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My name is Gemini Sheridan. At least that's what I thought it was for 23 years. Then one day a slight adjustment on the wheel of my mountain bike set into motion a series of catastrophic events that changed my life forever. Now I'm running from the headaches that threaten to destroy me... from the assassins that threaten to kill me... from the truth that exposes who I really am... and from the man that wants to save me. Because he now owns my heart and I fear him above all others.

My name is Drexel Wolfe and I'm a private investigator. Nothing ever stands in the way of what I want because when I see something I just take it. All of that changed the night my life collided with Gemini Sheridan's and now everything is one hot damn mess. And the worst part of it all is that I'm trying to save her ass and I don't know why the hell I'm even bothering. Well, that's not exactly true. Fact is, I can't stop thinking about her. She's crawled into every thought I own, asleep or awake. I have serious plans for her that include making her mine. What she doesn't know is that when I play, I play for keeps. Nothing and no one will get in my way or stop me... not even Gemini Sheridan herself.

**This book is NOT part of a series, but Drexel Wolfe, the main character, was first introduced in Tragically Flawed.

*This is an Adult Contemporary Romance and is not suitable for younger readers due to its sexual content and language.

** This is a Stand Alone Companion Novel to Tragically Flawed.

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From Reader Review Tragic Desires for online ebook

Laura Thomas says

If you've read Tragically Flawed, you may remember Drexel. If not, you won't forget him after reading Tragic Desires.

Gemini ignores her boyfriend's concerns and takes her mountain bike on the trails alone. The water softened path gives way and sends her tumbling down the hill. She survives, but her concussion leaves her with headaches that are so severe, she can no longer function and she turns to alcohol and pills to get through each day. After her boyfriend breaks up with her she has no reason to stay and moves back to Texas. Her life is a living hell and she establishes a pattern. Curl up and hide during the day, cruise the bars at night, make her drug connection, go home and crash, repeat.

Drexel is a private investigator and agrees to help out his friend from the FBI with a suspected human trafficking case. While casing a bar in the Dirty Sixth district for a likely victim, he spots Gemini and keeps an eye on her. When the traffickers snatch her, he rescues her but it turns out someone else is after her too.

Gemini was a strong, self-confident, go – getter before her accident. At first I thought her actions when Drexel rescued her would foolhardy, not believable. But I was talking to my sister and it made me pause. She's not that person anymore. She's gone from fearless to afraid to even drive a car. She's in a fog from pain and meds and who would be able to react rationally with that going on.

Drexel turned me off at first. His thoughts when he first meets Gemini were sexual and it rubbed me wrong. He's supposed to be preventing her kidnapping and he's thinking about getting her in bed? What's with that? Then I realized I was reading this from a man's point of view. They say a guy thinks about sex every....well, when isn't he? So once I adjusted my thinking, it worked and I let myself experience Drexel as a man, not how I would think, but how he thought. Then he grew on me.

With terrorists determined to get their hands on Gemini, her mysterious past and a letter from her dead mother revealing something that rocks her to her core, and Drexel's troubling past, the romance between these two was intense. They say sex is a natural reaction after traumatic events and these two were already attracted to each other so keeping their hands to themselves went out the window. It made this story that much more believable and exciting.

This is definitely not for younger readers. I was blushing and feeling like I was going to get caught doing something naughty, like peeking through a keyhole.

Lots of suspense and danger to go with the romance and can be read as a stand alone. As usual I got more than I was expecting from A.M. Hargrove.

I received this book for my honest and unbiased review.

Silvy_1309 says

Really enjoyed this book , the characters , the plot , the chemistry between G and D
Loved this book more than the previous one
Yeah well done !

Lisa says

Tragic Desires by A.M. Hargrove is the second book in her *Tragic* series and focuses on Drexel whom we met briefly in the first book, *Tragically Flawed*.

Drexel is dreamy (sigh)! So, the book is about Gemini. She is a mountain biker who suffers an accident and concussion, the concussion leaving her with debilitating migraines. Her boyfriend leaves her, her mother dies, she moves to Texas. She gets through her days (and the pain) by sleeping the days away and drinking and doing drugs in the bars at night.

Drexel enters the story as a favor to a pal who is on a case of missing girls. Drexel sees Gemini and immediately feels a pull towards her. He also sees her as a potential next victim and while on his "undercover" assignment for his friend, he saves her from actually being kidnapped. Things only escalate from there. Secrets about Gemini's past are revealed to her and the danger escalates...

This is a fast-paced book, with perfectly developed characters and lots of intrigue and mystery to spice up the already steamy bedroom scenes. I have thoroughly enjoyed A.M. Hargrove writing and she is on my list of fave's.

