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Dillon Alexander has been Kit Derby's nemesis since third grade, when he beat her in the school spelling bee. They've been competing ever since, driving each other to be the best at everything from science fairs to bake sales. While working together one night during their senior year, they stopped bickering long enough to share an emotionally charged kiss. But a tragedy that same night left them both racked with guilt, driving Dillon out of town and leaving Kit determined to keep her distance.

Now an emergency room physician, Dillon has returned to their hometown of Chance, Nebraska. Soon he and Kit fall back into old habits, sparring in public while trying to stay out of each other's arms. But when a blizzard traps them overnight at Kit's grandmother's farmhouse, the real competition begins: Who will be the first to give in to the feelings they've denied for a decade?

## **Turned Up Details**

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## From Reader Review Turned Up for online ebook

### **Pelusa Rivera says**

Received an ARC for my fair review for netgalley. I did enjoy book, this was another enemies-to lovers story. Kit and Dillon, were always competing, but in reality they had feelings for each other that they never admitted. And then there is a snow storm..I will let you take it from there. Read it, you will enjoy.

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### **~Mandi~ says**

Turned Up  
Taking Chances #3  
Erin Nicholas

Super sweet romance! Snowed in with a hot sexy crush that you have major chemistry with. Sign me up ;) This was book 3 in this series about 3 different romances in small town of Chance. Best friends who have all found love ♥?  
Thanks NetGalley for the arc in exchange for my honest review.

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### **Tami says**

Extremely good book. A noticeable part of a series, but still able to stand on its own.

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### **Isha Coleman says**

Erin Nicholas is good. For a little while, she helps readers get out of their heads and get in touch with their hearts. If laughter is the best medicine, Turned Up is spot on with the dosage. Kit and Dillon are book smart but clueless when it comes to the heart. Egos explode, sparks fly and love grows. What happens when the bane of your existence morphs into the love of your life? Crazy, sizzling and irresistible fun.

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### **Bette Hansen says**

Loved Dillion and Kit's story!! Throughout the series they've had this snarky banter going back and forth. It seems they've been competing against each other all their lives and they just don't know any other way to be. Yes, the sexual chemistry may have spilled over into a couple of hookups but anything more than that just wouldn't work.....would it??

Erin Nicholas once again gives us a fun, super sexy story that warms the heart and gives us all hope for out HEA. Love her writing style and I adore how "real" all her characters feel. I highly recommend this book and

series! It's a must read.

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## Monique V says

### **Thank you to the publisher and netgalley for providing me with an advance readers copy of this book**

This was such a quick book to read. Very entertaining with a very sexy romance. I loved that the characters have a lot of history and you can tell from the first page. This was an opposites attract situation and I love those kinds of romances. The ending was a bit abrupt. I would have liked it if the book was just a little bit longer to wrap up things nicer but besides that, this book was a solid read.

Final rating: 4/5 Stars.

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## Melanie says

*Turned Up* was a fun rivals-to-lovers romance with amazing characters and the sexiest of the romances in the *Taking Chances* series.

Kit Derby and Dillon Alexander have been rivals since the third grade when Dillon became the first person to beat Kit at anything. Since then, the two compete at everything and are always pushing each other to be better. Now both back in their hometown, they work in the same hospital while continuing to try and one up each other. When the two are trapped alone together by a blizzard overnight, they must face the feelings they've been denying for years and decide where their relationship will go once they're back in the real world.

I really enjoyed the push-pull of Dillon and Kit's relationship and the level of banter was excellent. Enemies or rivals to lovers is one of my favorite tropes and it's so well done in *Turned Up*. When Dillon and Kit are in public they bicker a lot, but then as soon as they're alone they jump each other. There's a ton of heat in their relationship and I think of the three romances theirs definitely included the most sex scenes. However, there is more to their relationship than just the physical and I like how supportive of each other they were and how much they actually talked about stuff.

Roughly half of this book takes place with the characters snowed in during a blizzard, so there's a lot of time where it's just the two of them. It was nice getting to see how the characters interacted inside that bubble and how they adjusted to the change in their relationship after they're back in everyday life. I loved how much we got to see of the couples from the first two books in this series. The author has tied the lives of these six people together very well and I really enjoyed their friendships.

Overall, *Turned Up* was an excellent continuation of the *Taking Chances* series and I definitely recommend this series to anyone looking for some fun contemporary reads.

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## MsChris1161 says

Dillon and Kit are great together. Doesn't matter if they're competing, working together, bantering, or getting hot and sexy. I have been looking forward to this third book in Erin Nicholas's Taking Chances series and I loved it! TURNED UP is a fantastic story of not quite frenemies turning into lovers. It was great catching up with all the characters from the town of Chance. I found plenty of humor, love and steamy scenes in Erin Nicholas's latest. This is why her books never disappoint! 4.5 stars

~Complimentary copy downloaded from NetGalley. All opinions expressed in this review are my own.

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## Georgie says

### 3.5 stars

I'm glad I stuck with this - a cut above most CRs I've read recently.

