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## Strapped Down Details

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## **From Reader Review Strapped Down for online ebook**

### **Kj says**

I think I will just say these people are fucking crazy! There are so many twist and turns to this story and lies, upon lies. I think Taylor is a lot crazier than I anticipated as well and I usually like them crazy but this guy is really starting to worry me.

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### **Megan says**

4.5 Stars...Another wow from me and this series!!!! SERIOUSLY!!!! There were questions answered and new questions developed. Even a few things proven that I suspected, along with things that SHOCKED me. But I loved it.

Strapped Down had many more steamy scenes. Honestly a few too many. BUT, there were two fave sex scenes!!! The pool and the club!! Holy Batman has lost his pants hot!!!

The plot again makes this story sore but I still wish the romantic connection was deeper. Although, in this sequel we see Taylor's love so much more and that was a pleasant thing.

Moving straight to book 3!!!

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### **Anja says**

### **Kris says**

Well, here we go again ... In this book Taylor behavior gets more creepy and I, in Shy place, would want to run away from him with a bloody scream. I don't get him and Shyla at all, I don't feel their big connection and relationship and so called sex-chemistry is turn off for me. I'm very sorry, I don't want to be mean, I simply didn't love these two. On the romantic front book failed me.

The only plus for me is that the author is able to keep the intrigue, so even that I did not like the book I'm still curious how it will end.

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## **Kristina says**

This second book in the Strapped series blew me away! It picks up exactly where book 1 ends, but with an added bonus of a prologue from Taylor's POV; and what a treat it is to read this man's thoughts!

This second book is loaded with conflict and poor decisions by almost every character, making me uncomfortable, anxious, and raptly glued to every word. I often found myself internally chanting "No, no, nooo." It was like watching a potential collision: you can see it coming, but as an observer, there is nothing to be done for it but watch and tense for impact.

"This is so bad." I say. "Shhh..." he whispers into my ear. "There's no such thing if it makes you feel good." The sex is definitely ramped up; it's edgier and much more erotic. When physically confronted with Taylor's past of endless, meaningless, sexual encounters, Shyla becomes extremely upset and insecure. To prove his devotion to her, Taylor enacts a scene which is so sexy, twisted and stimulating, I don't think I will ever forget it.

"It's always been you. Do you understand? Before I even knew you, it was you. No one else. You aren't number 36, you're number one. You're my first."

There is an overriding anxiousness due to mystery and intrigue while Shyla continues the investigation into Taylor's past and the C.O.S. cult. A huge secret is revealed, creating a delicious twist I never saw coming for Shyla and Taylor.

While Taylor is the hero of this series, I believe he's also the villain. To what extent, we do not know, but that's part of what's so captivating about this series. Shyla isn't the only one questioning where she stands in regards to Taylor's manipulation; I am as well! Some scenes are uncomfortable and a bit disturbing, but so crazy hot I'm turned on, craving more, and completely unable to stop reading.

"It's you two against the world, isn't it? I sincerely hope you can stay happy, but so often what is born from tragedy, will end in tragedy"

I think this statement succinctly demonstrates the overall theme of this series. The foreshadowing of impending doom has me extremely anxious and eager to continue with book three.

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## **Ashley says**

### ***DNF.... at 17%***

I just felt like the plot kind of plummeted and usually when reading, I feel joy and excitement and I can't *stop* reading but with this book, I found excuses not read it and when I was reading it, I felt like I was just reading to pass the time. I feel that eventually I might come back to this book but at the moment, I'm going to have to leave it. It wasn't horrible so I won't give it a rating, I just got bored.

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## **Amour Nakamura says**

Really? Eric dies and you went on as if nothing happened? 3 weeks for a life you have mo right to take? I'm super pissed.

