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Vikki ~ *squee* lite ~ says

[because after the whole Paul having sex with his girlfriend while Ally hid in the closet because he was trying to hide that he and Ally had just finished getting it on is not something I was ever going to get over. (hide spoiler)]

Kindle Crack Book Reviews Cheri says

Thank you Laura Dunaway for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Definition of Distorted:

To not truly or completely representing the facts or reality; To twist awry or out of shape; make crooked or deformed;

To give a false, perverted, or disproportionate meaning;

To not truly or completely representing the facts or reality;

Aly Chase has secretly been in love with Paul Pierce her hot boss for three years. After being depressed that he has a girlfriend and doesn't notice her...she decides to give up on him. Aly's best friend and co-worker Ethan has been waiting for Aly to finally get over her feelings for Paul to make his move. Ethan and Aly have been best friends since college but he secretly always wanted her. Aly, Paul and Ethan work closely together and sparks start to fly against the office walls. Out of nowhere – Paul starts to pursue Aly when he sees Ethan is interested in her. Aly never really thought of charming and hot as hell Ethan other than a friend. She has an epiphany about her feelings for Ethan and everything becomes seemly clear no longer *distorted*. Then Aly finds herself confused all over again. Paul professes his feelings for her and then they find themselves locking lips and hips. Then Mr. Too Good To Be True does something so incredibly effed up and causes irreparable damage to their budding relationship. Aly is trapped in one bitter twisted love triangle with two hot men and her career on the line.

When I started to read Distorted I wanted to drop kick Aly and all of her annoying ass kissing comments to her boss about how wonderful he was. She was like a love sick puppy dog and it bothered it me. Then DUH...I realized her compliments were really coming out of love, respect and admiration for Paul and then way he ran his company. She was just a girl in love that wouldn't dare cross the line with her boss or disrespect his bitch girlfriend intentionally. I have to say once I figured that out I was hooked on this sweet piece of Kindle Crack. My kids ended up eating dinner at 745 (oopppsss), the house was a messy hell hole... and I couldn't put this book down. I needed to know how this love triangle nightmare was going to play out. There were a few good twists, turns and ONWTF (OH NO WTF) moments that really kept glued to this book. I was very impressed that Distorted is Laura Dunaway's first book. If you are in the mood for a good love triangle this is your book. No cliffhangers....but it looks like a novella from Paul's POV is on deck next. Four Stars!

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Review to follow :)

D says

3.5 stars

I always like to read books from new authors. Authors we have no clue about and that there has been no hype about. DISTORTED by Laura Dunaway is one such book and author.

I went into this book blind. I like not having any expectations and reading without a preconceived opinion. Let me say that for a debut novel, this is pretty solid. There are definitely things Laura can work on for her next book but for a first book and putting herself out there, she has done a good job.

The story line itself is was good. I enjoyed the philanthropic aspect to it as it gave Distorted sincerity and warmth. This aspect was almost like a sub story that made you cheer for the underdog. You definitely wanted Mr. Halliday to come around. The plot itself was well formulated and logical.

Let's get right to the book boys, Paul and Ethan. Both have fabulous qualities that make you swoon. One is well versed in a high profile lifestyle filled with money, power and deceptive people. You can never be sure if you're coming or going with him. The other is down to earth, unsuspecting in his attractiveness, kind and loyal to a fault.

The ladies of Distorted--- well the antagonist, Casey is a right bitch and you so easily hate her character and have known one or two of her types in your lifetime. She is a surface beauty, conniving, dishonest and a full on bitch.

The protagonist, Aly's heart is pulled in two directions. Her heart knows whom she wants but there are things that keep her in love limbo. Aly has a keen sense for business. She is passionate about what she believes.

Being this is Laura Dunaway's debut novel, she is definitely finding her own niche and vibe to her writing style. Things that didn't make Distorted a 5 star read were, there was some repetition in descriptions. The scenes were still great but towards the end of the book, I wanted to hear the passion and intensity with different words. The other thing that did not make this a 5 star read for me was I felt like I wanted more out of some of the characters. The development was great for Aly. However, with Ethan and Paul, I wanted more from them. There were times that Ethan was almost too passive. Don't get me wrong he is still a fabulous book boyfriend to add to your list. With Paul I wanted to see more of his assertiveness and aggressiveness. He was a powerful businessman who got what he wanted. I wanted to see more of that man. Paul is all man and sexy as all get out.

