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**Her entire life she has feared her power and its connection to her mother's murder.**

When Vivian Cartwright was five years old, she witnessed her mother's death. Now, sixteen-year-old Vivian only wants a normal life, hard to accomplish when you possess the power to control energy.

She has kept her ability a secret from everyone except her guardian, Charlotte, who has hidden Vivian from the man responsible for her mother's murder. Her secret is safe until Vivian defends herself at school using her power.

After this first use of her gift in many years, Vivian's power seems to take on a mind of its own, increasing in strength and demanding to be used. This increase in power also brings dreams of her mother's death and the mysterious man associated with it.

In her desire to unlock her past, Vivian is forced to use her supernatural gift over and over. With each use, Vivian fears she is losing control and discovers her powers are growing—maybe too much—bringing her unknowingly closer to the man who murdered her mother.

## **Vivid Details**

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## From Reader Review Vivid for online ebook

### Melanie S says

I am reviewing a gift copy of this book; the opinion expressed is mine alone. I'm a little older than Vivian, the high school junior heroine of Vivid, but from the very beginning of Andrea Murray's novel, I was THERE. High school, popularity problems, cliques, ostracism, boys who ignored you, boys who annoyed you - Murray's sharp and focused first-person narrative captures and entralls, making the reader and Vivian one, and Vivian's experiences become the reader's own. By the time the paranormal elements of the story manifest, readers will be down the rabbit hole right along with her, as her secret abilities and hidden past history are revealed to her, her only friend, her first boyfriend, and finally, inevitably, to the world. The consequences of that revelation are the catalyst for the dramatic finale of the book, and the set-up for the next book of the trilogy. I refuse to do spoilers, so no more plot details, but know that this is YA paranormal fantasy at its bizarre best. Incisive, bold, and fast-paced, with a heroine whose metamorphosis from introspective teen outcast, through vengeful vigilante, and on to the purposeful survivor of her own private holy war - Vivid is as brilliant and mesmerizing as the title suggests.

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### Isis says

I was lucky enough to receive a PDF of this book in exchange for an honest review, so here goes. . .

Approximately the first half of the book is spent introducing the main characters and building their back-stories in order to create the present day. Vivian is the main protagonist, but she is joined by some of her support team, including her Aunt Charlotte, her best friend Abby, and her romantic interest, Easton. This is all understandable, yet it keeps the book from grabbing my complete attention from the very beginning.

Vivian has a vivid memory of the night her mother died, leaving her alone at a very young age. Luckily for Vivian her Aunt Charlotte came to her rescue, changing her own life in order to suddenly raise a child. The two women have a very close bond, with Vivian essentially thinking of Aunt Charlotte as her mother. Since Aunt Charlotte heard what Vivian had to say about the night that her sister died, plus some of the reports of what the scene looked like, she was well aware of Vivian's 'gift.' She encouraged Vivian to keep her abilities to herself and to never use them again, something Vivian was able to do until a specific incident at school.

Tricia is the queen bee at the high school Vivian & Abby attend and makes an excellent antagonist. She has a particular dislike for Vivian, and Abby by extension. Her dislike escalates to hate when it becomes clear that Easton likes Vivian and not Tricia, who had her sights set on him. Almost every girl that has survived high school had their own Tricia, making her character completely authentic.

One day Tricia sets the girls up to be humiliated and physically hurt in the middle of their lunch period. When Vivian sees what Tricia has planned and how it will hurt Abby something inside of her just snaps, and she ends up using her power against the giant girl Tricia had in place to hurt them. Vivian is lucky enough that no one really sees what happens between the two girls.

At this point the action really picks up and it is difficult not to race through the remainder of the book. Though the characters are mostly relatable, there are one or two things that just don't quite ring true for me. It is because of those details and the slow start that I gave the book three stars. If I could I would give it 3.5

stars, but until that is possible I am going to stick with my initial reaction to the book.

That being said, I certainly think that a sequel has great potential to maintain a consistent story arc. One that will potentially have the reader from cover to cover, keeping them from getting anything else accomplished until they've finished the book.

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### **Skaist? says**

This one was one of these books that catch you from the first sentence and doesn't let go. It was as easy to read it as to breathe. I eagerly turned pages and haven't noticed how I read most of the story.

