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Hotel Hollywood: A Lesbian Romance



Synopsis

Audra Durand is stuck. She has slowly come to the realization that life in her small town on the west coast of Michigan isn't quite what she imagined for herself. And as she sits unfulfilled behind the reception desk of the Hotel Champlain, an old hotel on her town's main street, she dreams of the places she could go | if only she could muster up the courage and overcome her fears. Life and love have been a struggle for Audra, and she has difficulty imagining a way out. But her world is about to change when Hollywood comes to town. Thanks to some easy tax credits a big budget movie production sets up in Champlain, making Audra's hotel their homebase. And with the movie comes young starlet Kelsie Kent, a beautiful, free-spirited, fun-loving girl who inspires Audra in every way. Kelsie represents the things Audra can't see in herself, but as the girls grow closer and love begins to bloom, Audra's fear and trepidation melt in Kelsie's light. Can Audra overcome the demons of both her past and present, open her heart, and give herself over to the freedom that Kelsie arouses? Or will she succumb to her fear of change, do nothing, and remain in her stagnant existence? Sometimes unexpected kismet can deliver what you need most at exactly the right time. You just need to open your eyes to see it.

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Customer Reviews

I'm always excited for a new Nico book and I was so pleased to read Hotel Hollywood! In this book, I think Nico returns to form by giving us a sweet and tender romance between uncertain Audra, who feels trapped in her small town life, and super Hollywood star Kelsie, who has a sexy hippie vibe about her. Audra has had her problems and her anxiety and fear of change keeps her stuck in her small town, working as a receptionist at a hotel. Once the movie rolls into town, and with it Kelsie, Audra is shown a world far different than her own! Really a fun and entertaining book. I love how Nico focuses on the romance. We get a lot of the growing love between Audra and Kelsie. You can really feel the internal struggle that Audra feels, the anxiety that keeps her from change, something I think we've all felt at one time or another. But the message in Hotel Hollywood is clear, sometimes you've got to take a chance on yourself and get out of your comfort zone. You need to take that leap of faith and open up. That's what happiness is all about. I recommend this book wholeheartedly. I read it in one sitting. I hope that Nico writes a sequel to it because I'd love to find out what happens with Audra and Kelsie at the end. There's just so much more romance to explore! I was given an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Here we have Audra, a girl who feels beaten down inside and is desperate to get out of the hotel where she is working and out of the small town she is living in. Audra is a bookworm, a little bit geeky and she feels most at ease at the lake. Kelsie is a Hollywood starlet, whose movies Audra never has seen. This book tells the story how both Audra and Kelsie help each other. Kelsie helps Audra with just going with the flow and letting go of a bit of control and things will work out great all by themselves. And Audra helps Kelsie with seeing and appreciating the simpler things in life than stardom. I really liked the story, there are some sweet moments that did it for me. I was given an ARC copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

I received a free advanced copy for an honest review. This is a coming of age tale of a country girl Audra, and a Hollywood starlet, Kelsie, who has no idea of her star value. There are a number of subplots, including the fact that the hotel owner, Audra's boss, is concerned about keeping the floundering hotel in business. But the key plot is the evolving relationship between Audra and Kelsie. Kelsie has come to town as part of a movie crew shooting a remote in Michigan. As the girls start "dating" they discover that they have a lot in common despite coming from remote Michigan and Hollywood. Nicolette Dane does a fabulous job of showing the changes in Audra as she develops in the relationship with Kelsie. I would highly recommend that you read this book, as it is a

fantastic character study into 27-year old Audra.

Quick decent read. The story pace was okay, there wasn't really much character development, and like another reviewer mentioned, there was a TON of internal dialogue. Way too much, if the characters had interacted more it would have been a better story. There was no real ups and downs or any kind of 'angst' going on other than what was in the main characters head. I believe the author could have used better descriptors when they were having sex, humid, flower, etc... just made me want to laugh, but that may just be me. I'll probably try another one of this author's stories to see how the writing is with it, but honestly if the next story has a lot of internal dialogue also, I will probably give the rest of her stories a pass.

Nico again lets us get to know how it feels to fall in love and live inside the skin of a loving, lovable, thoughtful, sensual, kind, and compassionate young woman as she discovers the deepest and most intimate connection a human being can have with another. How can we keep ourselves from falling in love with Audra? How can we not love all that she loves, including Kristie? As a Michigander and human being, I could not nor did I want to. Herein lies Nicolette Dane's talent...letting us, her readers, know love for the right reasons and in the right way. The more we can manifest this in our shared world, the better that world can become. Thank you, Nico, for these gifts from your heart, from which these characters were born.

I gave this book 4 stars because I felt it dragged on a bit and it was also repetitive. I'm so glad that Audra found love when she least expected to and from whom she never imagined it would come from. All in all I'm glad she finally moved away from her doubts and enjoyed the love and support Kelsie was offering her from her heart. It just felt like it took forever to get to the point. If I would read another book from this author? Hello yes. I definitely will.

This author is new to me. The book was an easy read. The main character was very believable. Many people self doubt and may forgo adventure believing it's not for them. Can't wait to get into another of this author's books.

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