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"The blue water I sank through was angelic, quiet, peaceful..."

Whitney is a vivacious, highly spirited 17-year-old girl. Her motto, "Live life to the fullest" is derailed when the young man, who's captured her attention, turns out to be the son of a drug tycoon- the same that provided the drugs that killed her brother. Whitney believes she simply need to heal from her first heartache, not knowing she is a part of a devious trade, one against human rights, and she has been... since the day age was born.

Blue Waters is the first Novella in a Tainted Waters, and begins a story of deception, corruption, self-discovery, and love with all that it demands you sacrifice...

"There was a beauty in dying that day..."

## Blue Waters Details

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**Snow says**

????? stars!

Again, I have the honor of immersing myself into the emotional depths of **India R Adams'** poetry in writing...

I'm grateful for this, I can't even begin to express the amount of overwhelmed notion and haze I'm in right now...

I have LOVED each and every book I have read by **INDIA R ADAMS** so far...and I've held my heart open for many favorite characters that I had known would immerse from each story but I solemnly declare that **Blue Waters** and **Harold Thompson aka Crash** are at the very top if not the tip of the iceberg of my #NotShedAnyTear heart...

The story of *star-crossed enemies to lovers* might sound like an outdated trope to be drooling about, all of a sudden...but it's not about the subject at all, it's the finesse of Ms. Adams writing, which is slightly different yet recognizingly the same...

less poetic in wording but nonetheless magically passionate in dialogues and in portrayal of emotional reactions of the main characters...

This story of deep friendship (Link & Whit aka Franky), that will test its limits and bond with what's yet to come, and of, what might seem like "insta love" between Whit & Crash, to me, it seemed like an "insta recognition" (like when you see a person for the first time and you automatically feel like you've known that person for years and you are just catching up on the lost time), that's how that "recognition" transpired between the two, in spite of the irony of the odds that set them against each other in the cruel truth, yet it led them to young passionate love, the love that would make one sacrifice it all to make the other one safe...

***"Tell me I'm still not alone in this! Ignore me if you will, but don't fucking lie to yourself." - Crash-***

And that's just what happens here, they burst, they fall, they raise each other up but the game was set long before they could play and what had caused the dreams come crumbling down, all the secrets and hidden truths come into the light, the loss, the pain, the betrayal of dysfunctional parents and the innocent souls that had paid for someone else's crimes...

That all makes Whit & Crash, two misplaced young lives that were brought together with a purpose...or maybe a fate...

***We were from opposite worlds yet became joined in a reality that only the two of us were to experience***

only to be taken apart by the "bigger game holders" that their fathers got involved with and set the downfall of action long ago...

and the devastating choice they each make to protect one another and somehow escape the clutches of the "forbidden" makes the deed tempting the fate...

*Silence followed as I stilled and allowed destiny to take over.*

*The blue waters we sank through were angelic, quiet...*

I loved it, with a slight but inevitable reference to the most famous tragic love of all times, *Romeo & Juliet*, it's completed with the **fast pace, passionate emotional outtakes and fantastic distinguished tone of India's writing...**

Heading towards the *Black Waters*

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## **Minx -The Genre Minx Book Reviews says**

This was seriously one of my favorite short stories so far! It had humor, depth, great characters and at the end just tore out my heart. Maybe someday I will give an more in-depth review but for now just know that I loved this story and I am blown away that I could be so emotionally connected in 112 pages or less.

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## **J. Kahele says**

The only thing I did not like about this book was that it ended. This was such a beautiful story, of friendship, first love and sacrifice.

The words had depth.

*There was a beauty in dying that day, one I did not expect when I'd imagine meeting my maker. .*

The story had meaning.

*I found a beauty in dying that day  
I found a beauty in living too.*

And that is all I'm willing to give, because to truly enjoy this book you need to read.

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## Mimiorphee says

*"I found a beauty in dying that day..."*

Where should I start?...

Ah, my friends highly recommended Blue Waters, but seriously, I was far from imagining the mess I would be by the end of it!