I loved it how Vivian told her story. It was so fun and made me smile. It was like close friend telling you their story. And I loved Easton. He seems such a perfect guy. It's almost hard to believe he is real, but yet here he is.

I enjoyed reading this book. It was fun and sad, intense and real. In the end I'm left with secrets I want to be revealed and questions about how the story goes on and what happens next. I would love to read sequels.

I was given this book in exchange for honest review (David Estes Fans and YA Book Lovers Unite! group and the author).

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### **Brittney says**

This is such an amazing book! I absolutely love it. The author, Andrea Murray, is such an amazing author. I'm so honored that she is my teacher. Vivid has to be in my top 10 books. I absolutely love Vivian and Easton together!

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### **Alwaysreadingbooks - Reading Drinking and Relaxing says**

I was give this book for my honest review

This book was really good it had me on the end of my seat, I read it from start to finish in a couple of hours, that's just how much I enjoyed it. I loved the fact that you had this outsider name Viv who had these powers that she never knew existed or how to use them. She meets and falls for the jock name Easton who in turn falls for her also, the little things that were wrong with her and what she thought might make him run from her only made him like her more. Viv had this friend name Abby who wanted to fit in so bad with the popular group that she was willing to turn her back on Viv and belittle her.

When Viv really gets into her powers than everything breaks loose and she is once again being hunted by the very people that her mom and her aunt tried to protect her from. This was a good read and I look forward to starting the next installment in this trilogy

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## Amy says

\*I was provided a free copy of this book for an unbiased review\*

This was a good book, but to be honest it reminded me a lot of Hush, Hush and I had trouble reading it because I had to read it suddenly and I was in the middle of reading Hush, Hush and kept getting the two mixed up. It could be just me. Plus the names Elliot from Hush, Hush and Easton from this book made my confusion worse for a while. There are differences of course, but in my head they got tangled.

There are differences and those are what make this book what it is of course. There is of course The powers that Vivian has and her trouble with them and her past. The mysterious people/organization out to get her and the troubles of being a teenager in High School. It is a pretty good book, but It wasn't super stellar. It wasn't a waste of my time, and that is always a good thing.

Plus you have to like a book that has the line: "The butterflies in my stomach feel like pterodactyls."

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## Katie Jones says

This was a great book. All of the characters are perfectly brought into the story. Love how Vivian ended up able to control her powers. This was my first book by this author and I plan to read the rest of the series!

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## Shirley says

*I received a copy of this book for an honest review.*

I have been waiting awhile to read this book. I was so excited when a R4R came up for this book and immediately jumped on board. I was very happy once I finished it and it lived up to my expectations.

Vivan is your average girl with not so average powers. She just wants to go to school and not have to worry about bullies but doesn't get her wish once she is assigned as popular boy/crush Easton's tutor. He has a bitchy girlfriend named Tricia who goes out of her way to make Vivian's life hell. Things start to happen and well I can't say what but it starts our story.

Can I say how much I loved Vivian and Easton together. Vivian was such a real girl. She goes through it in this book with all the drama and still finds strength to protect those she cares about even if the kind of betray her like her stupid best friend Abby. Abby pissed me off in this book. I would not have saved her ass but that's just me. Anyway. I suggest everyone read this. I Loved it!!!!

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## Tony Fecteau says

I enjoyed the parts of the book that dealt with the powers that Vivian manifested. I did not enjoy the High

School drama portrayed in the book (had too much of that in high school myself). The story flow was nice and fast when dealing with the topic of the powers. We shall have to wait and see what happens to Vivian in the next book.

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### **Tiffany says**

I enjoyed Vivid. I truly loved the ending the best. I kept waiting for the other shoe to drop and what a shoe it was. I can't wait to see where it goes from here.

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### **Athena says**

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for an honest review

I liked the story very much..And I would have rated higher, but I didn't like the gaps between some points..In one page, Vivian was in a scene with Easton or her aunt or Abby and in the next, she was elsewhere alone, sleeping and dreaming about her mum..

I enjoyed Vivian's character..She's fun but responsible...Drowning in guilt sometimes..Loyal..Determined..Smart...Besides the supernatural element, I found myself relating to her and her reactions..

