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“Now that is a beautiful sight.”

I whip around, instantly covering myself with my arms. “What are you doing here?” I scream. “Get out!” “Aw, don’t tell me you’re a shy one. I didn’t peg you for that.” Bastien grins as he throws his leg over a rock and settles in for what appears to be an annoyingly lengthy time.

Using one arm, I swim as quickly as I can away from the center of the pool and head straight for the rocks. Bastien seems completely unphazed by my rising fury and he grins down at me. He does however reach out to retrieve my dagger from the pile of clothes he’s perched beside.

“Have you no decency?” I growl through chattering teeth. If I don’t get out soon I’ll risk hypothermia, but there’s no way I’m going to give Bastien the satisfaction of seeing me naked.

Twirling the dagger in his hand, he appears to contemplate my question. “I suppose this might seem a bit forward of me, but I thought you might like to know it’s time to go.”

“Fine. Message received. Leave now!”

He leans over the edge, peering down at me. “And miss all the fun? I think not.”

Illyria has never known a life without the Rebellion.

Instinct.

Survival.

Nothing else matters...until she ventures out into unknown territory and is faced with an enemy that proves even more fierce and determined than she ever thought.

Bastien is infuriating, dangerous and annoyingly gorgeous. Eamon is familiar, comforting and turning into a man before her eyes. Both want her heart...but she is torn between duty and desire. When her choice affects all of mankind, how can she allow herself to be selfish?

There is a power within her that can change everyone’s fate...but she underestimated the most potent force on Earth—love. Illyria must discover if she has the strength to sacrifice her heart to save mankind.

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Julia - The Romance Bibliophile says

"Defiance Rising" was a fantastic dystopian YA novel that I thoroughly enjoyed! I loved that Amy Miles was able to incorporate romance, humor, sarcasm, action, drama, and suspense. Sometimes, however, I could do without love triangles; they're so freaking frustrating! I loved the characters, especially Illyria and Bastien. They are so similar and complement each other well. I'm totally Team Bastien, by the way:) Overall, "Defiance Rising" was an awesome dystopian YA novel that I believe many people would love!

Tammy "Z Girl" says

OMG, that is all I can say!! Awesome story and love the characters. Soooo frustrated....ultimate triangle...still thinking about how this one ended. I'm ALL about Bastien...sigh

Sharon Mariampillai says

Actual Rating: 4.5

This is a fantastic read. There were a lot of action-packed scenes. I loved dystopians just like this book, Divergent, and The Hunger Games. The story was great, but the ending could use some more work.

The characters were well-developed and well-written. My favourite character is Bastien. I am in love with him. He is definitely boyfriend material. Can't wait to read the rest of the trilogy. Overall, an amazing read.

Ariel says

So yea... 3.8 then.

When I first started reading I was like wow! This is going to be great. I'm going to love it. Then I kept reading and small things started to mess that up. Then bigger things made it even worse.

The idea is great. Everything about it. The execution not so much. The relationship with Illyria and Bastien wasn't played out right. I was voting for Eamon though, but the way he started acting gave me issues.

The way she just up and changed was a major problem. Same with Bastien. I just wish everything would've played out slower. Would've been phenomenal if it had. The relationships shouldn't have escalated so quickly.

I don't understand her parents thing. Said everyone is made with a soulmate, but their union was forbidden. Why? Other than not wanting her to be born? Were they like her and Bastien? Is Kyan telling the truth and how does he know. And then who's Bastien's soulmate then?

Zara Lethallan says

This book is action packed, you get thrown into the thick of things right off the bat. I was so happy and giddy while reading this book. I could not stay away from it. I carried it through the house with my nose glued to the world this author created.

Seriously guys, I was reading and walking through the house along with reading it while doing laundry. (very slowly in fact)

I am totally in love with Bastien, he was a man after my own heart. His character was built so perfectly. I was blushing and giggling like a school girl during his scenes.

I would shout out during the book when curtain events happened. Causing my lovely fiance to think I was crazy.

There is a emptiness in my heart now that the book is over, and I want more. Need more. No complaints on this book, besides I was not very happy with the ending. I was totally rooting for it to finish another way,, but it just eggs me on more in wanting to read the next one to see what is going to happen.

{This book was in my personal reading list.}

Jodi says

●"I hear things," I say. "Whispers in my mind." "What do they say?" "Sometimes it's hard to tell. They are usually a jumble in my mind, but sometimes, late at night I can hear them when I'm trying to sleep." "Any other time?" I tuck my legs up to my chest. "I hear them when I'm about to lose control. They cheer for me."

