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*I hate him. I hate his stupid, laughing eyes, and his stupid, magnificent body, and the stupid way he looks at me and takes away all of the not-completely-insane parts of myself. The few I have left.*

*I hate everything about him, but I can't ignore the truth lurking underneath the haze of my anger, beating its unmistakable rhythm: I want to stand in his fire. I want to be consumed.*

After a tragic crime leaves her physically and emotionally damaged, eighteen-year-old Stella Granger struggles to come to terms with the collapse of her idyllic life. Desperate for anonymity, she escapes to Greenview College, exchanging charity balls and pastel cardigans for frat parties and black leather boots.

Three years later, she's finally managed to put the pieces of herself back together. Holden Evans, her absurdly handsome psychology professor, might be the most annoying person she's ever met, but he's a welcome distraction. In fact, Stella can almost forget that Luke Dixon, her brother's best friend and the man who saved her life, ever existed.

Luke, the rebellious son of a British billionaire, hasn't forgotten about her. When a chance meeting threatens to unearth long-suppressed secrets and desires, the battle lines are drawn.

The universe may have conspired to bring them together, but Stella's gotten pretty sick of near-death experiences and she doesn't want to play Luke's treacherous games.

However, she may have underestimated one tiny truth—need beats want. Every single time.

## Unmistakable Details

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# From Reader Review Unmistakable for online ebook

## Lena says

amazing. Totally unexpected. Crazy good.

I loved the 3 leads. And Stella was a strong female lead. But most of all I loved the banter and the depth of emotion in the book.

But cover definitely needs to go, like now.

-this is a 5 star book and I haven't come across many of those.

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## Kara Aaronson says

Okay, Lauren Abrams is officially amazing. This book was totally unexpected and an absolute treat. It just went live, and I have already read it. It was delicious and I cannot wait to read it again. Lauren, if you see this please know that I think you're totally inspirational and I love the tales you spin. Keep them coming, girl!

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## Roksana says

I am not hundred % sure as too why I didn't care for this story. Yah the sexual tension was palpable but the rest was annoying as hell.

I skipped paragraph's because I was sick of reading how she hates him...no loves him ....want to kiss him and kill him.

I also hated that Stella was such a whiner. ... seriously!

Didn't like Luke...regardless of his POV.

I can't understand his need to do what he does to Stella regardless of his promise. He doesn't come across as the most noble person so why was he so feverishly sticking to this? I think he did it because it suited him...meh!

I want to read the next one because I actually liked the hero for that book.

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## Mitchii says

Before I start let me get this thing out of my chest: I really, really dislike the cover (it's the graphic designer in me, sorry). It's already proven that part of purchase decision of a consumer relies on aesthetic appeal. Or at least that's my professor in **Consumer Psychology** told us. Anyway, I don't like the cover it doesn't give justice to what's inside of it: *a very interesting story*. I don't have high expectation when it comes to NA these days. They tend to be very repetitive. But this one, sure, here's another story of a broken girl; broken

by a traumatic past. And there's a guy who scared as hell to commit because of a promise he made to his good friend. And there's another guy who is too good to be true—but he is her teacher. Oh no! A forbidden affair you say? Nope, this is not teacher-student love affair. Technically is not. But that aside I liked what've just read! **Unmistakable** by Lauren Abrams is a well-written story.

I really liked Holden (the professor). He sounds so nice although things just went too fast to me. Although I do get why he was interested from the get-go. Stella was sarcastic, whiny girl. Am I annoyed? Sometimes, especially on how she dealt with Luke—the love of her life; who happened to be her TA in Holden's class. The details of the story were delivered gradually. At first I was wondering what made her flipped the living daylight out of her when she found out that Luke was her TA. Then enter flashback from three years ago. Luke and her brother, Jack were best of friends. And Luke made a promise to Jack. I have you know that little detail was told at the very end so if you're asking why Luke was being a huge pain in the ass majority of the time; it was because of that.

“Don't settle for mediocrity, Stella. Let love be a magnificent victory or a magnificent defeat. There's no in between when it comes to losing yourself, body and soul, to another person.” — Holden

I really liked her time with Holden. I liked their airplane ride and on how these ghosts from their past were still hunting them. I liked how they open up to each other. And with that peeps, yes, I prefer the yummy professor. Stella, however, was not. She was very firm on whom she really likes. If you think about it, it's really unfair for both of them to force her feelings for him. There were no fireworks as she described between her and Holden. As in Zero, zilch, nada. (But I do believe they have chemistry. But that's just me.).

There's no insta-love here. Knowing the guy she likes eliminates that dreaded factor. The major problem with me it wasn't smooth pacing for me. Holding back the details and then sprouting them every now and then didn't do it for me. But if I overlooked that, I can adamantly say that it is a good book. Can't wait to read Holden's story—to know answers to his airplane questions. And to know who this magical girl he was talking about.

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## **Aracely Alvarez says**

I loved the writing but the plot was a little funky. I didn't like Luke, and i hated that there was no chemistry with Holden. I would have preferred them together. There was something about this that just didn't do it for me.

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## **Keri says**

This book left me wanting... wanting I don't know what.. I just felt it was slow, scattered between the then and now. Skipped ahead and didn't really give an insight to the relationships. I don't know I felt it to be slow and then rushed.