It starts slowly, with the set-up hammered home just a little too often. Yes, we get that Kit and Dillon (doctors in a small Nebraskan town) are personally and professionally at odds, while still lusting after each other. But the set-up's delivered with humour against a convincing hospital background, and Kit's kick-ass doctor is worth cheering on. Though it's pretty clear, as soon as the words "snow" & "isolated house" appear, that H&h are going to get stranded and Things Will Happen. They are and they do.

What lifts the story from the run-of-the-mill is that - far from denying their chemistry - Kit and Dillon have actually (view spoiler)

It's not an unusual plot, but the MCs were engaging, and this passed a very pleasant couple of hours. Erin Nicholas was a new-to-me author, but I'll certainly be looking out the others in the series.

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## Crystal Singer says

Ms. Nicholas has done it yet again. She managed to top herself. The third and final book in the Taking Chances series, Turned Up was, without a doubt, my favorite. I knew from the previous two books these two would have some serious chemistry, but oh my! They exceeded my expectations!! Not quite enemies, but rivals for sure, Dylan and Kit took outdoing each other to a whole other level. But when they put aside their differences and came together (both in life and between the sheets) they were a totally unstoppable force! I love the town of Chance and the people who inhabit it. Their friendships, love stories and rallying together spirit made this series such a fun, sexy and enjoyable read! You don't want to miss this story!!!

Happy reading!

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## Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Erin Nicholas offers up a spicy, fun, and entertaining romance in Turned Up, the third book in her Taking Chances series. Rivals since childhood, Kit Derby, the town's resident psychologist, and Dillon Alexander, one of the town's physicians, explore a relationship that neither one can really define after years of one-upmanship, a teenaged tryst that left them both feeling things they had no idea how to handle, and a few other encounters that left them off balance. Packed with emotion, along with some truly fun and sexy times, I enjoyed Turned Up immensely.

There was something refreshing about this story in that Kit and Dillon compelled one another to do better, be better, to always strive for excellence and that isn't a bad thing. Yes, these two were rivals and while at times they weren't always nice to one another it was obvious to see that they always had respect for the other. Over the years they had moments that caused them to reassess their lives, moments that left them feeling raw, and moments that confused them all of which have led them on a journey to one another, albeit kicking and screaming.

Dillon has spent his life since medical school in intense situations, always helping those in need. Moving back home to Chance, Nebraska he has had to adjust his way of thinking when it comes to his patients. These are people he knows, people who knew him growing up, and people he will see day in and day out and for Dillon learning to connect and be more emotionally available is hard, but he also knows that with Kit's help he can get there.

Since returning to Chance after medical school Kit has not only made a name for herself for the excellent mental health care she gives her patients, but also in the way she always is on top of everything, for her service to the community, and her dedication to every committee and event she volunteers her time to. She is confident, self sufficient, and strong but when she is around Dillon she feels different and that scares her more than anything.

I love that despite the fact these two pushed each other to always be better, that they challenged one another to do more that once they began to see each other as more than rivals they were off balance. Dillon wanted to be a better man, to be aware of his feelings and to offer his patients the support they needed. Kit feared losing herself, her edge because with Dillon around she was happy. At times I wanted to remind Kit that it is not good to try and self analyze, her internal struggles drove me a wee bit nuts, but I also loved that Dillon and her friends called her out on it more than once.

Seeing the couples from the other two books, plus the friendship between them all was charming and amusing and put a huge smile on my face when they were all together. Once again Erin Nicholas delivers big time with this excellent romance filled with friends, family, and small town antics.

Review copy provided for a voluntary review.

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## Mona says

The third book in the Taking Chances series.

My favorite. Emotional, and heart warming.

When Kit Derby and Dillon Alexander were kids they were competitive. Now as adults even more. Both in the medical field he an ER doctor, and her being the town psychiatrist.

But when she happens to be first on the scene of an accident. She has to do what she can.

Soon that involves delivery a baby.

A shocking turn of events puts them overnight at her grandmothers house. It was there intention of just looking in on her. But to both of there surprise she wasn't there.

I enjoyed the bantering back and forth between them.

Friends for so long, but also something else neither would put a name too. After one night they had a feeling. Maybe they always knew.

Highly recommend..

I was provided a copy in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Rebecca Kroft says**

Kit and Dillon's story was all sweetness and spit fire! Kit had loved Dillon for as long as she could remember. For Dillon it took a bit longer to realize his feelings. Unfortunately for them it took being stranded to really come to terms with how they really felt about each other. The way they fought...its no wonder the sparks flew! I loved ever minute of them being stranded...the multiple layers, the chili, the blanket tent, and of course...Chutes and Ladders. I will forever think of Kit and Dillon when my boys pull that game out to play. Job well done, Ms Nicholas...excellent book. A must read.

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### **Dísir says**

Erin Nicholas's 'Turned up' is generally an easy, light read and while I hadn't been invested in small town Chance for a long while, Kit's and Dillon's supposed enemies-to-lovers trope brought me back instantly to that simmering sexual tension that had to snap sometime.

