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Nine months ago, Sara Adams awoke with no memory. The man holding her hand told her she's a member of The Light, a tight-knit religious group led by the terrifying and charismatic Father Gabriel. As a woman in the community of The Light, her duty is to be unquestionably obedient and to submit to the will of her husband.

But as Sara's memory starts to return and she remembers her past, she sees that everything she's been told is a lie. The Light is an insidious and dangerous organization, and its corrupting influence reaches well beyond the confines of the remote campus where Sara is being held.

With everything at stake, Sara struggles to sort out her true memories from her indoctrination. The desire to escape consumes her, but who can she trust? And which other followers of The Light were forced into this life, brainwashed to believe they belonged? The more she remembers, the more it becomes clear that Jacob, the man who calls himself her husband, is keeping shattering secrets of his own.

But Sara cannot flee alone, leaving innocents behind. She must fight to extinguish The Light.

Away from the Dark Details

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Alp says

What just happened in the epilogue? What did it mean? Did the book really end like that?!

OH. MY. GOD! This book was crazily amazing. AMAZING!!! It made me feel various emotions. I was happy that Jacob and Sara were together, but at the same time, worried about their decision. I was so scared of what might happen to them if things went wrong. When they were in dangerous situations, I felt like my heart was going to jump out of my chest. But most of all, I was very angry with the bad guys and all the things they did to innocent people. And when I finished reading this book, the epilogue left me stunned, utterly speechless.

I can wholeheartedly say that Away from the Dark is hands down one of my most memorable reading experiences. While the first book was a bit predictable, this one was totally different. The plot was way beyond anything I could possibly imagine. Almost everything that happened in this book was unforeseeable. There were many unexpected twists and turns I never saw coming! To be honest, while reading this, I didn't even dare to guess what would happen in the next page.

I admired both Jacob and Sara for their determination, their bravery, and their strength. No matter what the outcome was, I think they did the best they could under the circumstances. And by the end, after all they had been through, I was truly happy for them that they eventually had their HEA. But that epilogue! Gosh, I want to know what really happened!

This was a great read, indeed. I can't praise it highly enough. If I could give it more than 5 stars, I would!

?*? Alicia ?*? says

5 Light & Dark Stars

When I read a novel I like it to have substance, drama, hot sex, suspense and intrigue. Well Aleatha Romig ticks all of those boxes with every book I have read of hers and

With this book and every book I have read from this fantastic author I am continually blown away at her ability to take you away to wherever she chooses and put you in the minds of her characters with ease. I loved the setting of the Northern light as it is a place that has always fascinated me.

I got a stomach virus while reading this and was sick as a dog but there was no way I was putting this book down. I found myself enjoying it much more than the first, maybe as all the formalities were already done. The character development is fantastic as the circumstances change and truths are revealed. Not much I can say without spoilers which is a bummer because there is so much I want to say.

When I got to that ending though!!!

Not sure about everyone else but the ending left me with some questions and a little confused.

It also leaves me to believe that there may be more coming in this series, as things are left unfinished and questions still not answered.

Even if this was the last of the series I would highly recommend the series to anyone :)

warhawke says

Genre: Romantic Suspense/Thriller

Type: Book 2 of 2 from The Light series

POV: First Person – Multiple

Rating:

After nine months of being under control of the religious cult, The Light, Sara Adams' repressed memories started to come back to her. With the memories came questions that might better left unanswered. Alone with no one to trust, including her own husband Jacob, she must deduce and decide the course of actions in liberating the truth.

As I did I realized what I'd probably already known— I'd already trusted Jacob with everything: my mind, body, and life.

Sara went through a lot both as member of The Light and as her true self. I love seeing the dilemma of her battling her two competing sides.

I didn't deserve her, and she didn't deserve this.

I like how Jacob took a lot of risks on what he believed in. He had a good balance in using both his head and heart in accomplishing what he set out for.

I love the suspense elements in this book. There were a lot of heart thumping excitement and I love all the cliffy chapters that lured me to keep reading.

However, I am not fond of the ending. It just didn't feel put together as well as what had been happening earlier. I didn't mind the direction it went. I just needed it to have more impact.

Away From The Dark is a story of a woman claiming back the life taken from her. I would appeal to fans of elaborately plotted suspense.

