sure if they were even important that were still bothering me at the end (the photo in the drawer, Ursula's history with Erik, Talia's apparent morphing ability that nobody including herself seemed to question, etc). So I'm on the fence with how to rate this. Even though I wanted to toss my kindle in frustration more than a few times, I still couldn't seem to stop thinking about it and will definitely check out the next installment.

Booknut says

I am in love! The first book in the Talented series, Talented, was brilliant. I can admit that I thought "There is no way it could get better than this. Great plot. Well-explained concepts. Exceptional characters. Unseen

twists and turns. Cliffhangers. How can you improve on that?" Well, Sophie Davis must be a magician because she has managed to do just that and more in her second instalment in the series, Caged.

The end of Talented left me in shreds as seen below:

TOO MUCH EMOTION! I was confused over Erik, suspicious of Toxic in general - especially Mac, whose name brings to mind cheeseburgers -, and heartbroken over the fact that Talia was probably dying before our eyes and Donavon was the one to find the letter.

The beginning of Caged had me hooked at the first word. The story suffers no drops in audience engagement and if anything it treats the audience to even more action than the previous book. Talia has been subjected to medical procedures, rest (more like being locked up in a room and made to rest) and solitude. After her failed mission attempt to kill Ian Crane, she is given the job of spying at the school. Because, apparently, a spy is in Toxic's midst. A spy who was the reason for Talia's near-death experience.

Talia's first surprise: Donavon is at the school too. As an instructor. And let's just say both Talia and I had the same idea in mind when we found out:

But finding the spy isn't as easy as it sounds - they might even be one of the people closest to her. Talia struggles with the weight of her responsibilities, her health and the crippling feeling of weakness that overcomes her. And if there's one thing Talia hates, it is being thought of, feeling like or even seeming weak.

And then there was Erik...

Ah...Erik! I swear, there need to be more people in real life like Erik. He was amazing in this book - I will admit, in Talented, I had some doubts about him, but in Caged he was the perfect balance of Will Herondale wit and innuendo, and Darcy consideration and chivalry. Perfect!

When Talia finds out who the traitor is...

It isn't!! I was heartbroken, especially at the trial. I bawled my eyes out (I am a highly emotional human being, ok?!), I could literally feel Talia's heart breaking.

And that leads to what I love the most about Sophie Davis' writing - Talia is the most real heroine I have ever read about. Ever. Her emotions are so THERE, so human and relatable. I know it probably sounds cheesy, but she is down to earth. She experiences, not the normal character echo-of-an-emotion brand of emotion, but RAW emotion. Emotions as they feel in the flesh. Her pain, her indecision, her reasoning, her heartbreak and I adore the way she sees her slow descent into madness. Not really madness, but that feeling many of us have experienced - overload, too much to handle, hysteria. When she is at her lowest, Talia is at her most relatable. All round, she is the bravest and most broken character I have had the fortune of reading about and sharing a journey with.

If you have not read this amazing book, or the series even, I suggest you do immediately! A world full of Talents, of mind manipulators, Brains, Telekinetics and, even better, Eriks (lol) - you'll fall in love with Sophie's world. I know I did!:D

Jenny Bynum Black Words-White Pages says

10*s. I received an eARC copy of this book directly from the author in return for an honest review.

What an exciting and extraordinary story that captured me from beginning to end. This series is very addictive and enjoyable for not only YA but adults too. This is a Must read phenomenal series that is hard to put down. I love the twisted plot of this story even more than the first book. This is an Indie Author to watch out for in future stories to come from the Talented series and many more.

Thank you Sophie Davis for the opportunity to read and review this remarkable story and I cant wait to get started on Hunted.
