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Haley Sullivan has waited impatiently for her return to the west coast, her California friends, and most of all, Vin Brooks. But she isn't the only new face in Crescent Cove this summer. When Colby Taylor's parents finally track him down and interrupt his surf competition with a dramatic entrance, the surf star spirals out of control, dragging Drenaline Surf's reputation through the muddy shoreline with him.

As Colby's secrets dominate the tabloid headlines and plaster themselves on the covers of surf magazines, Vin feels the pressure to keep Drenaline Surf afloat. Haley volunteers to play damage control, but it isn't easy when Colby breaks everything he touches, Topher breaks the law, and Miles breaks his leg.

Instead of chasing dreams of forever, Haley spends her summer chasing the unraveling careers of the hottest new faces in the surf world. With the shifting tides, Haley feels her relationship with Vin drifting further out to sea, and she's not sure if this sinking ship can be salvaged. And it doesn't help that his super cute brother is paddling her way with a lifeboat...

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Liliana says

Perfect

I can't wait to read the next book, it's so perfect and it keeps you reading I love it and I can't wait for the next book.

Tiffany says

I love books that can make me have a wide variety of feelings. I especially love a book where I can dislike a character, have another character make me giggle like a schoolgirl and most of all I love it when a book makes me root with all my heart for a character.

This book has so much to offer and it was a great read.

Kristalyn Thornock (The Sarcastic Palmtree) says

At First Sight

I didn't need to see this book to know I was going to read it. I could have had no cover at all and I was going to read it no matter what. Rough Waters is the 2nd book in the Drenaline Surf Series and where Chasing Forever Down was my favorite book of 2013, there was no question as to whether or not I would be reading this one. That being said, I like the cover of the book and it looks great side by side with Book 1 Chasing Forever Down.

Characters and Relationships

One of the main things I love about Nikki's books are her characters. You can't help but fall in love with them...or maybe hate them depending on the character, which is okay in my opinion because you need to feel the emotion that each character brings to you. The relationships that were built in Chasing Forever Down were flawlessly continued in Rough Waters. I have always loved the friendship between Hailey and AJ, the gang of surfers known as The West Coast Hooigans, and the relationship that Hailey and Vin started to build in Book 1. I particularly enjoyed getting more insight into Topher, who you can't help but love and want to be around all the time. His energy is contagious (even if it does come from Ocean Blast Energy Drink and sugar cubes) and the way he cares about his friends is as authentic as you will ever find in a person. I also loved getting to know some new characters, Clover in particular, who will hopefully show up in future installments as he was a heck of a lot of fun.

Is This A Kissing Book?

Nikki doesn't write a whole lot of romance, which doesn't bother me in the least. No one tells a story quite

like Nikki and you are so involved with the characters and what's going on that you won't miss it (at least I don't). That being said, there is a real whopper of a kiss in this one and I'm leaving it at that.

Don't Leave Me Hanging

This series is far from over which thrills me to death. Bring on as much Crescent Cove and Drenaline Surf as you want!

The Best Gems

- ~ Surf Competitions
- ~ Carnival Rides
- ~ West Coast Hooligans (because they are always the best)
- ~ A Tie and A Black Dress
- ~ Conversations in Hospital Waiting Rooms
- ~ AJ (Yeah, I have a real love for AJ, he gets to be one of the best things always!)
- ~ Understanding Colby Better
- ~ Shark ~ ALWAYS Shark

The Sum Up

I was ready for this book the minute that I finished with Chasing Forever Down. That book touched me in a way that none had for a long time. I couldn't wait to see what happened with the characters that I had come to love and find out more about the ones I didn't know quite as well, and Rough Waters, didn't disappoint. This book made me FEEL just as Chasing Forever Down did. There are so many layers written into this series that is so beautifully written it takes me on a ride from happy, to sad, to smiling, to crying. Nikki never ceases to amaze me with her ability to not only weave a story but to make it so much more.

Ashlee Johnson says

I loved this book the changes and showing just how much can happen in a few month was amazing, I loved that you still had those friendships to fall back on though...

Abbie says

[You've found your son after missing him for so long, and then tell him that you're going to sue him?
Really?! (hide spoiler)]

Nicole says

CAN I JUST TAKE A MOMENT HERE.

SOMEBODY BUY ME A TOPHER BROOKS<3

okay done. So basically I've been waiting for this book for a looooong time. I've tweeted Nikki about it

MULTIPLE times over the past couple months, and I'm pretty sure at one point I bothered her a lot. but it's totally okay cause that's what I do best!

