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Broken Details

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Izy says

Rating~ 4.25 stars

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Gabe Spencer is the founder of LOST and an ex-Seal. He is a pure Cynthia eden hero, by that I mean he's possessive, protective and not to mention badass. Gabe and his team find missing people, doesn't matter how long it has been since they disappeared. Gabe found LOST after the death of his younger sister.

Eve Grey is a woman without a past and an identity. All she remembers is waking up in a hospital and being in pain. Seeing no other option, she decides to go to LOST to ask them to help her find herself. She believes that she escaped from the notorious serial killer called 'Lady Killer' after seeing the newspapers which happens to have the picture of one of his victims (Jessica Montgomery) who looks exactly like Eve.

Eve was a wonderful character, she was trying to be strong, she had grit and determination to find out who she was even if meant coming face to face with a past that could potentially be fatal. Eve was also vulnerable and afraid yet she never gave into a pity party. She meets Gabe when she goes to their head office and instantly feels attracted towards. I really liked Gabe and Eve together. He was wonderful with her, he was supportive and understanding of what she needed. He also didn't know he to quite deal with some of emotions Eve bought in him.

Quibbles: While I did like Eve and Gabe's relationship, it was just that it developed all to fast (in a matter of days I believe) and also there was a point where Eve did something rash which though seemed like the right thing to do for her, it didn't make me happy as her supporter. Lastly Gabe, I wanted to know more about him and how he became the man he was. There wasn't much about him the book maybe because of all the focus on Eve's backstory.

Through the course of the book, we find more information about who Eve was, about her family, her past and her connection to the Lady Killer. I really liked the storyline, it kept me guessing of who exactly was Eve Gray.

I suspected the killer from the start but obviously there wasn't any proof and the book had so twists and turns that even I doubted myself. The suspense part of the book was also done brilliantly. People who love darker romantic suspense books would love this book (as I did).

Overall, this was a great romantic suspense story and a great start to a new series. We also get to know the members of LOST, who all seem pretty darn interesting and I can't wait to read to Dean's book . *Happy Reading!*

~ Becs ~ says

I actually don't read romantic suspense very often anymore. I used to read it slavishly but then I found I was galloping through the story to get to the end expecting to see the Bad Guy come after the heroine and our hero ride in like a white knight and rescue her and I was skimming over the story and kind of missing the romance so I only dip my toes back in the suspense pool occasionally and when I do, I want it to be a good one.

I've read Cynthia Eden's Deadly series in the past and I know, as a romantic suspense, author she gives me what I'm looking for – seriously nasty and sadistic bad buys, a hot sexy romance and a highly suspenseful story and that's what I was looking for in Broken and I definitely found it.

Broken gives us not only a hot romance and a suspenseful story but also works hard at setting the scene for the rest of the LOST series, introducing us to the main characters who will no doubt star in future books and giving us a little bit of their background. It seems all these people have something very dark in their past which has driven them to be part of Gabe Spencer's new missing persons agency and there's just enough here to whet your appetite to want to carry on with the series.

So we have Gabe Spencer, head honcho of the LOST organisation, and Eve Gray who has survived torture and near death to wake up with no memory of what happened that day or anything before. The only thing she knows is that she's escaped a killer and she looks uncannily like a missing heiress, suspected to be one of the killer's victims. She turns to Gabe and his organisation for help and they share an incredible attraction and, once he realises that the killer is coming for again, Gabe's protective and possessive traits come rising to the surface and he vows to keep the woman he's falling in love with safe from the clutches of her would-be murderer.

This is a highly complex, multi-layered suspenseful story with plenty of red herrings and potential suspects. Pay close attention to all the details as there is plenty of little clues out there – some to definitely throw you off the scent but some do point straight at the killer. When he's eventually unmasked, he was one of my suspects but I had several so I don't think it was at all predictable. The plot is intriguing enough to keep me reading and gathering pace as I found myself dying to find out who the killer is and I once again found myself reading just a little too fast. I tried to slow myself down, to appreciate the growing feelings between Gabe and Eve but I found it nigh on impossible! Suspense novels just do this to me – I just have to know!

I think the mystery pretty much takes centre stage here but it's interwoven pretty well with the romance between the two central characters and, for the most part, I really did feel their overwhelming passion and desperation at the gathering danger for Eve. It was very well done with some truly emotional and very hot sex scenes. I very much enjoyed it, devoured it in fact. The Killer truly was a fucked up, sadistic bastard and I think Cynthia Eden does this type of bad guy really well.

I very much liked Gabe and his crew who will no doubt entertain us for several books to come and I look forward to reading them. If I have any complaints, it's that I didn't always completely get Gabe and Eve's connection – it seemed to come out of nowhere, a kind of insta-love but I did eventually get on board with it and start rooting for them. A good start to what promises to be a great series.

4 LadyKiller stars

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Bindi Boo says

3.75 stars

Romantic, suspenseful and full on action. I guessed it, but did not see that coming! Great read if you're looking for an action packed plot with some smut on the side.