Books in the series:

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Meredith says

Away from the Dark is the second book in The Light Series. After reading Into the Light, I had high hopes for this book and it did not disappoint! I highly recommend reading Into the Light before reading Away from the Dark.

Away from the Dark picks up where Into the Light ended, with Jacob learning that Sara is missing. With the realization of her true identity, Sara/Stella is attempting to flee The Light. She seeks out the help of an outsider, Thomas, and puts herself in danger. With Jacob's help, she is rescued just in time. Once reunited, Jacob reveals his true identity to Stella. He gives her two choices: enter into witness protection or stay with him and help him bring down the light. Stella chooses the latter, but what she and Jacob are unaware of is that they are both in imminent danger.

After being summoned by Father Gabriel, Jacob and Stella travel out of the Northern Light to go to the Eastern Light. Father Gabriel separates the two, and has some scary plans for Stella. Once again, Stella is saved, but this time it's not Jacob who rescues her, but her former boyfriend, Dylan, who turns out to be crazier than Father Gabriel. Jacob and Stella now must fight to not only stay alive, but also to find their way back to one another.

Like Into the Light, Away from the Dark is packed with non-stop action, twists and turns, and romance. More is revealed about The Light, including a sub-group called The Shadows. I hope there will be additional books in the series, as I am not ready to move on!

I received an ARC of the book from NetGalley and Thomas & Mercer in exchange for an honest review.

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★ ½! Away from the Dark, book 2 of 2. The suspenseful conclusion filled with shockers, twists & set-backs in a quest for elusive truths & comforting lies!

Books in The Light duet should be read in order:

Book 1: Into the Light

Book 2: Away from the Dark

The Light duet is a suspenseful romantic thriller.

*In **Into the Light, book 1** we were introduced to a woman, Sara with amnesia caught in a religious cult, the Light while a reporter, Stella was investigating the disappearance of women in the city of Detroit. Both seeking truth and understanding, but being blinded by lies and deception.*

Away from the Dark, book 2 opens up to book 1's shocking ending. Sara, Jacob, Stella and Dylan's journey continue and becomes a race against time, away from the dark towards **revelation, understanding and truth.**

There is nothing more earth shattering than realizing that the **truth is so dangerous** it could get you killed. This is the conclusion filled with shockers, set-backs, twists and a battle of good versus evil.

It surprised, shocked and thrilled me. but most of all left me **reflecting on the illusions in life.** This is a duet and concludes their story. That said, I see the possibility of a sequel. *[wink wink] Aleatha you could title it **Within the Shadows or Beyond the Shadows!** ;)*

Sexual tension rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars

Plot rating: 5 stars

Dialogue rating: 5 stars

Storytelling rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: 4

Overall rating: 4.5 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Yes.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

ARC provided to me by author Aleatha Romig in exchange for an honest review.

Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

5 WOW Stars

Captivating.....

Intriguing.....

Thrilling.....

Emotional.....

Suspenseful.....

EPIC.....

Those words come to mind as I finished this book. From page one, (this books begins exactly where Into The Light ends) this book captivated and gripped me whole. I felt much anxiety and trepidation with every page I turned. It was suspenseful, emotional and I LOVED IT!!

This book deals with lies, truths, decisions that must to be made and trust that must be given. Sara and Jacob have come to a crossroad and everything is contingent as to whether they go to the right or to the left. The ending of Into The Light was OMG.....and the beginning of this story piggybacked the OMG feeling exponentially. I read while holding my breath- Away From The Dark is that kind of book- Suspenseful-NerveWracking-Loving-Mind Altering-Perfection!!

The Light, Father Gabriel, The Commission, The Assembly, The Followers, Dylan.....all play significant roles with Sara and Jacob. There are added elements, explanations and honesty, mystery and intrigue and added characters that all help to round out and strengthen the plot. There are so many moving factors that can derail and cause mishap that emotions are on high alert throughout the story. It's truly a thrilling and captivating read.