This is a deeply emotional read; although rather short (but fortunately, #2 is already available), it's not less feelings and twists packed.

I went into it completely blind, (I read the blurb at some point but it was weeks before) and I suggest you do the same, as the story totally surprised me.

Told from Whit's point of view, it follows a group of teenagers who at first appear to be little brats, but fast start to reveal the depths of their personalities.

They are perfectly handled, acting according to their age, with their fire, sassy replies and most importantly the tribe vibe that qualifies them. I loved Link and Whit's relationship, their closeness and protectiveness. It was as sweet as it was heartbreaking. But what moved me the most was the strength of Crash and Whit's love. These two had me shedding a tear or two (or more, lol...).

Blue Waters is sweet and raw, mysterious and beautiful. Poetic. I loved the author's writing; the atmosphere of loneliness and the final feel.

*"I closed my eyes and prayed for him to not abandon me the way everyone else had."*

This is a descent to hell, and I couldn't help but find it beautiful. I've been trying to understand why since I finished the last page, but I think it's just the magic writing style. Death is ever-present, the grief permanent: of family, friends, friendship, dreams, future... their pain (physical and psychological) was heart-wrenching. I was so enthralled in Whit's journey and emotions that until the last word, she could have chosen one path or the other and it would have been fine by me. Well done, India!

*\*I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book. Thank you!\**

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## S.M. West says

Devoured this! I WANT MORE!

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## **Tamara Harrington says**

Holy mother of Pearl!!!!

This is one super emotional book that had me enthralled from the first page. I am addicted to India's writing because it just seems to hit me in the feels every single time.

I absolutely love Whit, her sense of humour and her loyalty and honour, I literally want to be her BFF. Her relationship with Link is also so beautiful, that friendship is truly something to admire and aspire to. And then there is Crash and he is the bad boy that we all hate to love. The story entwines their lives in a terrible way and yet it is all so tragically beautiful. I laughed and then cried so much, I think it took me at least an extra 45 minutes to get through because of all the tears!

So because I do not believe in spoilers, I won't be sharing too much with you but what I can say is...that ending!!!! I am so happy that I will be jumping right into book 2 because I'm not sure I would have been able to wait to see how this will be continuing.

This is my honest and unbiased review.

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## **Briana says**

**\*\*Re-Read 5/05/17 and all I can say is I love it. India is one of my absolute favorite authors and this book (among others) show why\*\***

Oh my goodness. First of all, I loved this book so very much! Second of all, I feel like I want to cry....

I personally really liked this story. The thing that stood out to me throughout this book was the relationships each character had with others. The main characters Whit, Crash, and Link are amazing to me. I love these characters. Link and Whit's friendship is something to hope for and I was/am rooting for this relationship to thrive. Crash is amazing! And Crash and Whit together is a priceless thing.

The one thing I did notice was the process of explaining the details of the situation, was off a bit. (When you read the book you will know what exactly I'm talking about). It seemed as though there were details missing from the explanation of it all, and I'm not talking about the -keeping safe- parts. I don't know if that makes sense much, but, yeah.

Ok! So overall I loved the book very much, but because of some points that seemed missing I will give this book a 4.5 star rating.

**\*\*ARC kindly provided by the fabulous India R. Adams for an honest review\*\***

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## **Yesha says**

(Note: I received a copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review. Many thanks to author.)

Whitney is 17 old, witty and sharp, full of life, wannabe dancer. Her world revolves around her friends specially her BFF- Link, wannabe footballer. They have one thing in common- rich parents who love money

and their prestige more than their own child. On one movie night out, she meets Crash, attractive 'Mr. Lickable'. She falls for him even after knowing who he is. With Crash comes all hidden dark truth and more in her life.

Characters- All were brilliant, even secondary characters. I loved Whit's small group of friends, they were smart badass. The bond between Whit and Link, their way of handling each other was amazing. I fell in love with Link's protectiveness, Crash's unwavering love, and Whit's dance and free spirit.

