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*What happens when the world thought you were dead and now suddenly you aren't?*

Ben Turner is back! Not quite as dead as everyone thought, fresh out of a nine-month stay in prison, and back home in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. Having been dishonorably discharged after charges of desertion from the military, this once well-loved local has fallen from the top. With no plans for college or the future, and hated by the town that once loved him, Ben feels like he's drowning all over again.

Juniper is pregnant, alone, and running from her crazy fiancé. With only enough money for a one-way bus ticket, she heads to Kill Devil Hills, NC, a town she vacationed in as a little girl, a town she knows, come February, will have plenty of beach rentals to lie low in for the next couple months. Except she didn't plan on getting caught on day one by the man living next door. Ben. He's a man who has even more problems than she does, but maybe it'll take a man like Ben to save her life.

**\*\*NEW ADULT ROMANCE\*\***

Recommended for 18+. **ADRIFT** can be read as a standalone, but is recommended to be read fourth in Sarah Darlington's **KILL DEVIL HILLS** Series.

## **Adrift Details**

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## From Reader Review Adrift for online ebook

### Tina Lynne says

I have enjoyed the entire Kill Devil Hills series so much! And Ben finally has his own story. He has been an overarching person throughout the entire series, one who has had a serious affect on everything while being absent. The way his memory has woven through the past three books is brilliant! So naturally, when I got my hands on his story, I was ready for something phenomenal. For me, I feel like this one fell short. There were parts I loved about this book but overall I wanted more from Ben. I wanted more of his second chance at everything to be a bit more profound and real. At times he still felt like a whiny kid. I was glad to finally understand what happened to him and a bit more about his thought process, but I could not connect with it at all. I felt like I never got a true reconciling of who he is and what he did. He feels guilt but there was no conversation and true change in him in regards to what he did and how he hurt everyone. I will admit I had a very high standard for this one going in so I was expecting MUCH more.

His attraction to Juniper and their love story was sweet. I liked their connection and how they fall for each other. It was a bit superficial but the way it is introduced into the story is well done and smooth. Quinton, Juniper's crazy ex, is a lingering ghost over these two for quite a while. When everything comes to fruition, it felt rushed. I wanted to see more happen. Juniper was one of my favorite parts of the story. She is breakable but strong. I liked her affect on Ben and the way she starts over. My other favorite parts are seeing glimpses of all my favorites from the series, living their lives, happily and completely.

While this one did not hit home for me like I was hoping, do not miss the series! The way Sarah Darlington weaves in and out of these people's lives is great and it creates a sense of comraderie. I was still anti-Ben for most of this story because I connected so deeply with the other stories and characters. The world Darlington creates is real and flawed, one that will keep you hooked!

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### Emily (Mrs B's Books) says

\*\*My thanks to the author for providing me with a free copy for an honest review\*\*

We start to get to know Ben a little bit before in books two and three in the series, but this can be read as a stand alone book.

The book takes place well after Ben's return from the dead. He has completed his sentence in Prison and is now on probation.

Juniper feels that her past life choices have made her weak and that her judgement of men is off, but a simple white lie has her pretending to be someone she is not in order to make a new life for herself.

Ben and Juniper have chemistry from the beginning, but with their pasts are slow to start things up with each other, however they find that it is only with each other can they relax and be more of themselves.

We get to see all of the other previous characters in this book which help out when required showing a strong family bond.

I really liked this book and would be more than happy to read this series all over again.

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### **Valerie says**

This was my first book by Sarah. I really enjoyed it. Wow Ben, swoon! Everything happens fairly fast in the story but it was easy to keep up and not confusing.

I will now for sure have to read the previous books in the series!

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### **Renee Entress from Renee Entress's Blog says**

5 star

I was pulled right into this story. The story has laughs, pain, secrets, and heartbreak.

Before reading this story please read the below books first

Kill Devil Hills (Kill Devil Hills, #1)

Changing Tides (Kill Devil Hills, #2)

Pulled Under (Kill Devil Hills, #3)

This is Juniper and Ben's story. Everyone thought Ben was dead and now he is back. But things have changed. He is not so loved in his town. He just got out of prison and is trying to adapt. Juniper is on the run. Thinking no one would find her in this town she runs into Ben. She is hiding out and he is struggling. Can they help each other? What happens when secrets are revealed? Will they ever be the same? Would he even want someone who is pregnant and alone?