Lissa Smith Reads'~Bookaholics Bookshelf Reviews says

Please keep in mind that it is a themed series of stand-a-lone novels.

Yet fills the bill of "Tragic Love Stories"... thus it has been dubbed the second installment of the Tragic Series.

Increasing better than it's predecessor ~~ laud is that even the right word?? ~~. Can't wait for another Tragic Love Story.

Tate says

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so different from the first book!! loved it!!!

Michael Clogston says

It would make a great movie !!.

All the things needed for a great movie !! I hope the other books in the series are just as good

Tana says

Tragic Desires by A.M. Hargrove

A.M. Hargrove has yet again written another outstanding novel. Her writing is what I would say is outstanding! In my opinion A.M. Hargrove's writing is only getting better with each new book she publishes. The characters in this story are well written, plot is fast paced and filled with an intriguing story line. Tragic Desires is one of those books that you cannot stop reading, even though you have to work in the morning the story is too compelling to stop. I stayed up pretty late trying to finish this book. Tragic Desires has everything you want in a great novel; mystery, suspense, murder, fear, sexy alpha males and an added bonus is the steamy romance that takes place. This by far the best book I've read recently.

We meet Gemini Sheridan who has just recently had a horrible bike accident that has left her with headaches/migraines that are debilitating. Losing her boyfriend and her plans for her future she comes to the decision to leave school and move on. To cope with the pain she suffers Gemini turns to using drugs and alcohol. The internal pain of losing her mom, boyfriend and her future leaves her with not much of a will to live.

Then in comes Drexel Wolf who has been hired by a friend to help find some missing young women. While he is on a stake out he sees Gemini in one of the bar's they are watching, he believes this striking woman could be the next target for whoever is taking these women. Keeping his distance he decides to keep an eye on her.

Upon saving Gemini he realizes he has to have her, but first he needs to figure out what exactly is going on and who is after Gemini. The chemistry between these two is off the charts and Drexel Wolf will do anything within his power to keep her out of harm's way.

Tragic Desires was a fantastic read, it is by far the best book A.M. Hargrove has written to date. I have rated Tragic Desires a 5 star rating and if I do say so myself I would rate it 10+ stars if I could.

I recommend this story to anyone who loves a great, hot, sexy, steamy, mystery, suspense romance novel, you will not be disappointed!

Tragic Desires by A.M. Hargrove will be coming out soon so keep an eye out for it.

4.5 Stars

I was all over this book like a fat kid and cake. Excuse the cliché but this book was everything I Love in a book and more. I won't lie and say I wasn't scared to read it. Not because of the subject matter, cover or author, nothing to that effect. In fact my fear of reading this book stems from having met A.M. Hargrove this past summer. She was one of the nicest and sweetest authors I've met. Once she found out I was a blogger she wouldn't stop signing bookmarks and postcards and more and literally shoving them into my already full hands. (I'm only lucky she did not suffer carpal tunnel for a world without this book would be a sad sad place.) Alas, my fear was untold for every page of **Tragic Desires** from the start was excellent and I ate it up until I wanted to scream at the unfairness of it even having to end. Every hour I had to work was plagued with thoughts of the characters and what would happen next. If it wasn't for my basic needs of food and shelter, this book easily would have made me walk out the door.

Suspense, action, adventure. And let's not forget the romance for this book had it in spades. A burgeoning love that not only grows at a steady and believable pace but brings out emotions and sentiments you didn't know you possessed. Trust me, Drex will have you up against the wall and begging for more in only a few short chapters.. This man has skills :)

I guess I should probably get to the book at some point and rather than just leave it at it's awesome I'll tell you why I thought so. Immediately from the get-go you are sucked in. Gemini is a very powerful character and she is easily very relatable and likable. Gemini's passion is biking. She's a pro and knows more about this sport than anything else and finds no greater joy than when she's pedaling and flying around on her mountain bike. Too soon Gemini's passion turns to pain when she is injured during a ride. Gemini doesn't just suffer a bruised ego or body, no. Gemini is left with debilitating migraines that are a daily occurrence. Her pain is so bad that death would be an easier solution. I will certainly never suffer a migraine again without thinking of this book nor will I ever treat them so lightly. Just imagining suffering the way Gemini did is painful and scary. Gemini has been told her situation is basically untreatable so she numbs her pain any way she can, often using drugs and alcohol when she can force herself out of her darkened bedroom.