Lastly, this book deals with a lot secrecy and to enjoy to the fullest, one MUST not know anything. The blurb is sufficient in my opinion. Any little nuance or suggestion might tip you off one way or another. And really you should experience breath holding at its finest with this story. This book is part of a duet. You MUST read Into The Light before reading this one. This duet is for readers who love to question, think, gasp and wonder. It will keep your mind constantly analyzing good verses evil and truth verses lies. This duets offers it all and will make you think for days.....especially with that Epilogue!!!

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Chelsea Humphrey says

While difficult, I'm attempting to keep this review completely spoiler free in regards to books #1&2 in The Light series. This being book 2, you are either just now hearing about this addicting series and need to immediately rush out and grab Into the Light, or you've read book #1 and are about to start/just finished Away from the Dark (yay! that's this book!). Either way, you're in for a treat, and I can't stress enough how fantastic this series is. While I originally thought this was just going to be a duology, I'm now wondering if she left this the way it is with the intent of coming back to it at a later date? I wouldn't call it a cliffhanger; just an open ending, but more on that later.

This book picks up directly where Into the Light left off, and even though you wouldn't want to, (because book #1 was fantastic and you'd be missing loads of details that make these books as good as they are) you could almost pick this one up and be filled in on all the major happenings of book #1. The first 35-40% of the book is setting up "the grand finale" and convincing Sara to "extinguish The Light". I know, **VAGUE VAGUE VAGUE** but it's for your own good. If you read book #1 you know exactly what I'm talking about. I'll admit, the pacing was a little slower to begin with in this book, but once it took off I couldn't put it down. I just love the characters in these books; even though at times it's cheesy and unrealistic, I can't help but get sucked into their world and become attached. **I LOVE CULT THEMED BOOKS.** Call me twisted, but it has always fascinated me, especially due to my inquisitive mind always trying to pin point how a few humans can convince a group to follow their mentality. There has been some fantastic cult-related fiction released in 2016, but these books take the cake. The romantic aspect is a huge draw as well, as its not overly mushy or erotic, which just adds to the plot instead of distracting from the action.

I'll admit that the ending went in a completely different direction than I expected, which is always a good thing! Two separate characters who I felt were just minor and necessary for specific motivations turned out to be major characters who I'd like to see come back and continue the story (come on Aleatha!!! Don't leave us hanging!) Again, for those who are thinking "I don't want to start another series that will just leave me unsatisfied and hanging in the end"; don't. I can't go into detail but it's not that kind of ending. There was closure on multiple levels, and the ending could be left alone perfectly fine if she chooses. This was just an ending that left the option of coming back in the future. Clearly you can tell which side of the fence I fall on, but I will respect her wishes if she so chooses to never touch these characters again. *sniff sniff* Highly recommended to cult fiction and thriller fanatics; this one isn't just marketed to ladies! I know many of my Goodreads buddies have read both already, and the reviews are turning out to be just as fabulous for this one as they were for the first. Well done, and I'll be looking for more from author Aleatha Romig.

***I received my copy from the publisher via InkSlinger PR in exchange for a review on the Away From the Dark blog tour. Many thanks for my copy and hoping this one receives all the attention it so richly deserves!**

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

5 Brilliant Stars

Such a brilliant story.I'm still proceeding what happened in this series.Aleatha Romig is such a talented

author. For one more time I was speechless!! Away From The Dark was an incredible mix of suspense, action and twists. The story was compelling and captivating and I read it so fast.

The characters were so well developed. Jacob was smart, protective and strong. Sara was an interesting character. She went through so many things still she wanted to help. There were some emotional and intense moments between them and I loved them.

The epilogue left me wondering if will have more books in this series.!!! Overall it was a fantastic and unique story!! I highly recommend it!!

Shelby *trains flying monkeys* says

I'm going to do my best to not go spoilery on the first book in this series, because that stuff was good and you need to read it.

Sara's memory has returned once she stopped her 'birth control' pills and Jacob finds out that she has left The Northern Light with another pilot. She realizes that The Light ain't all it's cracked up to be.

That whole follow Father Gabriel stuff and obeying everything your husband says can NOT be loads of fun.

Jacob finds her and the rescue is on. Turns out she picked the wrong guy to escape with. Jacob comes clean to her once he realizes that her memories are back and they profess their lovey dovey stuff.

Sara has a decision to make though and one of them is: Does she go back to the Kool aid drinkers for the greater good?

