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Meet Amber - Thrift Store employee, mood manipulator and human lie-detector - she's forsaken boys (because all of them have one-track minds) until the day she meets Ryder, who has an uncanny ability to make her forget all her previous notions about the male of the species.

But Ryder's mixed up in some seriously dangerous business and not even Amber's ability to deflect raging psychopaths and defuse any situation is going to keep them from being drawn into it.

This prequel short story, published exclusively for World Book Day will delight and thrill fans of Hunting Lila, reuniting them with some of their favourite characters.

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Jasprit says

“People talk about sparks flying, about electricity jolting and I know better than most that those things are true. When two auras collide, in good ways and bad, sparks can fly. But this is different. There are no sparks flying when Ryder and I shake hands. There are no electricity jolts. Instead, the feeling is akin to diving into an ice-cold river. Instantly I’m swept up in a rushing eddy, and then whipped away on a wild current. It’s total surrender. No fight. Just pure adrenaline thrill ride.”

Turning Amber gives us a brief yet tantalising insight into the characters from one of my favourite series, Hunting Lila; Ryder and Amber. I admit I never really paid much attention to Amber and Ryder before, maybe because they didn’t have the chance to shine amongst such a fine set of characters, but I’m glad Sarah Alderson decided to give us this sweet novella of how it all began for them both.

Amber has the gift of reading what a person’s like by the colour of their aura, it makes her a great judge of character, but it also makes her realise what’s most important to her; and that’s being honest. And that consequently doesn’t make her the most popular person but that’s the way she is. Having Amber’s gift people would assume would be hugely beneficial; you get to know what a person’s like before you properly know them. But Amber doesn’t see it this way, as at some points when everyone’s auras are blurred together it can be excruciatingly overwhelming, so Amber doesn’t consider her power a gift at all.

Despite having to go through a tough time, Amber was a resilient character; using her grandmother’s teachings she tried to use her gift to the best of her ability. It was fun watching her stumble across Ryder and come to the realisation that she wasn’t the only one with a rare gift. Honestly I had forgotten what Ryder and Amber’s gifts were. So it was great getting to learn about these characters all over again. And watching the relationship bloom between the two.

Turning Amber was a joy to read; with glimpses of favourite characters and uncovering secrets, this was the perfect lead up to Hunting Lila. I hope we get more fun novellas from these wonderful characters as they truly do hold a special place in my heart.*

*At the time of writing this review there were no immediate plans that I was aware of, of further novellas from other characters from Hunting Lila. But then Sarah announced this. Which totally made my day!

Nic says

Turning Amber is a great short story offering a bit more of a back story to the incredible Hunting Lila. I've always thought Sarah has created such a vibrant world with the Lila series that all the characters could easily have their own stories. It was great to get into Amber's head and it made me want to re-read Hunting and Losing Lila. No doubt I will...

Nathalia says

Reacciones contrapuestas, alegría y tristeza, me nacen al leer este relato corto sobre como se conocieron Amber y Ryder ya que se como termina esto T__T

Me encanta el sentimiento que despierta Ryder en Amber y la forma de actuar de Ryder pues intenta protegerla y cuidarla, además de como están bien desde su primer encuentro.

Demos no queda muy bien en la historia y es interesante la descripción de Amber sobre su aura.

Debí leer esta historia antes de Hunting Lila pues me produce mucha tristeza saber como se conocieron ya que se comprende mucho mejor el dolor de Amber ante la muerte de Ryder T__T

Jessica says

OKKKKKK OK OK OK. Esta es la mejor de las historias cortas, creo que estoy llorando.

Dios mío, Amber y Ryder son demasiado bellos preciosos:(.

“Creo que eres la chica más hermosa, intrigante, ardiente como el infierno que he conocido en mi vida, y realmente, en serio, quiero besarte.”

Ajá yo espero que el final de Hunting Lila sea mentira porque me dolerá todo por las siguientes diez vidas.

Bayan Basri says

My God, that was so epic and too short.

I loved getting to know Amber. I liked her in 'Hunting Lila' and 'Losing Lila', and getting to see her before that is awesome.

Nancy- Amber's best friend-is one of the most adorable characters ever. Once you read about her you can't help but like her.

I wish I could've seen more of Rider and how his relationship with Amber grew, but I'm also glad I didn't. Because I know how it ends, and it's just too heart breaking.

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Makii says

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Este libro, tan corto pero igual de bueno como toda la serie, nos permite conocer a Amber y su extraordinario Don. Podemos saber como ella llega a relacionarse con Demos y el resto de la banda. Pero mejor aún, nos deja ver los inicios de su relación con Ryder. Me hubiera encantado tener mas de ellos, y ahora estoy sufriendo demasiado.

Todos quienes hayamos leído Hunting Lila sabemos como terminaron las cosas.

Zoe and the Edge says

Amber was an interesting choice for a novella. When I realised that this happens before Hunting Lila I wanted to bawl my eyes out. I didn't want to get to know Ryder after knowing what happens to him.

Amber always tells the truth because she doesn't want to mess up her aura. She's pretty cynical as a human lie detector. So when she meets a guy who's aura is as pure as hers – signalling honesty, she's wonderstruck. I liked seeing just how powerful Amber is. Her skills weren't really put to use in Hunting Lila.

Sarah says

Turning Amber is a free short story that was written for the 2013 World Book Day and is available to read for free by downloading the World Book Day app. The story is set before events in **Hunting Lila** and it introduces us to the characters Amber and Ryder. Anyone who has already read the book will recognise these characters as part of Demos's group of psy but even though you'll probably enjoy this more if you are already familiar with the characters you could still read this story if you're new to the series.

I love the way **Sarah Alderson** has given the spotlight to some of the side characters from the series, first you had Suki in **Catching Suki** and now Amber and Ryder get the chance to shine. Did you ever wonder how Amber and Ryder met each other? How they met Demos and became part of his crew? Do you have questions about their psy abilities? **Turning Amber** will answer them all and is a great little read. Once again my only complaint was that I wanted more!

Komal says

Loved it.

Demos is a badass. I love how he always looks like the bad guy.

I feel like re-reading Hunting Lila just for the Amber/Ryder parts. Yeah, I think I'm going to do that right now.

Humaira says

Got this novella from the free World Book Day app on my phone.

I loved the Lila series so when I heard a novella was coming out about Amber and Ryder, I was quite excited.

The novella was short and sweet. I enjoyed finding out a little more background to Amber and Ryder's story and I thought their interactions were cute.

Sol Belenda says

De toda la saga, éste es el que me había quedado colgado sin leer, así que obviamente lo agarré sin dudar.

Simplemente relata brevemente cómo era la vida de este personaje antes de comenzar el primer libro "Hunting Lila", como para darnos a conocer un poco más acerca de ella.

Cómo fue reclutada por Demos, conocer otras personas con dones tal como ella.....de eso trata el libro.

Me gustó.

Fanny says

Ame toda la historia pero tambien me rompio el corazon!

Cuando Ryder murió se me saltaron las lágrimas, porque tuvo que morir? yo quería un libro sobre Ryder y Amber, a pesar de que estoy casi segura de que Amber se quedó con Jack y me gusta la pareja, Ryder era especial, Sarah te lo exijo resucítalo o no podré parar de llorar!

5 Estrellas!

Lila says

Rating: 2.5/3

Lucina says

[Stirbt Ryder? Ich glaube mich an so etwas zu erinnern

Simone Sylvester says

Review to come after the 2016 reading challenge rush.