I could go on about Drex's awesomeness but he's best to be devoured on your own. When he is called in by an old friend to work on a case involving missing girls, Drex doesn't expect to be around for longer than a week or two. Yet on his first night 'undercover' Drex sees Gemini and though she brushes him off he can't stop thinking of her.

Unfortunately for Gemini Drex is not the only one who has their eye on her. The next night Gemini gets caught in the middle of an almost kidnapping; little does she know Drex won't let anything happen to her. As if things weren't crazy enough Gemini learns there's more to her past than she ever imagined. The mother she looked up to, until her death in an accident, was hiding major secrets and Gemini has barely begun to uncover the complexity of the truth and her identity.

This book had everything I love to read about and I was involved from page one to the end. These characters felt like my friends and I couldn't stop rooting for them, especially when they were running from danger. There was the ever popular romance blended with a mix of suspense, mystery and danger. Gemini has to learn to deal with more issues in her already complicated life. As if having debilitating migraines is not bad enough now she's thrust in the fight of her life, for both survival and answers. Overall I can't say more than I LOVED THIS BOOK. READ IT!!!! (I do implore you to read with Caution as constant reading mixed with

so much suspense may lead to your own migraine... Have some Excedrin at the ready!!! :)

On a side note: Props to AM Hargrove on all the research she must have done on the sport of mountain biking. Honestly I've never even thought of it in such a serious manner, but Gemini's passion is really tangible in the book and even though I'm not an avid biker all the detail and facts made it so much better and more interesting.

Jennifer says

Tragic Desires is a Stand Alone Companion Novel to author A.M. Hargrove's novel Tragically Flawed. I haven't read Tragically Flawed yet, and I read Tragic Desires as a stand alone novel and enjoyed it as such.

This story is told in alternating points of view from the two lead characters Gemini Sheridan and Drexel Wolfe. Both characters are likeable and the story is an adult contemporary romance filled with suspense. Drexel is a private investigator who is working on a case and meets Gemini somewhat by chance. However, Gemini's circumstances cause Drexel to drop his involvement in his case and focus his attention and resources on her. Both Drexel and Gemini's characters and histories were very interesting, and they are both battling their own types of demons. This is a very sexy romance and these characters waste no time in trying to find their own healing in each other. *"We've never just liked each other. We didn't fall in love. We plummeted."*

I gave Tragic Desires 3.5 stars, rounding up to 4 on goodreads. In my opinion, some of the banter between Gemini and Drexel was kind of corny and there was so much dialogue in this book! For me, the joy of reading alternating points of view from potentially complex characters is being inside their heads. It felt like there was little of that in this book but it could have been just me. For readers who like the story spelled out for them, this book does that well. There was no confusion about how the characters were feeling about each other or what was going on in the main plot and that is always a plus. The reader learns information as the characters do and this adds to the drama/suspense of the overall story. The romance parts in this book were plentiful and very sexy. This is my first book from Ms. Hargrove and overall I liked it. I would be interested in reading some of her other books. (view spoiler)

My favorite quote:

"Have you ever worn night-vision goggles?" I ask.

"Sure. I wear them all the time."

"Okay, smart-ass."

"Seriously? Drexel, where in the world would I wear night-vision goggles?"

"I don't know. Hunting?"

She shakes her head. "Yeah, my mom and I used to hunt big game in our backyard when I was a kid. Lions and tigers. Once I even shot a wildebeest."

Andrea says

*ARC received in return for an honest review

5 Stars!

A.M. Hargrove you've done it again! I was totally hooked from the beginning right until the very end. I loved this book.

Oh maaan, if ever I'm in a tight spot and need rescuing I want ex-soldier sexy Drex Wolfe to come get me!! He is definitely the full package - ex-military, tough, strong, alpha male with brooding looks and as HOT AS HELL! *swoons & fans oneself* Did I mention he was a soldier??

Tragic Desires had everything I love in a book - scenes that were hot enough to scorch my kindle, humour, tense, nail-biting action and believable characters. This is definitely one of those books I will read again.

Full review to come as part of the blog tour on <http://makemydaybooks.blogspot.co.uk>

Margreet Asselbergs says

<http://ripeforreader.blogspot.com/201...>

My rating: 5 of 5 ??

Raised rather sheltered by a single mom, Gemini Sheridan finds her freedom in mountain biking after her mother passes away. When after a biking accident she is left with daily migraines that cannot be controlled, her boyfriend leaves and she slowly slips into an alcohol and medication fuelled haze. Anything to numb the pain of her migraines and losing her dreams. Mindlessly hanging around clubs and bars, drinking and dancing until one night she ends up at the mercy of two men who have nothing good in mind.