I loved this book from the very first chapter. There are so many things I loved in this book. In fact whole book I loved but main points that drew my attention most were- Witty remarks and clever words like 'Constance is constant pain in..' was amazing. Whit's dance performance with full of emotions and the way she expressed herself in-between the dance track. Even I like the story behind the title Blue Waters. At some point, I stopped predicting what is going to happen next in this book and love such books.

'Blue Waters' started with fun and smile on my face and ended with tears in my eyes. Feelings in this book were as deep as the depth of blue waters.

Only one thing, I WANT TO CONTINUE THIS BOOK. I didn't want it to end, why it is just novella and not whole book with 300-500 pages!!!

It is thrilling romance and I will recommend it to everyone.

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## **Sadaf says**

When India offered me a copy of Blue Waters, I was pretty excited. Every book of hers is memorable and special. She has a distinct style and depth to her writing that you just cannot ignore. It touches you deep inside and you always get a lot more than you expected.

I think it's safe to say that I loved Blue Waters. Emotional rollercoaster would be a good description. We have Whitney, who I couldn't help but love from the first page. I wanted to be her but as the story develops you learn the reality of her life and what made her want to live that way. Even behind her happiness there is pain. The ones who are supposed to cherish her couldn't care less and the only one who did died horribly. As the truth unravels, Whitney is forced to let go of any illusions she had about her family and confront the bitter realities for her life. Her bravery is admirable as is her ability to love and forgive.

Her best friend is Link, who is adorable and amazing and I wish everyone had a friend like that. Their relationship is so easy and he is her rock after her brother died. When Crash comes into her life and his identity is revealed everything comes ...well, crashing down. It is a confusing and shocking time for Whitney (and me, obviously, I couldn't rest till I knew everything!) and she has many tough choices to make including saying goodbye to Link maybe forever. I think our girl handles it all quite well.

Even though the circumstances are dire, the characters find humor and happiness. Their strength is inspiring. I especially love how the book opened and closed. That was some beautiful writing. India really knows how to get readers invested in her characters and experience the ups and downs of their lives with them.

Blue Waters is an entertaining, thought provoking and emotionally wrecking book I highly recommend to

lovers of this genre.

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## **Luv2read says**

India blessed me with a copy of Blue Waters. Little did I know at the time what a jewel she was blessing me with!

Whit is the young woman in the grips of grief after experiencing a tragic loss. Disconnected from her parents and unable to communicate with them she clings to her best friend Link. He is secretly in love with Whit but it takes someone new in the picture for him to realize it. He does his best to be there for her through everything. Even when her parents reject her and leave her for weeks at a time.

Whits quick wit and sharp tongue of verbal jousting hides the pain within, while at the same time enduring her to others. One evening while her, Link and the usual posse are at the movies she meets Crash. Crash was not only able to keep up with Whit's verbal sparring but see through it.

You know the saying that one lost soul is drawn to another. They had an instant connection on a soul level where pain recognizes pain. How well he seemed to understand her pain she thought. But Crash understood her tragic pain because he was part of the reason she was grieving. Whit just didn't know it yet. And so the story of love and loss and trust and betrayal begin.

This is a story layered with depth, pain, determination and sacrifice. It was like peeling back the layers of an onion. Every few pages seemed to bring new revelation and family betrayal that not only put Whits unsuspecting life in danger, but connected her, Link and Crash in a dirty secret that played out in front of them like a wreck in slow motion.

The pain is written in such a real way that I cried more than once while reading this book. And I had a few laughs along the way as well from Whits funny personality.

Blue Waters is a story not to be missed. You know how when you go to the beach and you're digging through the sand for the best sea shell you can find. You get so excited to find a beautiful sand Dollar or a perfectly curved shell rolled in on itself and you can hear the ocean in it. You're so happy in that blissful moment. That's how I feel reading India's writing! It brings a myriad of emotions to the surface and my soul relishes it!