The WTF moment was totally unexpected and a great base for the conflict in the story.

Distorted was a solid debut by new indie writer Laura Dunaway. I definitely feel there will be growth in her writing from book two, which will be from one of the guy's POV's. There will be a lot of story to run with in that one. I look forward to it. Distorted is an easy read and one that is great to use after a heavy read or one that leaves you with a book hangover.

Fred says

I've had the very good fortune to read an advance copy of Distorted, and y'all are gonna love it! Not one, but two, swoony book boy friends, a sweet and smexy MC, and more twists than a box of rotini!

Steph Moles Krayeski says

Aly Chase has feelings for her boss, Paul Pierce. Paul is in a relationship with his girlfriend, Casey. Aly's best friend, Ethan Baker, is in love with her. And, the crazy merry-go-round begins...

"Distorted" kept me reading through out the night. The main character, Aly, is smart and beautiful, with a big heart for helping others in need. The two male leads, Paul and Ethan, were both sexy and loveable. What I really liked about Laura Dunaway's debut novel was that it seemed REAL and the character's experiences felt relatable. The story had plenty of drama and turmoil, and the "incident" in Paul's office floored me. I found myself sucked into their "love triangle," wondering who was ultimately going to win Aly's heart.

Overall, "Distorted" is an excellent read!!! I rate it with 4.5 stars. I thought the story was a bit slow in the beginning, but it picked up quickly to a perfect pace. The HEA ending was fantastic, but I did find myself feeling utter sympathy for the man that Aly rejected. I am so excited that he gets his own story next and hopefully, his own HEA!

Jennifer Kyle says

I had the opportunity to beta read for Laura Dunaway

Aly Chase has been crushing hard on her sexy boss since well... forever. She finds Paul Pierce inspiring and hot as hell. Thing is, Allie is a good girl who would never break up a relationship, ruin the job she loves or go for what she wants.

But what if Paul starts to fall for her too....

Aly is completely passionate about her job and her boss. Paul Pierce pretty much walks on water in Allie's eyes. Allie has the world's greatest, hottest best friend...Ethan Baker.

Ethan is Amazeballs!! I love this guy and I think readers will too. Although he has deep feelings for Aly he supports and loves her and accepts the fact that they will only ever be friends.

But what if Aly starts seeing Ethan in a different light...

You get the gist now, Aly starts to see her hot best friend as so much more as things heat up between her and her boss and we got ourselves a LOVE TRIANGLE!!!

Up until one of our suitors screws up royally...

After such a catastrophic screw up can she forgive him? Can her career survive the turmoil?

"Please give me the chance to love you, to be yours. Please give us a chance."~Paul

"I'll always be here with you, as long as you let me. I will never love anyone else, Aly. It's always been you.~Ethan

Will Aly ever make up her damn mind and stop crying?

Laura Dunaway's debut novel was a good read and there will be a second book to the series. However, this book doesn't end in a cliffhanger. Happy reading!

Nina says

I had the pleasure of reading an arc version of Distorted, and all I can say is wow. This is a beautiful book from a debut author. You don't get one hot guy, you get two.

I was hooked in by the book from the beginning and stayed hooked to the end. Aly is in love with her boss Paul, yet he's never really noticed her. At least, not until now.

The problem is, her best friend Ethan has also noticed her.

Aly has to make the decision as to which man she needs to choose. Will it be the guy she's in love with forever or will it be the guy who's been by her side through everything?

Read it and find out. You won't be disappointed.

Jessica says

I must say I did not see that ending coming. I don't know how she was able to choose between the 2 guys. I still would not be able to, but it was nice that the book was not so predictable. I also cried my eyes out at the ending, can't wait to see the other guy find his happy ending!

Jamie Zishka says

I just wanna say first of all this book was AMAZING! 2 amazingly hot men fighting for a girl! who wouldn't want that for themselves?!?! The hot boss the best friend yummy. But not only that the story line was very good, I had multiple emotions while reading this book rage, hate, love, lust, sadness-- i actually teared up at parts of this book which isn't something typical of me.