Ex Black Ops operator and current PI working with the FBI on a missing girls investigation, Drexel Wolfe is just in time to intercept an abduction in progress and manages to chase off two suspects when suddenly what was a regular investigation, turns into a full on agency affair. Something to do with the victim who might know more than she is telling. But no matter how hard they look or how much they question, the woman named Gemini claims to know nothing about anything.

When it becomes obvious Gemini holds interest for quite a few people, and she is in danger, something compels Drexel to use all his resources to protect her. Gemini's head is reeling as she tries to comprehend how she has ended up in the middle of an international plot and how it is possible that what she knew to be her life may have all been a lie.

But the man who has firmly placed himself by her side, and in front and behind her, is doing whatever he can do find the answers for her. Drexel is determined to keep her safe, even from herself. Overwhelmed by feelings of betrayal, guilt and a growing attachment to Drexel, Gemini is starting to feel claustrophobic and her instincts are to run. But Drex can't let her go too far, or someone else will get her first.....

Superb!!

Oh my!! This book hit me in all the right spots!! And now I have to try and find the words to try and tell you

why.....

First off, I identify with chronic pain conditions and know what they do to the psyche. Devastating potential..... That was the first thing that hooked me in.... Gemini and I have some common ground. The loss of ability to pursue passions and activities....a life that others take for granted, limited by involuntary responses of the body to central nervous system impulses completely out of the conscious control is infuriating. It involves a huge amount of grief, with all its related phases that is difficult to understand by those who don't 'live it'. A daily battle to rise above pain is utterly exhausting.

The fact that Ms. Hargrove is able to put this down in a character I can identify with, is huge to me. And it shows me a tremendous amount of insight.

The action and suspense in what is a phenomenally beautiful love story, is excellent. I actually feel like I've read two books after finishing this story. The full satisfaction of an emotional and rich love story and the adrenaline rush of an intricate and action filled suspense. I don't quite know how Ms. Hargrove managed it, am sitting here trying to figure it out, but there it is.....

The connection between the characters is amazing.....so friggin' honest and direct. No games played. No subliminal messaging. No high school antics. Mature communication, with feelings out in the open, risking hearts and sanity, going all out.....simply beautiful and courageous. It is as if they couldn't help themselves but rip off all pretence and bare themselves to the other.

The action, the intrigue was top notch, with great build up and time suspended periods where I would hear the 'Jaws' mood score in my head....knowing something was about to happen. That delicious tension right before all hell breaks loose.

I can't tell you how highly I recommend this book, if you love your action suspense.....and you equally love a good romance with lots of honest feeling, this really is a book for you!

?A story as sharply chilling as it was fiercely passionate.?

ARC provided in return for an honest review.

Dianne says

Love your sizzling romance with edge-of-your-seat intrigue and action? Love an over-the-top pure male, alpha hero with strength, compassion and the need to protect, all while scorching the letters off the pages with sensual steam? Want your heroine to have enough backbone to be worthy of said hero? Grab a quiet corner, hang out the do NOT disturb sign and get ready for the ride of your life! **Tragic Desires** by A. M. Hargrove is proof beyond doubt that her writing just keeps getting better and better!

Gemini, a girl raised by an over-sheltering mother, who knows no other family, crosses paths with an ex-Black Ops PI working a human trafficking case in conjunction with the FBI. Drexel is bowled over by her mysterious beauty and her eyes that are telling him a story he cannot latch on to, but she is the perfect target and he follows her, only to have to save her from a back alley attack outside a trendy bar where other disappearances have occurred. Suffering from debilitating accident-related, migraines, Gemini lives in a drug and alcohol induced haze to blur the pain. There is more to Gemini than meets the eye, she is strong, alone

and someone is after her, but she has no idea why and it's not trafficking related.

Together they uncover a past Gemini never knew existed and she has become the target of international zealot terrorists. Calling in all of his favors, his contacts, and with the help of the government, as well as his own expertise, Drexel will do anything to protect Gemini. But is she ready for his all-consuming love?

A. M. Hargrove has created the perfect romance, the perfect fast-paced thriller, and two wonderfully matched characters that grow closer as each day passes. Her characters are very realistic, very-well developed and completely likable and strong! They have honor, determination and a grit that had me rooting for everything Drex and Gemini! Never mind that the heat between these two is both sweet and raging hot! Ms. Hargrove keeps raising the bar, book after book.