Christa says

Gabe Spencer, a former SEAL, started his company, LOST, after losing his sister to a killer. When Eve Gray wakes up in a hospital with terrible injuries not knowing who she is, she takes on a new name, moves to a shelter when she is released, and goes to Gabe for help in figuring out her identity. Her only clue other than the brutal scars, is a newspaper article featuring the victims of a serial killer, and one of them, Jessica Montgomery, looks just like her. Almost as soon as Gabe agrees to help Eve, it becomes apparent that she is in danger. They travel to Jessica's home on Dauphin Island, where the FBI is still uncovering victims of the serial killer.

While on Dauphin Island, Eve will have to deal with her brother, former lovers, a vicious storm that is headed their way, and the killer who isn't finished with her yet. In the midst of all of this, she and Gabe develop strong feelings for one another, and he will do anything to keep her safe.

I found this book to be very enjoyable, as well as quick and easy to read. I felt so sorry for Eve when she had so obviously been through something horrific at the beginning of the book. She was a very strong woman to try so hard to find out what happened, even knowing that it was going to be something awful. I liked the way she and Gabe bonded, but it seemed almost too quick to be credible, based on the interaction they'd had to that point. Gabe was a good character, and I enjoyed how protective he was toward Eve.

The storyline was fast-paced, suspenseful, and had me wavering back and forth between a couple of characters as the most likely villain. The Dauphin Island setting as a storm is bearing down added a great deal to the atmosphere that was already established with the serial killer on the prowl. It gave it an ominous feel that was in character with the storyline. I'm looking forward to reading the next book in this series.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Kitty's review posted on Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

What a brilliant start to a new Romantic Suspense series "Broken" is. A roller-coaster ride of thrills with a little sex, a lot of suspense and a surprise as to who the Lady Killer is.

I'm excited for this new series by Cynthia Eden. She had me really guessing throughout the story as to who was committing the murders and why. Just when I really thought that I had it figured out, another twist was thrown in and I again had no clue as to who was committing the murders.

As the plot unfolds and the attraction between Gabe and Eve grows, so did my respect for the author. Yes, they fell in love too quick and she put her trust in a man that she barely knew, but, it worked. It fit in with the

storyline and the characters. And, this story is fast – there really is no down time from the point where Eve walks into Lost to the end when the murderer is revealed. It's one surprise after another as the team rally's around Gabe and Eve to help solve the mystery of the Lady Killer – something even the FBI cannot do.

As Romantic Suspense goes, *Broken* is at the top of the list. It keeps you guessing, has you wondering and then throws you for a spin when he is finally revealed. I am definitely going to be watching for the rest of this series and can't wait to see how Cynthia Eden continues the Lost series.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

4.25 You are Not Broken Stars!

The best thing about Cynthia Eden is that you never get let down when reading one of her works. You know that it will be romantic and suspenseful and definitely hot! You also know that the suspense and the mystery will always be on the side of completely crazy!

Broken starts out fast with the cray-cray and has you holding your breath at the scene of terror presented. Then the mystery starts with a beautiful blonde, Eve, who walks into LOST headquarters looking for someone to be found. She needs Gabe Spencer to see her and hear her. She needs Gabe to "find her." Gabe and his team specialize in the location of lost people...dead or alive. He is skeptical at the story of the lost soul in front of him, but he is also captivated by her beauty and fight.

In true Eden fashion, there is undeniable chemistry and tension between Eve and Gabe that should not exist. Like previous books, Gabe is a strong sexy alpha, but Eve...she may not know who she is, but she knows what she wants! I loved her character as she was strong, determined, and willing to put her libido out there. She wanted something to call her own...Gabe didn't stand a chance! But who is this woman? Where did she come from? Is she really a victim? It seems those around her are not safe and no one seems to be legit!

Good suspense to the end. Great heat and intimacy. Great action with twists and turns. Perhaps I am getting better at the "who done it" theme as I already knew the "bad" at first encounter! For me that kinda dropped my excitement when it proved to be right...still liked it though! I can tell that this series is going to rock as Gabe's team had some interesting members whose stories I am itching to know!

Maayan says

4.5 stars :D

UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

4 'chilling, thrilling, whodunnit' stars!

Broken is the first book in Cynthia Eden's romantic suspense series, *LOST*. It's a thrilling serial-killer murder mystery with so many twists and turns and probable suspects, readers can't possibly know, until the very end, who the true killer is. I love stories that keep me guessing like this!

Blurb...

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My thoughts...

I'm a huge fan of romantic suspense and have read a lot of great stories by some of the genre's best authors but, until now, none by Cynthia Eden - and make no mistake, *Broken* proves she's one of the best! This story sent chills up and down my spine and even though I didn't *want* to put it down, I *had* to put it down because it was getting so intense I knew I'd be up all night checking and re-checking the locks on my doors and windows if I didn't!

So why 4 stars?