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### **Pam says**

Very good. Book took a much darker turn.  
Taylor is a force like we have never seen.  
If you've read the first one...you must get this one asap.  
Story is not a cliffhanger but so many unanswered issues.  
What's up w/Henry and Izzy? Henry and Kristen?  
There was great character development. Book flowed very well.  
Buy it..you will love it.....  
Nina will do another one.....I just know it.

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### **Elizabeth says**

Oh.My.Flippin.God!!! What did I just read? WOW! So many questions I need answered! Holy hell!! I have no idea what is happening! I am so confused!! This book was so good.

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### **Red Cheeks Reads says**

This book continues from where the last book finished. You are in Shyla's apartment and Eric is there with her. Eric says that he just wants to talk to her, get her to understand Taylor and open up to the fact that there is some kind of feelings between them. Eric wants to know if she feels the same connection that he did when they first met. "And I think you liked me too, and I need you to think back to that day at the bar and realize that I am the same guy and you can trust me."

Taylor storms into the apartment after hearing this on the phone call, this is where Shyla's life seems to take a bit of a twisted turn. They come up with a scenario that would punish Eric for all that he has done to Shyla and also to Taylor. She agrees that it is the best thing to do, this causes Eric to go on the run and Shyla constantly looking over her shoulder. Eric's visit to her, has made her have some questions and she is unsure what to do with them.

Trying to move on from Eric's attack, Shyla soon gets some more information from the investigator that she struggles with, she doesn't quite know how to tell Taylor or even to tell him at all. She goes on a visit to see her mum, which seemed like a good idea for her and Taylor to have some time apart. However once Taylor's name is mentioned in a conversation things seem to get closed off between them. Her mum goes into a shell and doesn't talk to Shyla about what it is that bothers her. A few weeks later the answers as to why she suddenly closed off become clear. We find out that Taylor and Shyla have known each other a lot longer than they thought.

The relationship between Taylor and Shyla in this book seems to have become quite trying and at times a struggle. This is because of the secrets Shyla is keeping and also because all is not as it appears with Taylor. They still have their very intimate and adventurous sex life, but the personal aspect of their relationship seems to be in trouble. Taylor seems to open up at times and then close off as quickly at other times. "I love you. You may not hear me say this much, and you might even question it because of the way I am, or the things I do, but when you do, think back on this moment and know that it will never change."

The ending to this book, much like the first you want to know why it has ended there. You also want to know what happens next in their story. This book, had many more twists in it then the first and at times has you questioning everything and everyone. Taylor is defiantly not who he seems to be, or its made to look that way. I need to know the answers. Well done Nina G Jones on another completely gripping read.

Stacey

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### **Jennifer says**

Ahhhh what to say, how to rate?? I loved this book, I hated this book!!! Fucking quandary!! I loved the first book Strapped. Strapped Down had a different vibe. Who the fuck is Taylor? We see new traits emerge in the 2nd book. Early on regarding his solution to Eric I got uncomfortable, the E I was saying in my head... Shy "just say no!" The shooting range scene I loved!!! Don't judge! I'm fucked up like that! The ending, "infected" ahhhhh wtf just happened!!!!

What really happened to the mother???

Randall knows more than he's letting on or he's a closet psychic.

Henry, Kristin was there a point to that??

WHO the FUCK was in the suit????????

This book took a much darker twist... I like dark... I really do!!

Usually when I read a book the bad guy or anti-hero is made known from the beginning.....then I either warm to him....or not. I feel like I was mindfucked here because I thought Taylor was the good guy, albeit a troubled, complicated good guy. Now I'm not so sure who or what he is. I give big props to the author for this fresh twist. See!!! I'm torn!!! Totally original, super hot sex, but more questions than answers!!!

I want no NEED to know!!!!

4.5 complicated, troubled, dark stars.

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### **Shreya says**

#### **5 DARK TWISTED MIND FUCKED STARS!**

##### **The Blurb:**

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**OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD. OH MY GOD.**

What did I read? It was so good! My mind got fucked **ROYALLY**

Taylor. Oh Boy.