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Let's get to the point: If you love crazy, epic, powerful, kicking-butt heroines then you're in for a treat. If you love aliens who are advanced, hot, who take over plus destroy the whole friggin world then please, indulge yourself. In fact, while you're at it why don't you grab a cup of tea and munch on a brownie as you read about your world falling into chaos with families screaming as they run for their lives. And finally, if you love mushy, emotional, uncontrollable and irrational love triangles then wow. You are an interesting human being. While I observe your odd ludicrous need for romantically involved characters who are supposed to be preparing for battle so they don't all die and become nonexistent (no one blames you, it is completely understandable), please, grab this book and take a seat. You are in for a roller coaster adventure.

Ruthi Kight says

I am a huge fan of dystopian novels. HUGE! I loved Divergent, The Hunger Games, and Born, so when I heard about this book, by Amy Miles, I knew that I had to read it and find out why everyone was raving about it. Boy, am I glad that I did!

I'll admit, the beginning started off slow, but as the world was built, brick by brick, I fell in love with the story. The characters are normally what keeps me coming back, page after page, and this time was no different. BUT, the world and what caused their society to crumble, was what really blew my mind.

The author's voice is clear and concise. The action is mind boggling and well thought out. I actually felt like I was watching it in my mind's eye. I was enamored with the world and the characters. Especially Bastien...*sigh*

What would a good YA/NA novel be without the prerequisite love triangle? It was there, but not in the common way that you've seen in say...Twilight. No, this one was heart breakingly beautiful. AND it had a purpose. It wasn't just there to take up space, which is something that more authors should incorporate when they pit characters against each other.

The ending broke my heart though. I wanted to reach out and grab Bastien and keep him by my side. I would say more...but that would give it all away. Just let me say this: it may start off slow, but WOW you will be blown away as you get deeper and deeper!

Amy Miles has a new fan in me! I'm now going to start reading her other series as well. I have a feeling that it will be just as beautiful as Defiance Rising!

Jen says

I'm teetering between a 3 and a 4. On one hand it was exciting, full of action and had me engaged from the beginning. On the other hand, the dreaded love triangle was there as well as a willfully stubborn girl that put everyone else at risk because she couldn't help being an impulsive daredevil. Not to mention that she had 2 hot guys fighting over her. Did I mention that she discovers that she is the most powerful person in the world and it's her job to save the world from invading aliens?

Despite some of the cliches in the story, I was drawn to the intensity of Bastien and Illyira's feelings towards each other. There was enough tension and drama to keep me interested but I didn't like how Illyira toyed with Eamon and Bastien's emotions because she couldn't make up her own mind. Kudos to the author for good writing and an exciting fast paced read with at least one character that left me sizzling (I love brooding hot guys) but Illyira was hard to stomach sometimes. I think this book is a 3.5 though I bumped it up to 4 because I have a thing for Bastien :)

Stephanie Wallace says

I loved this Trilogy - not so fond of the ending (but that's just because I wanted more, not because it's not well written). Book 2 was my least favorite of the 3 but I still rated it with 4 stars. There are some editing issues in all three of the books but nothing that really detracts from the story itself. When I started this series it was because book 1 was free iBooks but I quickly fell in love with Roseline and her desire for "freedom". I'm a sucker for a good "immortal" tale and enjoyed that this one was written for a young adult audience and remained primarily PG-13 (not counting blood & guts). I loved Enael - I know crazy since he's not a main character but he, Gabriel, and Roseline were my favorite characters in the book. If you like vampire stories, this is a great series and I would highly recommend reading it!

Amy Miles says

This was the first book that I've ever tried to publish. It was the culmination of two years of hard work while trying to fight through the slush piles on agent's desks. Then I heard about how you could self publish on

kindle and voila. Illyria, Eamon and Bastien have finally been given the life they deserved!

It's a book that is very close to my heart since it's my first. My second book series, *Forbidden*, is doing well and I know I've improved greatly as a writer...but my soft spot for *Defiance Rising* still fights that this is a great story line.

I would love for you to give it a try. It's action packed, filled with love angst and a the decision Illyria must make to follow her heart or fight to save her people.

I hope you enjoy it!

Nereid says

I have not read anything by this author before but that is all about to change. What a great story, full of action, adventure and romance though the love triangle was a little frustrating. How do you choose between your best friend and a man who gives you a reason to live? Well throw in a little prophecy, save the world type pressure and life is about to get very interesting for Illyria. Great supporting cast of characters with their own quirks who are along for the ride called Destiny. I would have liked the ending to have turned out differently but I am keeping my fingers crossed for the next book in the series, what can I say - I am a romantic at heart.