Lust-at-first-sight works well in paranormal romance (bonding scents compelling an attraction) and erotica (because erotica is all about sexual attraction), but *Broken* is neither of those and its intricate, amazing plot didn't mesh with the insta-lust between Gabe and Eve. Sure, Eve's trauma induced amnesia could explain her lack of apprehension over being attracted to Gabe, a complete stranger, but even with that in mind I couldn't get on board with the sexual intensity they felt for each other. Too much, too soon and that cost this story a full star in my rating. Had the attraction/romance moved at a more believable pace, or had this not been meant to be a romance, it would've *easily* been a 5 star read!

The bottom line...

I've already got the next book in the series, *Twisted*, locked, loaded, and ready to roll... and that should speak volumes about how much I enjoyed *Broken*!

An ARC was provided by Avon Books. In appreciation I'm giving them an honest review.

Leslie says

I really enjoyed this!! I kinda guessed early on "who dun it" but the author did a fab job keeping me guessing

and changing my mind. Will def be doing more by this author :0)

Beth says

Broken is a suspense filled thriller that will keep you holding your breath. Que the serial killer music.

Eve woke up in an Atlanta hospital with no memories of her former life but by her injuries she pretty sure she is the only person to escape from a serial killer. Desperate to feel safe again, Eve wants to enlist LOST, a company that solves the impossible missing person cases.

Gabe Spencer is the founder and head of LOST. He never expected a missing person to come knocking on his door, but that is what he got when Eve walked into his office. There is something about Eve that hits every one of Gabe's protective instincts. Gabe reluctantly decides takes on this unusual case.

The problem is the killer is still out there and not likely to let Eve be the one that got away.

Broken is a thriller suspense with an intriguing romance; enough to get your circulation pumping.

I enjoyed the action and psychological thriller vibe but didn't completely connect to the characters. In the end, this was 3.5 stars for me.

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Alex ? says

4 stars

Romantic suspense is my favorite genre.

Cynthia Eden is one of my favorite authors.

Her heroines are always strong and smart.

Writing is amazing, suspense is very intense.

Liked this book a lot. My heart broke for the victims.

There were some unanswered questions at the end, that's why only 4 stars.

But when I think about other books I rated with 4 stars, I can't click 4 for this great read.

I just can not.

Click, click, click, click, click = 5 stars ?

RJ says

I thought I was about to read a cute romantic suspense novel about a woman who loses her memory due to a traumatic event and the hunky hero helps her find the bad guy while they're on the run. That's generally the set-up in this genre. While that is pretty much how this book goes I did not expect to get creepy Shutter Island vibes.

There's a serial killer on the loose who is after our heroine and the author had me suspecting literally every male character. I even suspected the hero for a minute! Lol. It was the edge of your seat kinda suspense where you're playing "whodunnit."

Two stars because this wasn't what I wanted to read. Maybe because I didn't know much about the story before going in and wasn't in the right mind frame but I just wanted to find out the killer and get this over with. And I was disappointed to find out that the love story came secondary to the mystery. I honestly can't remember any meaningful *couple* scenes besides those sex scenes. The H/h were just running around the island trying to find the killer.

This is definitely for you if you want a more complex romantic suspense/thriller story than what is usually out there. Just not the type of book I usually read nor the type I want to read at this moment. Now I'm off to find a cute, fluffy read. Lol. This wasn't even scary but I was reading in the dark and jumping at shadows. SMH. I probably won't be able to handle horror novels.

Safety: (view spoiler)

Alp says

An exciting, heart-stopping reading experience!

I got so swept up in this book. Obviously, I'm not good at dealing with too much excitement and tension, and this book kept me for the most part on the edge of my seat! My heart would start beating furiously and pounding against my rib cage whenever the Lady Killer appeared. The author did a great job building up tense situations and creating such interesting characters.

I felt like there was too much happening in the story, and it gave me a moment of extreme curiosity--"Who

the hell was the lady killer?!!' I had no idea. I couldn't guess. I didn't even have a clue! Even though I was terrified of what the bad guy did, I couldn't stop myself from turning the pages, wanting to find out the truth.

The sexual chemistry between Gabe and Eve was off the charts. Gabe is so sexy, devoted, protective, and possessive, which makes him irresistible. He is one of the hottest alpha heroes.

"Eve." He shook his head. "You need to stop touching me. You need to walk away in the next five seconds because that's about as long as I'll be able to stop myself."

His jaw was locked tight. "I'm a possessive bastard," he told her.

What?

"I want you so much that I'm fucking about to explode right now."

That was good.

"But I can't have a taste and walk away." He gave a hard shake of his head. "That's not who I am."

She didn't even know who she was.

"If I take you, there's no going back. I won't be able to go back."

One thing I loved most about Gabe was that he loved Eve, no matter who she was before she lost her memory. Whatever happened in her past, good, bad, everything in between, was the past. He would protect her with his life!

This book is a good start to the series. There are other interesting characters in the story whom I want to know more about. This is another awesome read by Cynthia Eden and I enjoyed it all the way through.

Leonor says

4.25 stars!!

◊♦ Naomi says

3.5 stars

Cynthia Eden, a writer after my own heart.

Just saying, I totally knew who it was since the guy first appeared in the book. I rock.