If you like to ride the roller coaster of emotions like I do when you read a romance book this it totally for you! It will keep you guessing to the end on who she chooses. I will not give spoilers out here you will need to pay for the book to see what amazing things happen because I think the author deserves that! Hopefully you will all love this book as much as I did if not even more! Please make sure you leave your reviews the author's really love to see what you think good or bad, but believe me it will be good! Thanks again Laura for a great Story!

And yes 5 starts not 4.5!!!!

Casey Peeler says

I don't know where to begin with this book. I had the honor of reading Distorted and giving my honest review... which is exactly what you're always going to get from me!

This story is different than a lot of books I read- the type of relationships, friendships, & work relationships.

I can bet that everyone has had a crush on their boss or another employee, but what happens when that gets taken to another level? What happens when you take the "best friend" to the next level? This is exactly what happens to Aly.

Aly is a super smart and attractive girl (from what I gather from employees and friends,) but she doesn't see herself that way. She also crushes hard on her boss. I mean to the point she's about to lose it with the dumb ass girlfriend he's been carrying on his arm for like 3 years.

Paul is her boss... he's hot, rich, gets along great with Aly, and can't stand Ethan. There are so many attributes that he has that pull you in. He is a very caring person, especially with people in needy communities. That makes you love him, but then he makes mistakes. I just kept praying that Aly would be smarter than I was giving her credit!

Ethan, he is her best friend from college, works with her and Paul, and has been in love with her from first sight. He is everything that a girl wants. Even though Aly is in love with Pierce, he still stands by her, gives her time, and is always a perfect gentleman.

I sat down and read this book in one sitting! I couldn't put it down, and had to know what was going to happen. I just had to know if the good guy win or the rich prick!

My favorite part is how this book starts... with a definition. Distorted is to twist out of a proper or rational relation of parts; give a false account of; to cause to work in a twisted or disorderly manner; pervert (my fav LOL) At the beginning, I didn't know how all of this would work into the book besides the obvious... title. By the end, my perspective was no longer distorted.. in fact, it was crystal clear! So if you want a crystal clear perspective on Distorted... you need to 1-click right now!

Anne OK says

This is one of those books that could have been an exceptional read. However, overall the prose is very formal and stilted. The basic storyline stands strong even though it begins slowly and with a little bit of a rocky start for me. Throughout the book there were typos, hit-and-miss grammar problems, some overly wordy sentence structuring, and also some wrong word choices, i.e. affect and effect. The dialogue could definitely benefit from the use of contractions to lighten up and project a more realistic feeling in the conversations.

The building relationship between Aly and Ethan seems a little off-balance. On one hand, he professes to be in love with Aly and tells her he wants a relationship with her, but he continues to date and discuss them with her freely. This didn't jive with me. From start to finish, I always felt she loved or lusted for Paul far more than she did Ethan. Her final decision seemed rushed and prompted by the resulting and shocking game changer or what I like to call "Paul's double sexcapade." The "OH MY GOSH" moment was a complete surprise – but this "screwup" was well-written and the ultimate turning point in the book for me. Here is where the storyline really took off and the writing changed significantly for the better.

Aly was a bit of an iffy character. There was a lot to admire about her yet she didn't fully command my respect nor did I feel her loyalty completely either. She was a bit wishy-washy in my opinion. I don't have a single problem with the final decisions Aly made and felt certain they were the right ones for her. It was just how she went about getting there. I might spend some additional time giving Aly a slight makeover to strengthen her character.

I didn't hate Paul but I couldn't admire his tactics and playboy ways. He wasn't very convincing in his attempts to change. Throughout the book he acted like a total jerk and didn't seem to realize or admit his part in the messiness of the whole situation.

I really found the love triangle fascinating and intriguing. It was handled remarkably well, in my opinion. The plot really opens up and takes off in the second half. Most of my problems with the storyline are within the first half. A well-balanced blend of humor, passion, emotion, plenty of drama filled with twists and turns kept the story moving resulting in a captivating read.

