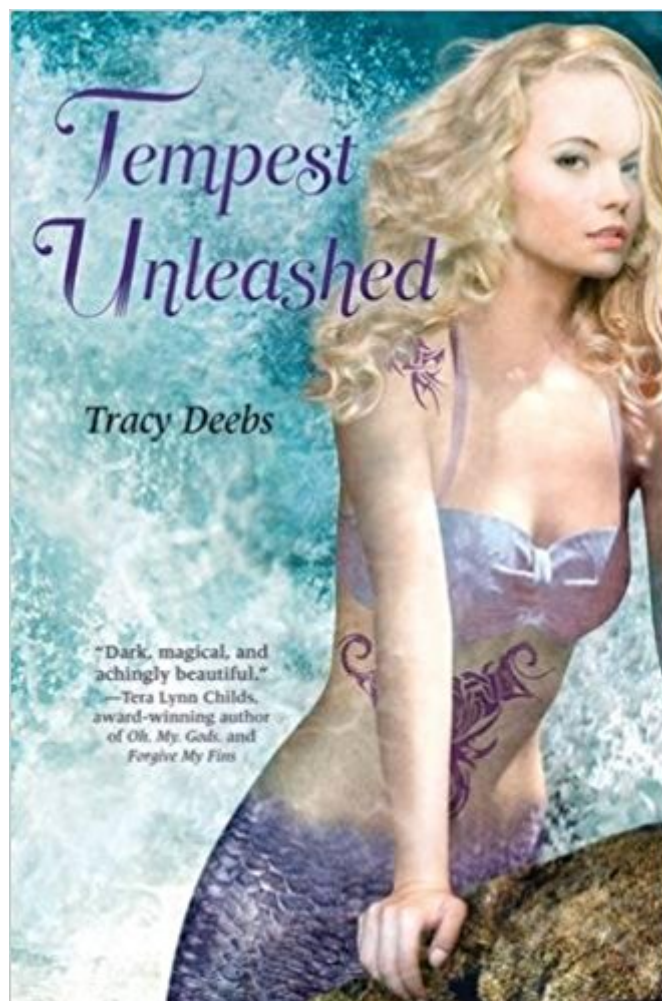




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Synopsis

Tempest Maguire is happy with her decision to embrace her mermaid nature and live among her mother's clan within the ocean's depths. Even though training to one day ascend the throne for the aging mermaid queen is rigorous, she finds refuge in the arms of Kona, the selkie who first opened her up to her mermaid side. But when word comes that one of her brothers has been gravely injured on land, Tempest immediately rushes to his side-which also brings her back to her old flame, Mark. And in her absence, a deadly battle begins raging at the hands of Tempest's old nemesis, the sea witch Tiamat. As the dangerous war erupts, Tempest's two loves-Kona and Mark, sea and land-will collide for the first time, both to protect her and to force her to choose.

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Customer Reviews

"Dark, magical, and achingly beautiful, Tempest Rising enthralled me from beginning to end... A must read for any mermaid lover and anyone who loves an epic read." ~ Tera Lynn Childs, author of Oh. My. Gods. and Forgive My Fins Among the recent spate of mermaid books this easily stands as the darkest, even though romance remains the main thrust of the story... An exciting-enough story, seriously overdone, which many young readers will love. Kirkus Reviews The underwater world and

its residents are truly imaginative creations, providing a vibrant and unique backdrop to Tempest's predicament. ... Fans of paranormal romances looking for something beyond the customary vampire or werewolf might want to catch this wave of fantasy and enchantment. BCCB

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Unfortunately, I did not love it, or even like it. It had a good plot, but the characters! Tempest seemed incredibly annoying, naïf and thought she knew everything. It just annoyed the hell out of me when she made everyone feel guilty when she was the one who was wrong. Really...she also kept switching from Kona to Mark. From Mark to Kona. From Kona to Mark. From Mark to...you get the point. It really did annoy me, even more when she said that she loved them both. And (SPOILER NEXT) I can't believe she abandoned Kona when he needed her most. Instead she picked Mark of ALL PEOPLE. Obviously, I'm Team Kona here. (SPOILER END) But even so...I just couldn't fathom how Tempest could be so oblivious, naïf, unforgiving, and smart-mouthed (when she really shouldn't be). The plot was great and fun and Tempest learned more about her mom, and though she didn't completely forgive her mom, she started understanding just a bit more. She practices her powers more, learning both how to use them and trying to discover how to defeat Tiamat once and for all. I loved how Tracy Deeb described how Tempest channeled her power and I absolutely adore the underwater world she created! It was enchanting how all the pieces came together in their world and I found it just a tad amusing how all the "land-lubbers" didn't have a clue! Except Mark, but he's another story. All in all, it would've been a pretty good book (4 stars?), but I highly disliked Tempest in this book, so it dropped by 2 stars. I feel as if, even though Tracy Deeb did do a good job writing the story, Tempest was too...irritating. And characters are a MAJOR part of my reviews so...it's just how it happened.

Disclaimer: No spoilers from *Tempest Unleashed* but read with caution if you have not read *Tempest Rising*! *Tempest Unleashed* picks up eight months after the events of *Tempest Rising*. The war with Tiamat is brewing as she begins destroying a few sea clans one by one to burden the more powerful clans with resource-draining refugees, so she can finally go after Tempest, her family, and her clan. I dove back into this beautiful and dangerous underwater world as if I had never left it. The

stakes were higher this time and the level of steamy, dangerous, and adventurous scenes went up more than a few notches. Tracy Deeb also introduced a few new side characters. There was a lot more tension with the love triangle and it was even stronger than it was in *Tempest Rising*, with both Mark and Kona deeply in love with Tempest and she in love with both of them. Even though love triangles are over-utilized in young adult fiction these days, I enjoyed the intensity of this one. As the events of *Tempest Unleashed* unfolded and I got closer and closer to the end, I was completely riveted. I felt like I was watching a movie in my head (side note: why are there not more mermaid movies?). I did not want to stop reading so pausing for even a little while was so hard! And - Tempest finally ended the love triangle! All I will say is that I was a bit shocked. Seriously, kudos to Tracy Deeb for taking the currently (hehe) less traveled path and for writing a totally bangin' second-in-the-trilogy novel. Recommended for readers of *Tempest Rising* as well as fans of young adult mermaid fantasy novels ages sixteen and up. I recommended *Tempest Rising* for readers fourteen and up but even though the romantic scenes still did not really push the envelope, they were still super intense. Google "The Musings of ALMYBNENR" to see this review in its original format and to follow my book review blog for more reviews as well as additional bookish content. Please note: Whatever I rate a book here, please check what the ratings mean on my blog, because those are what I go by.

Terrible. The first book was good, frustrating because she's a two timer, but good. This book was the opposite of the first book really. You could actually take whole paragraphs from the first book (as an example, her feelings at the end of the book about mark and kona) and literally find it in the second book only what she once was so passionate about has switched with no explanation. I won't even buy the next book because this one was so disappointing. Seriously don't buy this book.

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