I loved these characters and the side characters. I felt I could connect with the characters and the story was a great read.

I highly recommend this book.

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### **Patricia Maia (The Bookery Review) says**

Finally Ben's story is out! I've been waiting for this book for so long, the author plotted this series around him, giving us the other characters stories before this one, so she have been building the anticipation for this one quite good!

I LOVED this series. Every book brought a smile to my face.

Adrift it's Ben and Juniper story. Both of them with a past they want to forget, difficult and scarring. They become friends, true friends with that little lust in between, until one day they couldn't take their hands off each other anymore.

I also think that this could have been a huge angsty read if his reasons for fake his death were more realistic. They aren't. Also, after everything Georgie went through, I thought they had more interaction with each other... that's where I think this could have been more deepened.

But it's a great read and I loved it!

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### **Shannon says**

I'm so sad to see this series come to an end! It's probably my favorite new adult series out there, I've loved these characters so much, and have really enjoyed the continuing storyline from book to book. I feel like I've been a part of the Turner family for so long that I'm finding it hard to say good-bye.

And now for the conclusion to the series we finally get the infamous Ben Turner's story! I really didn't know what to expect out of Ben, other than we know he faked his death and put his family through unbearable heartache- with some really tough consequences. But in *Adrift* we get the chance to get inside his head- see what makes him tick and learn why he did what he did. Since he's been home he really has been adrift- not knowing what he wanted out of life, just that whatever it was wasn't in Kill Devil Hills. He's just biding his time until his parole is over and he can move on. But *Adrift* isn't just Ben's story, it's also Juniper's. And when Juniper enters Ben's life she's like a balm to his soul. Not to say it's all smooth sailing, because it's not. But even when they hit some rough waters, there's a connection between Ben and Juniper that they can't deny or hide from.

I adore Ben. He was a bit like a lost puppy, just wandering about with no direction until Juniper arrives. And then he realizes that maybe he does have a purpose in life, that maybe everything in his life did happen for a reason, and it was all to lead him to Juniper and her unborn baby. But because of what happened in his past he's a little conflicted as well, not sure if his feelings for her are true or misplaced guilt.

Neither Ben nor Juniper were at a point in their lives where they were looking for love, but sometimes that's the way life works out. They were two people who needed each other but didn't know it until their paths crossed at just the right time .

As I said, I'm really sad to see this series come to an end. Sarah has written such real and engaging characters, and I was so glad we got to catch up with the rest of the family in *Adrift*. I'm holding out hope that maybe there's a novella for Georgie and Noah, sometime in the future!

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### **Mg ♥ The Bookishmedialite says**

#### **3.5 S T A R S!**

**Adrift** is the fourth book in the Kill Devil Hills series.

*Ben Turner* is back! The ocean had literally chewed him up and spit him back out. He's no longer the town's

golden boy. Hated by the town that once loved him, Ben feels like he's drowning all over again.

*Juniper* is pregnant, alone and running from her crazy fiancé. She finds herself in Kill Devil Hills, a town that brings back to her happy memories from when she was a child. She didn't plan on staying there, but she knows Kill Devil Hills was the perfect place to hide, so she stayed.

I was really excited to finally get Ben's story. I had a lot of questions running through my head about his fake death. Like *WHY? What were you thinking? How could you?...*

So when I figured it out his "reason", I was like **REALLY?** Sorry, but for me, it wasn't a good one. All the damage he caused. To his family. To Georgie. To Sydney.

Then we have Juniper. She didn't know about Ben's past, which I liked. She was just a girl trying to protect herself and her baby.

I enjoyed watching Ben & Juniper start out as friends and become more. Even though, Ben was a little frustrating at times, I liked them together.

I was hoping there would be more interaction between Ben and Georgie. You know, after what she did because of him... but it didn't happen.