The book was an intense experience. Actually, A new experience. I don't do Dark books.

By the end of book, I felt god, I can't describe it all. My assumptions were **Poof! Gone.**

***He is infected.***

The next book. Please. Please.

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**Zakirrah BookBlogger says**

**3.5-4 WTF-Just-Happened Stars!!**

I am torn! I don't know what to think anymore, the ending was like Whaaaaattt!! will someone tell me what's going on? I'm confused and lost..I need answers to all the questions that are going around in my head.

This book starts off where book 1 finished where Eric is at Shyla's apartment. At the end of book 1 I was shocked and like omg everything is so messed up. I never expected things to get much worse but helloo book 2 and welcome to hell!

So many twists, lies, betrayal and much more. By the end of this book I was speechless and I had goosebumps. The way I felt about the characters kind of changed dramatically and I really don't know where they stand.

After the encounter with Eric, Taylor comes and after discussing the danger and the situation Eric has put them in they formulate a plan which will help in keeping Eric as far away from them and he won't be able to cause them problems. Okay I was all for getting rid of Eric when I found out what happened in book one but this one things were different. Was the masked man really Eric? If not who the hell is this guy!! Omg what if it was Taylor and this was all a ploy to get rid of Eric? Ohhh the questions and answers? Where are you?!

You find out more about Taylors mother as Shyla finds new information, and also a link between Taylor and Shyla. After her mother reveals some vital info more secrets begin to unfold.unfold. Shyla and Taylor's relationship is a struggle at times he is really closed off in matters and it infuriated me. I think Shyla should have told him about his mother a while back but Taylor's response made me take a step back.

Okay Taylor, oh what to say about him! I thought he was a good guy with problems after the past he had who could blame him right? But by the end of this book I'm not sure what to think of him? Did his past make him evil? He isn't that little boy anymore but his past will always be a large part of him. I just don't know what to think.

***'He is infected'***

The first half of the book was a little slow for my liking but the last half was fast, gripping and I couldn't stop reading. I can't wait to see how this story unfolds and what more is to come.

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**\*\*ARC provided by author for an honest review\*\***

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**Maria Kaye says**

**★ 4 strapped stars! ★**

The ending was just a big bundle of nope. I'm crying. Wow, I cannot believe that just happened. I'm in book-shock!

This is going to be a short review.

This damn book! It was so intense, the relationship between Taylor and Shy.

I still don't like Taylor, he's sort of an anti-hero in the series, I don't think he's suppose to be the tortured-turn-sweet kind of love interest but I don't know. Taylor is still very much detached to his emotions, he's not human at all -- with the exception for when he's with Shy. But other than that he's just an angsty big thang.

Shy was okay, I kept screaming at the book due to her not communicating enough with Taylor. But it's understandable since Taylor isn't much of a talker. Lol. She was the entire opposite of Taylor's character, talkative, open minded, displayed emotion.

OMG ANYTHING, SOMETHING THAT REALLY BUGGED ME AND IS ANOTHER REASON WHY I DONT LIKE TAYLOR IS.. Because he aswell as her ex-co-worker and bestfriend pressured her into taking ecstasy..... It really shocked me that she did it.

I have very conflicted emotions about the series but I can't seem to stop reading. They way Nina G. Jones creates the suspense and thrill is just amazing to experience!

I don't know what else to say, I was kind of left mind-blown, speechless and second guessing Taylor and Eric's characters..

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### **Saunders says**

in book 1 I said there was a comparison to that "other" book but I have to say a well done to Nina Jones because she completely turned this around and produced a very different Taylor. He became his own man (although still flawed and still not liking to be touched) we see a very different character development.

the development of this story also floored me because it got a lot darker and I wondered where she could take this this flawed man and his flawed girlfriend?

Gripping, intense, a sit on the edge of your seat read. So looking forward to what she is going to develop in book three and what curve ball will she throw into Taylor's and Shylar's relationship. How is this gonna end?

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