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## **Dianne says**

She is a dynamo of energy, attitude and fun! Silly, often snarky, Whitney's world revolves around her love of dancing and finding ways to not feel the absolute loneliness she feels behind the closed doors of her wealthy parents' home. Jet Setters, rarely home, cold and distant, Whitney's parents never seemed to feel anything, even when her brother died from a drug overdose. As long as she could dance and spend times with her best friend, she was good, she had a future and she lived for it.

Who knew a bottle of water and a box of greasy popcorn at the movies would be the catalyst that would change her life forever? There he was, all dark and handsome, flirty and with an air of confidence that few



possess. Like two magnets, Whit and Crash found what was missing in their lives, someone to love, no strings attached, so shouldn't her best friend be happy for her or at least tell her why?

What Whitney discovers will wrench her heart from its moorings in her chest and put her in the gravest danger of her life. Crash is not just the young man she loves, he is the enemy and his love could become a never-ending nightmare for anyone Whitney cares about.

Talk about intrigue! **Blue Waters** by India R. Adams sets the stage for a taut emotional thrill ride with characters that come to life, enjoy the joys of youth and are forced into the adult world of pain and loss, all in very few pages! That is creative talent and Ms. Adams is now heading to the top of my Hidden Gem pile because she never missed a beat, made me believe I was in the story and part of every page. You want a quick read that will leave the same lasting impression as a longer tome? Looking for something to bite into that will have you drooling to read more? Take a look at **Blue Waters**, it will reel you in, hook, line and sinker.

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### Adrienne Carrieri says

OH MY GWAD..... The suspense of this book kept me on the edge of my seat. I am so in love with Link and Whit's friendship and how it proves to withstand everything thrown in their path. They may go through times of not talking but eventually their bond pulls them back and it's such an amazing bond. Then to watch (or read) Franky and Crash's relationship unfold and grow is so breathtaking. His constant dedication to her and that he refuses to walk away from her and wants to protect her at any cost is so heartwarming. His love for her is the best kind; unconditional, endless, selfless, and dedicated. I can't wait to see what happens next as I am freaking out on how this ended so suddenly leaving me trying to figure out what happened. I'm going crazy lol. Can't wait to dive into the next book!!!!

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### Carrie says

When out with her friends at the movies one night, seventeen year old Whitney meets Crash who she immediately thinks of as Mr. Lickable. He's sexy and intriguing and the two immediately have a connection. But when Whitney invites Crash along on a night out with her friends, her best friend Link finds out who Crash really is, he's the son of a drug dealer that was involved in Whitney's brother's death.

Wow, just wow. Blue Waters is one of those books that while it looked intriguing it just turned into way more than I was expecting when I picked it up. The writing is somewhat on the poetic side, the characters were just so likable and the plot went from fun to completely intense in the blink of an eye. I started off the story laughing but by the end was on the edge of my seat.

Novellas often lack a lot of depth but with this one I felt like I really got to know everyone and enough of the story that I was completely hooked. With the wonderful writing I could feel the characters emotions, the laughter, the friendship, the love and the pain. What a great start to this series, I will definitely be adding the next book to my to read list.

I received a copy of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

For more reviews please visit <https://carriesbookreviews.wordpress...>

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### **Elfinia Renee says**

I have read some masterful novels but India R. Adams, is poetry in motion! Everything from the first page is captivating. The world she creates and helps you envision is so damn realistic! You really connect with the characters, feel their pain, heartbreak, anguish and betrayal.

Their playful bantering had me busting a gut in laughter and the tears I cried said it all. So addicting, could easily be described a ten star read. I knew that on page 22 and have to follow the series in its entirety....I have to know what happens next.

There isn't any choice in the matter as I'm her newest fan!

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### **Candace Robinson says**

Okay so this is one of the best novellas I have ever read. I normally find most novellas to not have enough going on, but this was so good. I loved the characters Whitney, Crash, and Link. I didn't know that a novella could fill me with so many emotions but this one did just that! Full review on my blog at <https://literarydust.wordpress.com/20...>

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