Overall, It was an ok read for me. Everything wrapped up too quickly for my taste, but I still enjoyed it.

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### **Lita Thomas says**

Adrift (Kill Devil Hills, # 4) by Sarah Darlington For those who have read the 3 previous book we finally get Ben's story. He was popular, smart and the high school quarterback but had decided to graduate early to join the Coast Guards. While serving he fell overboard and was declared dead. In fact he was not dead but living in Malibu with an elderly lady. His story picks up with him living back at home with his family after being released from prison after serving a sentence for desertion. He is not adjusting well to being back home.

When he sees a light on in the house next door he comes across a red hair beauty he assumes is his childhood friend Lilly who he has not seen since they were ten Lilly is not who she says she is. Her real name is Juniper and she is running from a very abusive fiancée. Since discovering she is pregnant, for the safety of her unborn children she leaves her life behind in Virginia and flees to a place she remembered as happier times when she was younger. Their two worlds collide. Can they save each other from the lives they left behind? I have been waiting for this book for a long time and was over the moon when I heard that the author was finally releasing this book. I voluntarily read an Advanced Reader Copy of this book and it was well worth the wait. If you haven't read the previous book by all means please do so. I enjoyed each book and this one as well. Once I got into the story I had a hard time putting the book down. I give this story 4.5 stars

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## **Aurora (Whoopie Gives A Hoot) says**

*\* Read more of my reviews at Whoopie Gives A Hoot \**

Ben Turner is ALIVE! I still can't believe that it's already been over a year since I first discovered the incredibly phenomenal Kill Devil Hills series and fell in love with every single one of these one of a kind characters. Although Noah will forever hold the number one spot in my heart until the end of time, Ben is definitely a close second.

I had no idea what to expect going into Ben's story since we haven't really seen much of him even though his "death" played a major role in the entire series. This story was filled with so many twists and turns that I never knew what was going to happen. I was so happy to finally see what made Ben tick and find out the whole story behind why he decided to fake his death. While this story does center around his decision, every hero needs their heroine! Juniper is such a lovable character and I instantly connected with her. In my opinion, I felt that they both brought out the best in one another and helped them to blossom.

This ending to the series was a bittersweet moment because I never wanted to leave these characters behind, but as they say *all good things must come to an end!*

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## **Alex says**

It's the... the... last?! I don't think my heart will recover.

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## **Deborah Obida says**

This book was provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Well all I can say is that this book is not for me, it's actually a great book the plot is okay even the writing style and characters but I had lot of issues with it. I feel like lots of stuff about the love interest was rushed, insta love not well portrayed just gets on my nerve and this did. This book would have been 4 stars worthy but the cheesiness and cliche that is known in lots of romance novels were just everywhere.

One of the few things I like about the book is the guy's history, that's crazy and original.

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## **Dirty Dayna says**

I think this book is a 4.5 it's just missing that little bit more of drama I think everything wrapped up too quickly for me. I loved reading it tho and enjoyed seeing Ben and June. they are an unexpected couple. but they deftly became friends and lovers in such a good way that it felt real. I never want to say goodbye to kill devil hills... I can't even think of a book 5 to write but I want one!!

*\*hint hint nudge nudge Sarah!!!\**

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**DJ Sakata says**

Adrift was oddly enough my first Sarah Darlington read and the fourth and final book of a series, and while Adrift had solid legs and stood well on its own, I feel a strong desire to read the previous books for my own enjoyment. All of the primary and secondary characters were interesting and compelling, each with their own unique quirks. I was enamored with and curious about the complicated and complex character of Ben. The plot was active with a large cast of characters and provided a bit of everything - a faked death, strangers hiding their pasts, a bit of danger, suspense, intrigue, a new romance, a fresh start, and steamy sensual scenes. Despite a storyline heavy with two of my least favorite tropes of angst and pregnancy, the author's writing style and craftily paced tale held my attention and kept me engaged and intrigued from beginning to end.

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**Kay (⌚ ? ⌚ ✨) BooksandMe says**

OMFG! I love you Ben!!!

Full review to come.

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**Daria says**

Where are you!?!?!?!

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