It's hard being brainwashed.

Jacob and Sara both feel that the evil Father Gabriel is not going to give up his army of worshippers very easily though. He has to have the old Jim Jones plan somewhere up his sleeve.

I LOVE these books, they throw in enough of the whole cultish thing that keeps me turning pages faster than Tom Cruise can whip out the crazy.

Shaddup Tom!

Pam says

5 the shadows, the light and the dark, oh my stars

Sara Adam's rose colored glasses has fallen and now deceit is in everywhere she sees. Lost in her own head, she is trying to figure out who to trust, denial is a serious bitch, while picking apart the reality of her life. The only thing that is certain is that she needs to *run*, as far away as she can and pray that someone will find her and believe her.

Jacob Adam's is about to risk everything he's worked for to keep his wife safe from harm, even if it means becoming the monster she fears most.

Stella Montgomery never imagined just how deep and twisted this story ran. But now she's been given a choice, fight or run...she just hopes that what ever she decides it'll keep her alive.

Away from the Dark takes off where *Into the Light* left off; and I can only describe my reading experience as explosive. A lot of heightened emotions and suspense, you never know what is going to happen next or what new truth will be revealed. This was a much faster paced read, completely sucked me into the mystery of it all. This is the second and final installment of The Light duet, which is told from multiple POV, making it easier to process all the information coming at you.

I'm so happy Jacob and Sara's story didn't get lost in the fold, in my eyes it only made them stronger. I loved how their relationship wasn't immature, they managed to make choice decisions with little to no added drama. It's a sick and twisted world they live in, where the desire for simplicity and security is exploited by greed and power.

Honestly it wouldn't be right to divulge anymore, this is just something you have to jump into and let the story take you away. While the story may have ended, I don't think this is the last we will see of the shadows, it's just too big to keep in the dark. Hope you take a chance and enjoy this something new. Take it for what it is and try not to over think it, after all it is only fiction....*right!?!?*

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***Quotes above are taken from the version of the book I received and may differ from published edition.

Christy says

4 stars!

After I finished *Into the Light* earlier this year, I was blown away and so ready for the sequel. When this hit my kindle, I dove in, ready to see what was going to happen with Sara. A huge bomb was dropped and I had to see how it was going to turn out. I have to say, I love the direction Aleatha took with this story. There were so many parts that left me a nervous wreck, just waiting to see what would happen. I couldn't tell how this would turn out, but it was a page turner till the very end.

In the first book, we got the povs of Sara, Stella and Jacob. I loved seeing how everything tied together. How certain people were involved... By the end of this book I was in awe of how everything connected. I am really hoping that this series is continued. I know Sara and Jacob's story concluded, but there are loose ends and things that I need to know. I would be thrilled if another book was written.

Away from the Dark was just as thrilling, suspenseful and mysterious as the first. The romantic element was a bit stronger, and I loved that! I enjoyed this series a lot. The characters are complex and the story, intriguing. I highly recommend this series/book!

Arah-Lynda says

Most of us, I think, already have at least a passing awareness of Jonestown and the Branch Davidians of Waco, Texas. At least enough to know that there is never an easy way out once you are taken into the fold of a cult. I'm sure too that most of us have heard of the brainwashing techniques and the all too real necessity for deprogramming individuals exposed over time to these rituals.

And BAM! just like that this book picks up right where *Into the Light* left off.

If you have not as yet read *Into the Light* then you must start there but for the purposes of this brief review I shall avoid any and all spoilery type stuff.

That said, man oh man, is it ever difficult to know who to trust here and not being sure of the answer to that vital question leaves the reader on the edge of their seat, wondering and worrying about betrayal and false friends.

Sara is getting her memory back. She knows that she has been lied to not just by Father Gabriel and other members of The Light but clearly also by her husband. As she tries to come to grips with what has happened to her, she realizes that she cannot simply walk away from all the others who have also been duped and abused. In order to help them Sara knows that she must put herself into the very hands of those who would toss her away like so much trash, without a second thought.

The pace of this story stays as relentless as it did in the previous book, but I confess that I had to suspend belief more here than I did in the first offering. Not that that was a big show stopper for me because by then I was completely invested in this story and its outcome.