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## **Jennifer Green says**

The only piece in this book that didn't work for me was the relationship with Holden when they arrived in San Francisco. I would have much preferred if they hadn't moved into the kissing and confession piece and had stayed firmly in the friends zone. Apart from that, I really enjoyed the banter between the characters and looooooved her bestie. I'm also a little confused by the title.

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## **Julia says**

This book was amazing as everything Lauren Abrams writes. She has a gift to create such real and loveable characters, it's impossible to not root for them. Her storytelling is so fresh, clean and intricate. When I read her books, I don't ever skip because every sentence is crafted to perfection.

The only thing I don't understand is why people rave about mediocre books and totally miss on such unforgettable and heart-warming stories as *Unmistakable*. I've been wondering why the bloggers don't review and recommend it to their followers.

I recommend this book to anyone who loves NA books with a fair balance of romance and suspense.

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## **CasPerfitz~SLiTsReaD says**

3.5 Stars!

I thought this was going to be a teacher-student romance novel... but it isn't really. After a traumatic incident, Stella is left physically and mentally damaged... one of her ways of coping was changing the way she looks, from a country club girl to a goth girl, from blond hair to black, black boots and all. After three years of struggling from her past, she is slowly able to put herself back in pieces. Then came her handsome psychology professor, Holden Evans... she finds him annoying but also a welcomed distraction. He made her almost forget Luke Dixon, her brother's best friend and the man who saved her life.... almost! But not quite. Specially since Luke just happens to be her TA.

I find Stella's character sarcastic, feisty, funny, and yeah at times irritating. And I felt bad with the way Luke would treat her. Though I find her character smart, when it comes to Luke, not so much. But I guess when your love is so extreme, everything else goes out the window. And you cannot say she gives up easily. I have to give her credit for that.

Luke is a bully, he is an ass when it comes to Stella. I liked him and didn't like him... well, to start with I just really didn't like him. The way he would hurt Stella, he'll go and tell her "you are infinitely beautiful" and then after he'd call her a "monster"... I mean what the hell!!!! Though at the end of the book, it is all explained the "why's" of the way he acted.

Now Holden on the other hand I really liked. I could not blame that he would get attracted to Stella... he finds her beautiful and smart and she challenges him.... plus they enjoy each others company. I like reading their scenes together. And I like that he is a no nonsense kind of guy.

The plot is quite interesting... it got me crying for the sad part. And it is edgy.

That said, I did feel like there was something amiss. Maybe it's cause I felt it ended in a rush? Still, it was an interesting read. It is written on Stella's POV... but, you will have a glimpse of Luke's POV at the end of the story.

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<http://slitsread.wordpress.com/2014/0...>

<https://www.facebook.com/SLiTsReaD>

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### **Rita says**

This just did not do it for me. Luke was an asshole of bullying proportions. I liked her and Holden's banter, but the chemistry wasn't there. The chemistry between her and Luke wasn't there either. This book did not get any blood pumping or heart pounding from me at all. Not really enthused with the writing. I probably will not read Holden's story.

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### **Anna says**

Don't judge a book by its cover. This one's a piece of goodness.

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### **Tara Humphrey says**

Another amazing book by Ms. Abrams. It was torture going through the rejections with Stella. It would be nice if there was a novella that showed there time as a couple more.  
I can't wait for the next book!

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### **Blue says**

Sorry it took me so long to get to this. Loved the writing. Haven't seen anything new from Lauren Abrams for a long time but would definitely read more by her.

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## **Gabriela Scheinberg says**

I was hooked by the amazing female lead. Stella is brilliant. Lovely! I sometimes wished sooo much there was an alternating POV but, alas... I loved it anyway. And then, when I flipped the last page: there it was. Luke's POV! Wonderful! Great book!

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## **Anna.E says**

I rate Unmistakable by Lauren Abrams 3.5 stars but because of the secondary characters I rounded it up to 4. My synopsis:

Three years ago Stella was involved in a terrible attack. She has built a new image for herself and is trying to get on with life, but the past catches up with her in the form of the incredibly sexy Luke. Now she has decisions to make and a past to reconcile.

The secondary characters in this book made it for me. I want a best friend like Izzy. I want to watch the duck people. I think I fell in love with Holden, he made me laugh but I also wanted to slap the backside of his head.

Unmistakable is full of angst, it had me laughing, crying and biting my lip in anticipation.

Both Stella and Luke frustrated the hell out of me. Although I loved Stella's sarcasm and bravery I felt if she was as smart as we are told, she would've seen what was in front of her eyes.

I found Luke's character very transparent and I didn't need the bonus chapter to understand him.

I found the sex scenes had no depth and did nothing for me. I didn't feel the characters' bond and they didn't make me hot. They definitely didn't seem earthshattering to me.

Despite all that I really enjoyed the book. My love for Stella grew as a character grew, and I am truly looking forward to reading Beholden and I hope that Stella has an active role in the book. I couldn't put Unmistakable down and I needed to know what was going to happen, if there would be a choice, and if so, what it would be.

A little bit of action, bit of drama, a heap of love, a tonne of miscommunication and masses of sarcasm, Unmistakable is a good read.

Please note that I got sent this book for free in the hopes that I would write a review, but it has been my pleasure to write a review and I do it not out of obligation but in the hopes of sharing it with you.

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