Anywho, I stayed up til I finished reading this and lemme just say THE FEELS! Vin's a dick btw. Topher is my fave, AJ is just amazing, and Haley's relationship with all of Crescent Beach is the best. It's safe to say that I'm obsessed with Nikki Godwin and her books and can not wait for the next Drenaline Surf book.

And also more Topher;)

Lindsey Troxtel says

I absolutely loved the first book in this series and could not wait until Rough Waters came out. It did not disappoint, the only downside to the book is that I finished it so quickly and now I have to wait on the next book in the series.

J.S. says

Oh :(

Haley returns to Crescent Cove, as promised, one summer after chasing her forever dream down there. The setting's still beautiful, the characters (bar one) are still wonderful, but the magic has been sucked away by the tide.

From the moment Haley arrives back in the Cove real life stamped a huge steel-toed boot down on her dreams and crushed them. Yeah, so I know reality rarely ever lives up to the fantasy, but that truth was so not what I wanted from this book. I didn't want to be disillusioned.

I followed the much less scenic storyline, clinging to the hope some of the sparkle would return. It never did. Even the HEA did little to repair the damage because it simply wasn't the HEA I'd gone into this hoping for.

(view spoiler)

I think this just deviated from my expectations too much; it focused more on Drenaline business than on Drenaline spirit, and that didn't work for me.

No issues whatsoever with the writing quality. I continue to harbor great fondness for Crescent Cove and its inhabitants (Vin lost all appeal, but the rest of the cast were further fleshed, and Colby gained plenty likeability points). I'm keen to see what's in store for them next. Got everything crossed for book 3 setting all right again for Haley and the Hooligans.

Samantha Julmissee says

Sometimes it's hard to continue a series. The magic runs out after book 1 and the series isn't really going anywhere but they're trying to make it work. Like making more movies in a series cuz it did so good, seems like a good idea but you probably shouldn't have done it. This is most definitely NOT the case with this sequel. All my favorite characters are back and causing more mayhem while they're growing up and changing. Things fall apart, put back together, the tape wears down and things fall apart again, the waves are washing on shore and then back out. I absolutely LOVED this book. With twists and turns that kept me on my toes I was fighting the waves to keep reading, to know how it ends because I was hungering for it. Sometimes things don't work out so well, carnivals get scrapped, boyfriends don't treat you right, and the waves try to claim what is theirs. It doesn't matter because even though the waters are rough it can't last forever. The ending made me squeal and then I got mad because I don't have book 3. I've enjoyed reading the series immensely so far and I expect great things to come for our characters as we continue their story.

Rachel (The Rest Is Still Unwritten) says

Thank you to author Nikki Godwin for allowing me to read this in exchange for an honest review

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Before I begin to express my thoughts about this novel, I feel I have to warn you that this review is going to be completely filled with spoilers. I have a lot I want to say and there's no way in which I can do that without revealing parts of the storyline, so please read on with caution.

I'm going to be honest; I'm finding it really difficult to wrap my head around this novel right now. I mean, what the hell happened? Rough Waters was a complete and utter disappointment for me. I truly, truly enjoyed Chasing Forever Down--it was a light, fun story with a great romance, and I was so ready to see Hayley and Vin and the gang again and now I feel like I just read a completely different series. Seriously. What gives?

Personally I think that not only is Nikki Godwin an awesome person but a great writer, so I have no idea how to wrap my head around Rough Waters. I know they say never to allow your feelings concerning one character to cloud your judgment, or enjoyment of a story, but I feel like this series just did a complete one-eighty.

What happened?! What the hell happened with Vin?!?! How can he go from being a charming, cheeky love interest for Hayley in book one to a moody, almost non-existent character in the next book. How could Nikki Godwin do that? I feel like she had him written out of the novel before it had even begun.

At the end of Chasing Forever Down, Vin and Hayley's relationship seemed so solid. The storyline ended so promisingly. I was happy; I was hopeful with them....now I just feel gutted! I understand authors like to include love triangles in their stories and sometimes the person the main character ends up with isn't the same person they started out with or date in the beginning, but I feel like Vin and his relationship with Hayley were just plucked from the story, and I just don't understand why.

Where was the character growth or reason behind this development or devolvement? Vin was a background character where prior he had been more prominent. I understand people grow apart, but when I read a story if this is the case, I want to at least witness it—Rough Waters didn't even allow closure between Vin and Hayley. Vin was just gone, and to be honest this seemed to be in conflict with Vin's character from the first book.