Jennifer Diaz says

I so loved this book! What's not to love about a love triangle! It's one of my favorite things to read about! So we start out with Aly swooning hard over her boss, the handsome and rich CEO Paul Pierce. She has been his assistant for 3 years and has loved him from a far the entire time. He has a girlfriend so Aly has accepted things will never be and she just works for him. They start working on a community outreach project and things feelings and emotions start to change for Paul.

So I'm at this point... Go team Paul! What's not to love about a hot CEO right?

Well then... enter Aly's best friend from college, Ethan. He also works with Paul and Aly and is always there for Aly. He is so sweet and perfect and handsome in his own right. When Aly has problems, Ethan is the shoulders she leans on.

So at this point... I'm like, awh... Go team Ethan... oh wait... Paul is still the hot CEO... Go team Paul!

Aly then starts to realize she has a little more feelings for Ethan than what she originally thought. She loves Paul and has never received it back but when she is around Ethan, she feels something changing... Ethan has always made it clear that he loves Aly and would wait for her. Yup, what a guy! Go team Ethan!

Then... While working on a project together Paul finally decides to make some moves on Aly and what they

share is something she has never felt with anyone. It's hot, its passionate, its everything she has ever wanted... But then enter the girlfriend, Casey. Paul tells Aly he will break up with her and they will be together. Aly has always loved him and her heart belongs to him so she agrees... Whooohoo... go Team Paul... When it looks like all will be happy, all hell breaks loose! I swear this book has the best HE DID WHAT moment of any book I have read! Oh hell no.... Paul does something that will change their relationship forever! Paul is so on my list but there is just something about him that makes me swoon... (Call me crazy... yes I know!)

Aly is devastated! How can she get over from what Paul did to her? Can she move past it?? Can you forgive him??? Or does she belong with Ethan? She knows he loves her but can she love him back the way he deserves? I can say this book has a great HEA and leaves the door open for a second book for one of the male characters that doesn't get the girl... Who will it be, Team Paul or Team Ethan?? Does she pick Paul, the man she has loved for 3 years and has always held her heart? Or does she pick Ethan, the equally handsome best friend that has always been there for her? You will have to read to find out!

Julie says

This was a really good love triangle. Aly was torn between 2 men, her boss and her best friend. I kept pulling for her to make the right decision and felt really frustrated at times. But, it was well worth the read. You could feel the hurt she experienced and the pull she had toward each of the men.

Jacqueline's Reads says

Rich CEO? Oh you had me there... love it! I'm marking this on my TOP TBR

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Books,Babes and Cheap Cabernet says

4.5 stars!!

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. This book had one of the **BEST** love triangles I have ever read. Never has a book had me as confused as to what "team" I was for. I was conflicted the entire time. Even at the end I am not sure if I was entirely happy with her decision. Even though, I can see that it was the best decision for her.

Aly Chase has worked at Pierce Homes for 3 years. A job that she loves, more than just the job she also has been in love with Paul Pierce her hot CEO boss for as long as she has been working there. Paul has never noticed her though. Seeing as her love will never be reciprocated, Aly decides it's time to move on with her life.

Aly's best friend since college, Ethan Baker, who also works at Pierce Homes, has been in love with Aly since college. Ethan has always been there for Aly through everything. Since deciding to try to move on from her love for Paul, Aly decides to test the waters with Ethan and finally give them a try.

After a business trip with Paul, Aly realized that maybe there could be something more with Paul after all. Something she never expected. In a moment of weakness Aly and Paul's relationship takes an unexpected turn and the events that follow have a domino effect over both of their lives.

(Serious WTF moments!!!)

At this point I was so pissed, hurt, and sad. My heart hurt and it was hard to keep reading but I needed to know the outcome.

Ethan is always there to offer his support through it all. He is so cute always so good to Aly. Paul is also there to fight for Aly.

Who will she pick? You have to read to find out. Laura takes us from one extreme emotion to the next. I didn't know who I wanted Aly to choose. I kept changing my mind back and forth the entire time. The ending is left open for one of the characters to get his own story. I can't wait to read more and see where life takes him.

My Aly:

My Paul:

My Ethan:

I received an ARC from Laura in exchange for an honest review.

Reviewed by Yari