LeAnn says

"Logically I know I'm facing down death, but I can't explain why I'm unafraid. No, I am more than that. I am mysteriously confident." - Illyria

Amy Miles' new book is packed with action and adventure, along with a steamy love triangle that will surely keep you on the edge of your seat. I was hooked from the first sentence and was sucked into a world where aliens have taken over the planet. The remaining humans must hide out in the mountains to avoid detection or face certain death.

When the main girl, Illyria, goes into "The City", she meets a human boy, Bastien, hiding amidst the aliens. His sarcasm and wit immediately draws you in and it's easy to see why she can't stop thinking about him.

"Where are my clothes?"

"Back at the lake. I plan to go back for them once I know you're alright."

"Did you look?" I demand.

He smirks. "Now wouldn't you like to know?"

Their infectious banter makes you laugh and you can't help but fall in love with him, just a little bit ;)

Then on the other end of the love triangle is Eamon who has known Illyria since they were just babies. They've grown up together, surviving out in the caves they call home and he is more like a brother to her, but he feels differently. He is really sweet and protective of her and we see how hard it is for her to choose which guy to go for (even though I'm yelling at her to pick Bastien).

It was easy to connect with Illyria because you can understand her inner struggles and she's also a very strong and confident individual, which I love. No damsel in distress here! Gotta love that girl power.

When new powers, alien allies, and a prophecy come into play, Illyria's world is turned upside down and she must do everything in her power to save her friends, but keep what's festering inside of her under control at the same time. You better grab a snack and get comfortable because you won't want to put this book down. It's a great start to a new series and I really look forward to reading the next book, Relinquish, which is scheduled to come out fall of 2013.

Inda says

AWAAAAAAAWWAIAWAWA!!!!!! Well....now that I have that off my chest ;) This book was so frustratingly awesome words can't describe. I was hooked from the first page and was never let go. Every page had you either laughing, in tears, or wanting to smack the author for the ending. I reallllllllllllllllllllllllllll want there to be a solution to the situation between Bastien and Illyria. I am so team Bastien it's not even funny. Destiny sucks big time in this book. And when I mean big time, I'm talking want to rip your hair out of your scull just to focus on something other than being absolutely furious with stupid prophesied love. If I were the heroine in this book I would be like " F you destiny, the heart wants what the heart wants" and be done with the whole thing. But this is a book, I'm not the heroine nor the author so what I want doesn't really matter. But a girl has to have her own opinion right ;-) Anyways, this book was the bomb and I recommend it to anyone who can read!

Melissa says

I saw this on *Netgalley a while back and loved the cover. Little did I know that I already owned this book. So I figured it was time to knock this off of my TBR pile since it had been sitting there a while.

Taking place in a post apocalyptic world Illyria has never known anything but a world full of destruction. One day after venturing into enemy territory she meets Bastien. A man who irritates her to no end and is totally the opposite of her best friend Eamon. Soon she is faced with deciding between love and destiny to her people.

Ok it has been a few weeks since I read this. The book started off great and really drew me in. I was interested in the world Illyria lived in. I loved that she was a kick ass female. But soon she began to grate on my nerves. I'm a fan of love triangles but this was just an annoying one. I seriously wanted to rip my hair out after a while. It was less a love triangle and more lets force you to be with one person when you want to be with the other and just hurt both guys all around. UGH!!

Rating this book is hard for me. It started off at 4 stars but slowly the rating started to drop for me. By the end of the book I was just glad to be done with it...but then I realized there are two more books. I just don't have it in me for another two. I wish there had been no love triangle to this because truly that is what killed the book for me.

2 out of 5 stars.

*I received a copy from Netgalley in exchange for my honest opinion.

Shealea says

First things first. **I received a digital copy of this book (via NetGalley) in exchange for an honest review.**

When I first read this novel back in February, I was convinced it warranted a four-star rating because I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I rarely read science fiction that involves aliens, and I found the setup in *Defiance Rising* to be quite intriguing and wonderfully complex. The world the author created was certainly teeming with danger and adventure. What's not to love about it? The world-building had the makings of a fantastic dystopian hit.

However, when I read it for the second time, it was only then that I realized how horribly imbalanced the sci-fi and fantasy elements were compared to the romance. The love triangle in *Defiance Rising* completely overshadowed everything else and significantly slowed down the story's momentum. It was an annoyingly monotonous back-and-forth heap of melodrama and painfully ridiculous dialogue. I was forced to endure multiple displays of possessiveness, scenes filled with whining and self-pity, and emotional outbursts that were bordering on hysterical.

Still a fan of the book, but I hope the latter installments are better.

Actual rating: **3 stars**

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