Only that I didn't quite know what to feel about their complicated history that started in high school which Nicholas outlined, seeing as I was expecting (and perhaps hoping for) more of a straight-up competitive 'hate' to love sort of relationship because those seem...hotter somehow. Yet, what it takes for them to move past the will-they-won't-they stage is apparently some kind of disaster or a snowstorm, where dating, rather than occasional pent-up sex over the months and years will become the new norm.

But as most stories go, past the initial honeymoon stage, there're always obstacles to flatten, some of which become the biggest thorn in the flesh that eventually lead to the pairing's HEA. The format here isn't too different, only that I felt emotional mountains were made of molehills that could have easily been solved by talking and some strategic and intelligent positioning so that Kit/Dillon wouldn't have to listen to what everyone in a small town and what they had to say about their relationship.

I didn't like how Kit gave credence to how the mayor's wife tried to dictate the way Dillon's and her relationship should go and that she did irked me, because it really looked as though they were getting into a whole new rhythm of their own before she starting doubting everything they had. Seriously? Worse yet, she'd started to believe that she could only be the best when Dillon was there to compete with her and push her to be better and that this eventually became the conflict in the climax seemed, well, annoyingly petty. Kit's way of running to deal with feelings got tiring (and in some way, TSTL) as well, when her inability to face up to how relationships DO change people felt like an identity crisis that only teenagers rather than professionals should be worrying about. Thankfully though, that was brief enough, though sufficiently

lengthy to trigger the personal peeve of mine when couples get together deliriously happy before someone suddenly shifts and turns tail because of an external influence and then acts completely out of their depth.

And I'm going to say right here, that this is probably splitting hairs because of my admittedly short fuse when it comes to stupid behaviour. Yet that was the only downer—with enough push-pull that just didn't convince me at all—that would have otherwise made this a very, very good read.

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(still grateful, mind)

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## Laura says

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This was a small town, enemies to lovers, second chance romance. It is the 3rd in the series, and while there are characters from the 1st 2 books (it's a small town romance, it would be odd if there weren't) you don't need to have read the other books to enjoy this one...although I do recommend them.

Yeah, there was a lot going on in this one, and this doesn't always work for me. In fact, if you have read my reviews, one of the main issues I have is with books that try to do too much.

But, as you will notice by the rating, this one got the balance just right.

I think because in order for it to really work, it all had to be there. The small town, the inability of them to get away from one another, it had to exist or they never would have gotten past the reason that they didn't work initially, in the past (hence why they needed to also be a second chance) and, the enemies to lovers? Well, that was the draw that kept them coming back to one another, the need to push one another, to challenge each other to be better, and to be unwilling to let one another settle for 2nd best.

It all just worked, and it worked very well.

Dillon and Kit started in high school. With an attraction that maybe wasn't handled totally correctly (but in a way that is forgivable, with an encounter that left them both feeling just a little guilty...even though they didn't need to feel any guilt at all) and the resulting time and distance separation that they needed to find their own footing without one another constantly there. I loves that, as the story goes on, you get some of the details of the other times they have been drawn to one another, and of the reasons that it didn't work, and the reason why this time is different.

Stories where the hero and the heroine are trapped somewhere need a lot of elements in order for them to work, and this one works so well. Their past, the attraction, the fact that their previous encounters have all ended with one of them leaving (at least emotionally, often physically as well) all builds up into a wonderful romance with 2 people who are finally forced to stay in the same place. The conversation, the getting to know one another, that happens is so real, and so emotional, that you can't imagine them ending up anywhere but together.

I also think the story worked as there was no "great breakup scene" for them. Yes, there is the angst of the relationship, and the push and pull of figuring that out...but they do it together. And, there really is no other way for that to have happened after the closeness and openness of their night in the blizzard. I loved that Erin Nicholas didn't lose the momentum of the connection by staging the "big fight" that is so often a part of the

developing relationship. Dillon and Kit had done enough of that, seeing them together, even if it was reluctantly on Kit's part, worked for the story and honestly, it is the main reason this was a 5 star read for me.

The other reason this one hit all the 5 star buttons for me is how much Dillon just plain loves Kit. These can be a hard sell, as you need the romantic hero to be a hero, to woo the woman, to be the male you want in a romance...and that can be tough when you start the book with the hero already in love with the heroine (even if she doesn't fully see it) but the way Nicholas writes Dillon, the way instead of forcing his love on Kit he shows her, with gloves, and s'mores, and blanket forts, and just generally caring about her, well, that works so well.

The romance is well balanced with the touches of life in a small town, with the disappointments of life in general, with the idea that sometimes, even when you are doing the right thing, and feel good about it, it is nice to have that push. That person there to challenge you, to come in (even if at the last minute) to shake up your world just a little bit.

I recommend this title.

And, while we are at it...my spelling bee nemesis word is "petition" and I have spelled that right since the 4th grade.

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