.And speaking of the outcome, thankfully this one does not end in a cliff-hanger. *Away from the Dark* has more of an open ending while still letting the reader know the fate of the principal characters, but leaving ripe opportunity for the author to keep this series going.

Could be it is time to enter the world of shadows. Either way; Do not drink the Kool-Aid!!

So Aleatha, If you write it, I will read it.

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

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AWAY FROM THE DARK is the final part of Aleatha Romig's thrilling duet series and concludes wonderfully the dramatic events of INTO THE LIGHT. Told in the first person narrative and alternating perspectives this second part continues to demonstrate this author's ability to weave an intriguing, multifaceted romantic thriller, one that captured my imagination and ensured I was utterly invested in the protagonist's survival and success.

Indoctrination is at the heart of this story, along with power, misguided belief, manipulation, greed and love. The level of detail and the layers this author wound around the plot, whilst simultaneously ensuring that the arc of the story is thoroughly character driven, is really quite incredible.

INTO THE LIGHT kept me on the edge of my seat and equally, AWAY FROM THE DARK had my attention gripped as the story arc continued to unfold in fascinating detail imparting all the intricacies and allowing the puzzle pieces to fall into place with clarity.

To ensure that I do not spoil this story in any way this is as much information as I wish to impart. Will the light and the evil that surrounds it be fully extinguished? There is only one way to find out. Read and soak up this dramatic, intense and really quite wonderful romantic thriller, a reading experience I highly recommend.

My review thoughts for INTO THE LIGHT-->

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Kaceey - Traveling Sister says

I don't know who to trust!

The action literally picks up where book one left off.

Let me start by saying you MUST read book one first. It felt like one long book cut in half. The tension remained off the chart! I won't divulge any details regarding the story-line as to not give anything away. Just know it was as riveting as the first book. I wanted to yell at the characters NO! DON'T DO IT!

Absolutely crazy. I am mentally exhausted from a weekend of reading both books in this series. How crazy is it to say I need a vacation from reading!! Lol! NOT!!!

Don't make me beg - I need a book 3! (Please!) What about the shadows?

Kool-aid anyone?

Candace says

I received a complimentary ARC of this book from the publisher, through Netgalley.com, in exchange for honest feedback.

Aleatha Romig is one of my favorite authors. Ever since reading 'Consequences', I one-click anything she writes. She's never let me down. Her books always mess with my mind and tear me up inside in the best possible way. She has a way of making me question all of the things that I thought I knew, obliterating any clear sense of right and wrong. She makes me explore those gray areas, where things aren't always clear-cut.

While 'Into the Light' was full of questions and mystery, 'Away from the Dark' is full of answers. The pieces of the puzzle slowly piece themselves together, providing a comprehensive view of "The Light". However, some truths are more terrifying than the lies.

As Sara's memories come back to her, she is faced with the grim reality of her situation. She is fully aware of the evil that surrounds her, but powerless to stop it. Trying to save herself only lands her in greater danger, forcing her to rely upon the very man that she's trying to escape.

Regardless of the situation, Sara fell in love with Jacob. After his true identity is revealed to Sara, they both struggle to come to terms with what that means for them. Can you really love an illusion? Does the end justify the means? Both Sara and Jacob do a lot of soul-searching in this book.

Admittedly, the book started a little slow for me. It went back in time a little to provide a more complete description of the events leading up to Sara's escape at the end of the first book. While that information was critical, it killed me to be moving back in time versus forward. I was dying to know how everything would work out and patience isn't a strength of mine.

That being said, once things started to move forward, I could not put it down. I literally fell asleep with my iPad on my chest and woke up in the middle of the night when it fell over and smacked me in the face, nearly breaking my nose! It is one of those books.

There were some twists and turns along the way. The suspense was incredible. Even the revelation of things that were known to readers at the end of the first book, seemed shocking - again - as Sara discovers them for the first time. I could feel the betrayal and heartache as if they were tangible.

As is the norm for Ms. Romig, the characters and storyline are extremely well-developed. The plot was complex and brilliant. The ending gave me chills.

If you love a story that is a little dark and full of suspense, this is a fantastic choice. I won't give it away, but it is sooo worth it. I absolutely loved this unique story.