Easton surprised me..I didn't expect him to be the nervous, not-so-sure guy, but I really enjoyed that aspect of him, as well..

Abby, on the other hand...Let's just say that betrayal and disloyalty don't sit well with me, even when she makes up for it later...

Generally speaking, I recommend the book and I would love to read the next books, too..There's a lot we don't know and we need answers...

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### **Maria Dodd says**

I was given this book in exchange for an honest review via Lovers of Paranormal.

I was torn between 4 and 5 stars rating. It is a very good book and I enjoyed reading it.

I would like to have seen a bit more of Vivian experimenting and learning how to use her powers. She seemed to be suddenly extremely proficient. Aunt Charlotte came across as a lovely person and more of her family story would have been good. I liked the flashbacks of Vivian's mother but we still don't really know what happened or why.

It was a well written story and the characters well formed. The plot moves along steadily and fills in more emotional facts along the way. Had the more technical facts, as I previously mentioned, also been filled in I

think I would have gone with the 5 star rating - I needed just that bit more.

A good book that I would recommend.

I look forward to reading the next book to find out more.

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### **Sheena says**

I received a copy of this book through the Quirky Blind Date with a Book in exchange for a fair and honest review.....this is a young adult paranormal story set in the real world or more precisely set in a high school ...consequently the story contains all the angst associated with that type of environment .. this is just the beginning of a journey of discovery for Viv a super smart, strong girl with super powers ...she is surrounded by jealous bullies but this time the bullies may have met their match as she fights back with a bit more power than expected..

There is also a cast of wonderful people who love and support Viv... apart from her surrogate mother, Charlotte, there is Abby, her best friend, Easton, a gorgeous baseball jock and her love interest and his funny and loyal friend Coop... I am so looking forward to reading more about all of these awesome individuals in the books that follow...

I loved the descriptions of the characters and whether good or bad they all felt credible to me.....Written from Viv's point of view her observations add humour to the story ...she has special powers which are starting to increase and although at times they prove useful they are also a cause of friction with those she relies upon the most.....I did think that Viv had a tendency to judge people in a way that she deplored in others for example being condescending about a student with poor grades and without giving too much away I felt, at times, she used her powers for personal gain rather than for good.....

That said I did think this was an original and enthralling story and OMG what an ending ...just when it seems everything is falling into place everything gets turned around and I was left reeling as the book closed on a cliffhanger of all cliffhangers....

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### **2OCC Reviews says**

I really like the cover of this book. It has an Erie feel to it and once I read the description I was instantly intrigued. Murder and magic powers..... yes please.

Vivian was pretty down to earth and didn't like confrontation. She was a typical high school girl but at the same time she was a lot more. I did like her character.

This was mainly about the heroine and yes we have Easton, who wasn't your typical jock. Yes there was some romance, but it's as much as a take YA book has.

Being that this story is YA, I (personally) had a hard time connecting with the characters. The writing was good and the plot was interesting, but I felt that the characters were somewhat immature. That is the reason I

don't like YA unless it is more of an adult type story. This book didn't even have the F word in it!

Overall, I really tried to love this book, and I liked the plot but I had a really hard time connecting with the characters. With the cliffhanger I am interested in seeing what happens. 3-3.5 stars #2OCCJD

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### **Mr. Page says**

I received a free ebook in exchange for an honest review.

Vivid by Andrea Murray initially feels like comfort food for teen girls. It relies on so many conventions: the brainy protagonist (Vivian) who possesses sardonic wit and is only appreciated by those with the noblest qualities, the feisty sidekick, the surrogate mother who has sacrificed all due to the tragic and mysterious deaths of the protagonist's parents, the love interest who is handsome and athletic yet surprisingly sensitive and enlightened, and of course the antagonist: mean-girl-by-the-numbers, Trista. The plot unfolds with the usual high school drama and the pacing works, even when we know this story all too well. But we don't really, not completely anyway. Vivian possesses powers that she doesn't understand and while even this isn't all that original; the powers are pretty cool. The book comes alive at the climax and hints at a more compelling story to come in the sequels. Vivid is perhaps a warm up where Murray has done the heavy lifting with the characters. I think my female students will want to continue with Vivian's plight for at least two more books.

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