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Safe And Sound (Promise Me Series Book 1)



Synopsis

16 year-old, Hailey Perish, knows her life can't get much worse. Since her dad split a few years ago, Hailey's mother has spiraled hard and fast, careening toward rock bottom and threatening to take her daughter down with her. Hailey now marks time by evictions, her mother's poker games, and Saturday School where she voluntarily shows up for weekend detentions to secure her one promised meal of the week. She has no room for relationships, especially with someone like her childhood love and junior class golden boy, Carson Hart. Hailey trusted him once and Carson failed her. She's determined not to let herself be hurt again. When Hailey's mom does the unthinkable and bets her own daughter in a high stakes poker game, Mitch, the loan shark, is all too eager and determined to collect on his debt. To him, Hailey is nothing but property. His property. And he'll do anything to recover it. On the run from a fate that promises a much worse life than she already knows, there's only one person in the world Hailey can call for help. Will Carson be there for her in her darkest hour and deliver her from harm's way safe and sound? Or will he abandon Hailey just like he's always done just like they all do? Alli Hope's debut novel delivers an unforgettable story about love & surviving in the dark places. Warning: Safe & Sound contains explicit language and themes including trafficking and explicit sexual abuse & molestation. We have included this in order to tell an accurate story; to be a voice for those who have none. And to bring light to an issue we believe must be brought out of the darkness and into a broader awareness. If you are sensitive to sexual abuse issues, please be advised. Alli Hope is a brave new voice in YA Fiction. Compulsively readable, terrifyingly real at times, Safe and Sound is a thrilling debut novel sure to keep readers guessing until the end." ~Lindsay Cummings, NYT Bestselling Author of Zenith "Gritty and suspenseful with touches of swoon, Safe and Sound will keep readers on the edge of their seat." ~Trish Doller, author of Where the Stars Still Shine

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Customer Reviews

Safe and Sound by Alli Hope is a heart wrenching story that follows Hailey on a mission to find her father after her mother loses a bet that lands her in the hands of human traffickers. Backed into an impossible situation, Hailey turned to the one person she knows she can always count on, Carson. The childhood best friends have drifted apart over the last six years, but they have never forgotten each other. When rumors bound around school about Hailey, Carson is always there to punch someone out—literally. Alli Hope writes Hailey's relationship with her mother in a way that completely shattered my heart. She loves her mother so much and does nothing by try to protect her even though her mother literally gambles away Hailey's life. And the way she thinks of her father, as if this man who abandoned her years ago is going to show up and be this shining star in her life is absolutely heartbreaking. It shattered me so much that I had to put the book down for a little bit and then get back story when I had taped it back together a little bit. The journey itself in the story isn't about the road trip, not really, instead it's about Hailey trying to figure out what she deserves in life. After years of watching over her mother, being harassed by one of her mom's many boyfriends, working her butt off to make sure they always have a home to live in she sets out on this journey where she has to come to terms with the fact that she is important to. I really truly feel like this journey of self-discovery and reliance is the true journey of this book. Yes, Caron has his own narration too, but it all comes together and revolves around

Hailey. Another thing that Alli Hope shows in this novel is human trafficking. This is a horrific thing that is so widespread and happens every single day, every single hour and moment, but doesn't have the well-known attention that it deserves. What's scary is that Mitch is able to control people with money so easily. This is how this can all occur in real life. One of the most lucrative trades throughout time is the buying and selling of human beings. Money can buy you a lot of things and it can also buy you obedience and silence. This book only gives just a tiny miniscule glimpse into the underground world of human trafficking, but it was enough to leave an impact. If you're looking for a gritty contemporary with a tiny bit of romance flung in then this book is for you!

"Hails, I insist, 'you don't owe me anything. It wasn't a loan, and love isn't a debt you have to pay back.' Amen, Carson. Alli, your writing is lovely! I was really impressed by your characters, as well. You went deep, and while it was painful to watch, the beauty is what stays with you. I gasped and cried and smiled and sighed right along with Hails Bells and Beats.

I mean, I truly love those 2! This book was packed full of ugly situations that most people don't want to address. Bringing topics like human trafficking into the spotlight gets people taking about it, and some even find themselves fighting the good fight.

This book stares at poverty, neglect and abuse in the face of The System. Some people do not believe in young love, you will after living through the horrors of reality. You will cheer for the hero, Carson! You will cry for Hailey. You will scream at the injustice! And you will believe in young love forever!

OMG. What a book. Very emotional and raw. This story deals with a sensitive subject. There are a few pages that were very difficult to read. Love the happy ending. Recommend this book for everyone to read..

Great story. It did get pretty graphic and violent but it was a good book, overall. I highly recommend it.

~~I received this in exchange for my honest opinion~~ There are so many words that I want to put into this review, but alas if I did that, I'd give away the whole book. What I can tell you is that you will

have all the feels. I am going to tell you right now that there are situations in this book that are for adults. There are scary situations and situations that make a 16 year old grow up super quick. I gave this book 5 stars because the writing is amazing. I don't know how Alli wrote this book and kept her wits about her. I give her mad props for writing a difficult subject. Safe and Sound is a beautiful book. I would like to think that this book is about second chances. Because everyone deserves a second chance. This book, in my opinion, is an amazing book. Yes the subject in the book is very much in today's news, but I believe that Alli has tackled it well. I think you need to give this book a chance. I am glad that I did!

A heartbreaking story with beautiful writing. Hailey's character faces challenges (and that's putting it very mildly) that most of us don't even want to imagine a sixteen-year-old facing. That doesn't mean their stories don't need to be told. Her relationship with Carson is sweet and safe in a world that is very dangerous for them both. Be sure to read all the way through Alli's end notes. She has put her whole heart into doing right by this story, and it shows.

I received a review copy from the author in exchange for an honest review. Hailey's life went downhill when her father left their family 6 years ago and matters got worse with her mother's drug and gambling addiction. One day, her mother did the unthinkable and Hailey had no choice but to run and she desperately needed help. Safe & Sound is an enjoyable book which I finished reading within 2 days. Although there are dark themes like rape and drugs in this book which would make me cringe whenever I read those scenes, there are also some lessons for the readers as well. This book is all about betrayal and how to go about dealing with betrayal, especially the more serious ones. Below is a list of what I've gathered from the book:- Do not gamble. You'll end up losing everything you have.- Say no to drugs. You'll get addicted and do stupid things.- Help your loved ones if they have the 2 problems mentioned above by seeking professional help. Don't wait until it is too late.- Check the background of the professionals before you engage them. As this book contains some mature theme, I would recommend to only those who are 18 and above, or those mature enough to handle reading them.

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