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Shirley Frances says

After a biking accident left her with post-concussion syndrome, Gemini became a shell of the woman she used to be. Plagued by intense migraines that leave her unable to function and reaching for alcohol and harder drugs to alleviate the pain, Gemini rolls with the motions of her life, but she's not truly living. Until a one-night encounter with a stranger. Once Drake is in her life, Gemini's life turns on its axis leaving her to question everything she thought she knew and wanted.

Drake owns his own security firm. When an acquaintance asks for help on a case, Drake jumps in never imagining how his decision would impact his life in the long run. Drawn to the woman he's keeping an eye out for, Drake is torn between his job and the emotions Gemini brings out of him.

Hell yeah, this is what I'm talking about - **Suspense. Lust. Mystery. Romance** - all there for the taking and I devoured it all!

Rare is the story that captivates me from the very start without the author divulging much. Instantly, I was intrigued by Gemini's ailment, her struggles to deal with it and its aftermath. I liked that the author didn't pull any punches when bringing Gemini's emotions to the page when it came to her struggle to keep a tight rein on her situation. She had dark thoughts, she pushed people away, she wasn't an easy person to connect to. Not while she was suffering through her migraines nor by the way she went about dealing with them.

Drake wasn't a walk in the park either, but he was easier to understand. He was as broody as he was sexy. I

wanted to throttle him more than a few times, but man he could melt me with just a few words. *swoon* He didn't want to be attracted to Gemini and although he fought it, he was too drawn to her to help himself. He had his own demons to fight and it was a treat to see how his walls came crumbling down as the story progressed and how much his character grew as his relationship with Gemini cemented.

You would be right in guessing that their chemistry was HOT. It was and I enjoyed it very, very much. But mostly, I enjoyed how they opened themselves to the feelings that were developing between them. They doubted their situation, questioned their desires, gave in to their attraction, retreated from their emotions and came together again when the fight got to be too much. Loved it!

Kudos to A.M. Hargrove for bringing the romance, the mystery and the suspense in a way that flowed seamlessly through the page without taking away from any of the elements of the story. I was kept at the edge of my seat, tapping the hell out of my table because I wanted to know what would happen next between Gemini and Drake and what new clues they would discover next. The pace of the story was perfect with every event placed to bring the most impact in the reader. I enjoyed how the story moved along shifting its focus from the romance to the mystery always keeping that edge of intrigue where the reader starts to make assumptions to try to solve the 'case'. Little bit and pieces were revealed, bringing answers to questions and developing some new ones. So that by the time the story came to an end, every loose end was tied up regarding Gemini and Drake's relationship and the situation they were involved in.

Although this is the second book in the Tragic series, it can certainly be read as a stand alone. This is the first book by AM Hargrove I've read and I'll surely be picking up *Tragically Flawed* since I enjoyed this one so much.

All in all, an exciting, sexy read about second chances in life and new beginnings in love.

**I received an ARC from the author in exchange of my honest opinion as part of my participation in this event.*

Tash says

Reviewed for Confessions From Romaholics

Tragic Desire is the second in the Tragic series and is a complete standalone novel. I must admit it's been a while since I have reviewed a contemporary novel with a romantic suspense twist and was looking forward to read this. I had high hopes since I tend to read more YA/NA for review now and I must admit this book drew me in from its blurb. I kid you not, I didn't see the cover until after I got this arc and damn I probably would have signed up for this tour just because of this cover! I'm a cover whore and Drexel looks fine on the cover.

The heroine Gemini is a puzzle. She was once a fun, full of life woman who loved bike riding until an accident left her with debilitating headaches. A former shell of herself, she's cut all her ties, leaving school

and moving back to Texas from Colorado. There isn't anything there for her since her boyfriend has left her after the accident, unable to get through to her. To deal with her pain, she turns to drugs and alcohol as it all becomes too much.

Enter Drexel, who is helping his friend on this case, trying to apprehend the guys who are stealing women from bars. When he see her onyx eyes, he immediately decides to watch her because he believes that she could be next. Well, he isn't wrong and the knight in shining armour rescues her the next night and discovers there is a hidden secret in the past that he needs to save her from.

I wasn't disappointed: this book has all the elements for a great read. It's a well written book with great characters, interesting storyline and a pace set at great speed. So the book moved at a perfect pace for me. I read this book in one sitting starting one evening and stayed up into the wee hours of the next morning finishing it. You can't help fall for the hero, he a charming sexy alpha male with a feisty determined girl.
4 couples

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Melanie Marnell says

While I really liked the first book in this series *Tragically Flawed*, I LOVED this one. It was intriguing, suspenseful, action packed and the chemistry between Drexel and Gemini was off the charts. These are richly written, strong characters supported by a great story.

I have definitely become an A.M. Hargrove fan!