And Topher and Hayley? Where the hell did that relationship come from!?!? Aside from being Vin's younger brother--a connection I thought was really cute in the first book by the way, Topher didn't seem to be a focal character in the series and then suddenly he and Hayley are as thick as thieves; having been constantly texting and talking during the six months between where Chasing Forever Down concludes and Rough Waters picks up.

I just don't know how to wrap my head around this novel. It felt so much more disjointed than the first novel and before I loved the magnitude of characters and the dynamic they shared, but in Rough Waters I felt like a lot of the magic was lost.

I'm sad because I was so looking forward to this sequel and now I just feel lost; whether I'll read the next book remains to be seen. I probably will—simply to see what happens next and whether Nikki Godwin can redeem this series in my eyes.

Sarah says

[they found him and wanted to sue him for damages because they'd had a private detective looking for him. As they realised he was now fairly rich, they thought they'd cash in. (view spoiler)

Isabella says

I honestly don't even know where to begin. This book is everything I wanted and more. It's hard to explain how flawless this book is, but I'll try.

One of the words that comes to my mind when I think about this novel is realistic. Because that's what it is. It's not one of those fluffy and cliche romance novels where a girl falls in love with a hot guy and blah blah blah, the end. And it's not one of those totally dramatic ones where I can't keep up with anything.

This is different. The situations in this novel are interesting enough to get you thinking, but not confusing enough to make you question the meaning of life. And this book has enough romance to satisfy the ones (like myself) who enjoy reading about it, but also enough to not be forced and cheesy.

One of my favorite things about this novel is the character development. A.J., Alston, and Topher are my ultimate favorites. I seriously want them as my friends.

I enjoyed this more than CFD (but you should read that first if you haven't already, so you'll understand this

better). I even liked it more than AGOS, which says A LOT. I'd recommend this book to everybody, this book seriously has it all.

And Nikki, if you ever see this, then please know I'm really proud of you and this series. I know this is your favorite, and I can see why because it's fantastic. I've said it before and I'll say it again, you're a hard worker and a sweet person. You're way too talented. Stay gold.

Mandi says

Once I finished the first book in this series I had to get the second. I was not let down. I love The Drenaline Surf family along with The Hooligans. I loved this book. There were times when I was like WTF Haley you need to put Vin in his place. I really wanted to see them work out though. I think I rooted for them as a couple up until the surf comp that Topher entered behind his brothers back. I enjoyed learning about more of the guys in this book. I know the first book I didn't really get Alston that much but I enjoyed how he was in this book all metro sexual and stuff. And Colby definitely redeemed himself in this book. Of course Nikki was able to get me to tear up in this book and actually cry a little. Especially that moment when they went to surf at night. :(And you heard more about Theo. His story is sad. I'm looking forward to the next book to see what happens with Colby's parents trying to sue him, maybe Vin coming back (and PLEASE when/if he does come back have Haley give him a your an ahole speech for leaving Topher and for being a sucky boyfriend at the time) lol. And maybe just maybe seeing Topher and Haley together as a couple in the next book.

Beighley Thornock says

I LOVED THIS BOOK! It's a great sequel and I can't wait to read the next one! (ESPECIALLY AFTER HOW IT ENDED!) I was reading through this book just WAITING and WAITING for Haler to get together because HALER IS AMAZING! The end was almost like a season finale to a TV show or something! IT WAS THAT GOOD!

Good Job Nikki Godwin! ;)

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<http://sarcasticpalmtree.blogspot.com...>

Priscilla Garcia says

Omg I love this series, I loved the first book and I loved this one. Is hard to find series where your love for the series and characters grow. This is one of those series for me. What's not to love, you have hot guys, surfing, drama, and romance.

I still love all the guys, they are so different but you learn to love each and everyone of them. Even the girls are cool and outgoing.

Vin was my favorite character on the first book, On this book I saw a different side of Vin a more mature and

responsible side. His priorities had to change as he had to take more responsibilities.

I think Vin really did think the choices he made were the best for everyone, but not all his friends thought the same thing. Haley saw the difference and she didn't like it.

Haley moved away from her family to be near Vin, so Vin chance of attitude was not working for her. She felt ignore and not appreciated so she did what she had to do to protect her heart. I don't see it as a wrong decision because lets be real she is a teenager still. She did what most teenager girls would of done.

Oh and Topher...Topher. Love this guy, he is hot, fun and really cares for Haley. Topher made my love for Vin vanish lol
