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Before Anna and Sam, there was Dani and Sam.

There's one rule that all Branch operatives must live by: No attachments. When Dani O'Brien entered the Branch, she planned to trade her freedom so that her family could have a better life. But joining up with the mysterious organization is more than she bargained for. Branch head Connor watches over her closely--too closely. The training is brutal, the experiments are secret, and the missions promise to be anything but ordinary. The only thing getting Dani through each day is the hope that she'll run into Sam--a young man, about her age, who wears the world on his shoulders.

Find out how it all began in this short-story prequel to Jennifer Rush's thrilling and suspenseful Altered series.

Forged Details

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Sally says

I don't know what to say about this one. I thought knowing more about Dani would give me an even better understanding of the Altered series – the kind that only comes from knowing the back story.

I was wrong. I found that this 41-page ebook did nothing to enhance my understanding/enjoyment of the Altered series. I was actually thrown by it. Not only did it feel rapidly pieced together, but it also seemed like a carbon-copy of the situations we saw Anna go through in Altered.

Although it is nice to see the beginning through Dani's eyes, but I think the series could have continued without this prequel because there was no real backstory given. The information given about Dani doesn't change how little we really know of her experiences nor does it explain why/how she disappeared before the events that occur in the first book of the series (Altered).

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Alba M. says

Me da mucha pena Dani... y Connor, no me fío de ese ni un pelo!!!!!! Mal rollo me da. Me pone los pelos de punta. Ahora, leyendo la sinopsis del siguiente no entiendo muy bien el asunto porque según Dani su padre era un borracho así que ? a ver si averiguo más siguiendo la lectura

Zara Khan says

THIS REVIEW CONTAINS:MAJOR SPOILERS

What did I just read...??

I'm not saying that the story was boring or bad-written. It gave a clear idea of Dani's character but the first line of the summary: **Before Anna and Sam there was Dani and Sam**

So, I expected to see a lot of Sam and get an idea about his and Dani's relationship in past, But got zilch Sam did only a cameo-type-thing in the book

This book was more about Dani and some twisted chemistry between Connor and her

Yeah !! read it right !! **CONNOR**

The Connor who chased Sam and the other boys, Tried to shoot them.

I had his image fit in my mind as a cold-hearted jerk. I didn't pay much attention to his description in the other books

but here in this book he is absurdly handsome.

He gives off mysterious vibes and he is damn interesting...

I guess I kinda started liking this bad guy...

Despite not giving any info about Sam and Dani as promised in the summary I got hooked to the book because it was interesting

But this book should be given an award for being the 'Most confusing book ever written'

In the end Connor goes back to being a jerk no questions there , But I have a lot of questions this book didn't have answers for...

Now,thanks to this book I have dinosaur-sized question marks in my head

Mags~CVAddikt~ says

NOW!!! I want it NOW!!!

majo says

i don't understand how this is a necessary- prequel when there is nothing important here to the main story. We don't even know Dani, or even her relationship with Sam. We don't know anything about anything. but OK.

Giselle says

chuckles I love how Connor is the bad guy you want to hate but for some reason you can't. At least we got a brief look into Dani's personality.

Wendy says

"Forged" a prequel to the "Altered" trilogy begins when Dani O'Brien is enlisted by her uncle into the Branch in exchange for fixing her family's brokenness and giving her sister Anna a better life. Undergoing vigorous training Dani's drawn to the enigmatic Conner Van Norstrand head of research who watches her closely, masking his sinister plans under a charismatic personality.

Lonely until she meets Sam a tall, thin young man living on the same floor she tries striking up a friendship that's squashed when he disappears for days or locks his door. Only at dinner one evening with Conner does she reconnect with Sam after she's kidnapped and held hostage with him in a building by Lake Michigan. Not only will Dani's fighting skill be tested, but secrets will be revealed that will change her life forever.

The stage is set when Dani is recruited by a branch of the Scion Corporation whose research in military weaponry has lead to genetic alterations. Fast-paced and suspenseful, clues to the dangerous secrets Connor hides begin to unravel. The plot heats up when Dani is kidnapped and escapes with the help of Sam only to discover that life is cheap to an organization that needs to divest her of any attachments and emotions. Even the ending not only unveils a twist in the story, but the promise of more tension and excitement in the "Altered" trilogy.

Yonaily says

Me han engañado. Yo pensaba que la hermana de Anna, Dani, se enamoraba de Sam. Pero resulta que Sam no era Sam, y que Dani se sentía atraída hacia un tal Connor.

Quería que tuviera más de 48 páginas.

Me gusta que la autora nos haga creer en algo y luego aparezca con otra cosa totalmente diferente. Nunca sé en quién creer. Todo es un misterio. Me atrevo a decir que **puede que Dani no esté muerta.**

Luti says

[En realidad como que me dio mucha bronca porque como que re jugo con ella. (hide spoiler)]

★MC's Corner★ says

OOOH!!!

I don't know what to say... hate Connor more... or think that he's really SEXy

Ps: I LOVE Edgar Allan Poe's "Annabelle Lee". It is actually my favorite poem. :)

@gleekidMC

Ashley says

I want more!! I was so excited to read about Dani and Sam, and I loved this novella! Granted it probably raised more questions than it answered.... But it did give some interesting insights. It shed a little bit of a different light on a few characters, although I still want to know more. This little story was as action packed and surprising as Altered. I can't wait for Erased!

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Aysia Schroeder says

"Forged" is the prequel to the two book series, "Altered." The book tells the beginning of it all from Dani's point of view. Dani's uncle, the leader of the branch, offered her a deal. He said that if she came and worked for him then he would give her and Anna a normal life away from their alcoholic father. Soon Dani became a test subject in training. She was trained for battle and got her butt kicked by Natalia almost everyday. There was another boy there, named Sam. Since he was the only other one there Dani felt a sort of attachment to him like he was the only one who knew what she was going through. Same tried to explain everything to Dani, but eventually he stop showing up to breakfast. Dani still had no idea why she was there or what she was training for. Finally her supervisor, Conner, took her out for dinner and said he would tell her anything she asked. Conner tried to rush her out of there, and before she knew it she was being grabbed. She found herself locked in a room with Sam. Eventually they escaped but got chased. Sam tripped her on purpose, and was eventually killed. Anna returned back to the facility where she found out it was a test to test her strength, and she failed. As it turns out the Sam she was with the entire time wasn't the real Sam. He was actually a heroine addict that Conner claimed was useless. The real Sam is the one who shot the fake one. Unfortunately this is where the story ends which left me with a lot of questions.

Dani is a very strong and determined person. She puts her life in danger just to give her little sister a safer home. Conner is very manipulative, but very intelligent and charming. He made Dani sort of fall for him. Natalia is Conner's half sister. She did the training for Dani, and was very stubborn.

The book takes place in modern time somewhere close to Lake Michigan. There were many times throughout the book when Dani would take a walk along the beach to think, and is also where her and the fake Sam were running from the people who captured them.

I think the theme of this book is to only trust yourself. People will lie to you and deceive you all the time, the way they lied about who Sam really was and how they fake captured her.

I think that this book is almost pointless, because it left me with so many questions. I read the two books from the series first. In those books it made it seem like the way Sam and Dani met was that they were boyfriend and girlfriend at home, and had always known each other. That they just got into a lot of trouble with the branch. In this book it says they met at the branch after Sam killed the fake Sam. It also should have explained when Sam stole the documents, and EVERYTHING that led up to the first book. It was kind of a sucky prequel in my opinion. I recommend it just to get a little more feel what Conner and Dani were like, but it will leave you confused. I rate this book a two.
