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“Maybe you should avoid me tonight.”

His arm slipped around my waist and I was drawn into his chest. “If I only have this one night with you, the last thing I’m going to do is stay away.”

Kia Valentines had always accepted the fact that she was a nerd, a nobody. It was a badge she wore with honor, until the day she saved Claudia DeLorenzo’s life and lost herself.

When offered the chance to shed her identity for a single night, Kia never believed it would change her life. It was one night. It meant nothing, or it shouldn't have. But that single night turned out to be her undoing when she finds passion in the arms of the one person she can never have.

Adam Chaves was more than just a gorgeous face, he made her laugh, but more importantly, when he looked at her, she felt like the most beautiful girl on earth. But Adam has no idea that Kia was the girl behind the mask and Kia has no intention of telling him. But a secret could only be kept if no one else knows about it. Claudia knows and she wants something Kia isn't willing to give in order to keep it.

Will Kia succumb? And just how far is Claudia willing to go to get what she wants?

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From Reader Review Finding Kia for online ebook

Liz says

I was given an ARC copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review:

Oh.Em.Gee!!! I just finished this book and I really have no perfect words to describe how I feel right now. Before I start, I just have to say...Why'd it have to end like that??? Okay, I get the whole cliffhanger, lol, but Airicka, be prepared for me to stalk you until I have the 2nd book in my hands!!!

Okay, where to start? I swear to you that Kia is me, or was me, in high school. I felt awkward and out of place, didn't want attention drawn to myself and yet I wasn't as ugly and as awkward as I thought I was. And all it took was the attention of a guy to draw me out. Kia is no different. I absolutely loved her and her inner thoughts. What a sweet girl she was and she was so lost, still is, trying to find who she really is. I loved her sarcastic remarks and her fiery temper. I don't believe there's another book I've enjoyed as much as I did this one, or a main character. I found myself smothering laughs into my pillow (as to not wake the hubby) and unable to put the book down. Seriously, this is the first book I haven't been watching my read progress in and it ended WAY before I was prepared.

Adam is just...perfect. I can't even come up with a descriptive word that works better for him. He's sarcastic, humorous, tender, romantic, sexy and has a temper that isn't scary, but just plain HOT. (If you want to know more about that comment, go read the book!!) I can't even pick a favorite scene with him in it, all of them are yummy!

Congratulations, Airicka, you've outdone yourself yet again. You're gonna have fans falling all over themselves to get to a copy of this book. And once they've read it, I suggest security...LOTS of security, lol...cuz we're all gonna want that book #2 ASAP!!!

Would I recommend this book to others: Most definitely!!! (Though I did think about saving Adam for myself.)

Appropriate for 14 and under: yes

Sexual content and language: little to none

Laura Watters says

Okay I'm sitting here an emotional roller coaster, Finding Kia is in my top 3 Best Ever Best Reads List, As of right now!!! Let me tell you a little bit about this amazingly created book of Airicka Phoenix 's , you have Kia our wonderful typical sixteen year old girl,who is really easy going, she has her best friend Nessie, she doesn't need anymore friends she's happy who she is, until a boy comes into her work that turns her life and who she thinks she is upside down even though Adam dark hair blue eyed handsome angel turns out to be her best friends brother!!!

Then you have Claudia the supermodel of her high school, she is the meaning of the word Bitch!!!

Put all this together bring you a suspense that you can't help but get captivated with.

You have emotional twists and turns that you can't help but go with them,now I don't want to give out any spoils but I'm torn between kidnapping or loving to bits from afar Airicka Phoenix right now!!! She has created Yet another masterpiece that just flows from page to page!!

Finding Kia could NEVER Disappoint this book is that fabulous that all these amazing words for it are all to Weak!! Just to describe the journey you travel though while reading.

Now I'm going to sit patiently waiting on book two (We all know I'm not,I'm not patient at all Airicka sorry sweetie I'm going to hound you like the hounds of hell for book two.....giving you fair warning I think lol)

C. Erani Kole says

ALLYCAT READDDDD THISSSSSSSSSSS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! (It's YA!-

cough

Right... Ok. I loved this! Airicka Phoenix had me at *The Fire Games* (or was it *Octavian's Undoing?*) and she got me excited for *Finding Kia*. Our girl is a hilarious, sarcastic nerd that's almost too much to handle sometimes. Kia's used to being invisible, and it's a wonder she and Nessie- her only friend and total heart breaker in the school -ever got together. But they did, and it's a nice relationship. Her parents are divorced, and she lives with her mom and the girlfriend. I like the mom, and I like Joanne. They're their own individuals in the story, but are still super supportive to Kia, which is always important.

One day, Kia saves Claudia, the most popular girl in school, from turning into roadkill, and in return gets invited (forcibly, I might add) to one of her infamous parties. At work, she turns into a total clutz and danger magnet due to the hotness level of a particular customer. When she goes to Nessie's house to study, she tells her all about the party invite and then finally meets her older brother when he comes home. Adam Chaves. And the customer from her job. She's totally embarrassed, but what's worse- he recognizes her! (Or is that really so bad?) It's accident after accident with her as she can't seem to control herself (or her limbs) whenever he's around. And yet he never once looks at her in a negative way. If anything, he seems amused. And he calls her Nena.

"Kia," I corrected him. "My name-"

"I know," he said. "I haven't forgotten."

Right. "You just called me Nena." Yeah, I was so not impressed.

He rolled a pink tongue over his teeth. "It's Spanish."

I arched an eyebrow. "For another girl's name?"

He laughed, shaking his head. "For baby."

That scene deserved a group jump... It's a great moment for her, and when Friday comes, she goes to the party despite her many attempts at trying to get out of it, and what do you know? She runs into Adam. And when Claudia announces that the whole point of the party is to have a date for the night, she makes the girls choose among the boys' ties scrambled up in a bowl. Kia gets Adam's tie (eeekkk!) and even fights Claudia for it when the hostess tries to go back on her own rules of sticking with what you choose and not switching out.

You can't switch ties with the others.

You can't reveal your identity.

You can't kiss.

You can't leave.

You can't take another girl's date.

She and Adam have a great time together, but when he mentions that he might like another girl, she painfully tells him to give her a chance. Adam tells her he wants to give *her* a chance, and after a night of fun, they kiss. But she knows that he would never want her if he found out what truly hid behind the mystery, so she tells him to give that other girl a chance and leaves before the party ends.

It's a new day, and she's miserable. It's torture seeing Adam, but when she tries to return the tie to his house via the mail door, she runs into him with nothing but a towel on and ends up hanging out with him- I mean, after he dresses, of course. But hey! She got to see a little something-something when he walks up those long stairs! He catches her watching, too, and teasingly offers to drop the towel.

Damn that boy is seriously fine...

cough cough

During their hang out, she says something that makes him look at her a little harder, but he doesn't pursue it. It's a continuous dance like this afterwards, and eventually, Claudia comes up, reprimanding her for breaking the rules. She dogs on Kia's self esteem, and after hearing it from Miss Priss herself and feeling the way she does because of Adam, she decides that she's had enough with being invisible.

"I think I want people to notice me a little. I mean, I'm getting older and I can't go out into the world looking the same way I did when I was five. You know?" I looked up at her. "I think this might be good for me."

Joanne nodded slowly. "Well, all right then. You know your mom and I will support you in whatever you decide to do."

Again, I thought the adults in her life were really supportive and attentive, while still allowing her her own freedom of things. So now Kia's got this whole new makeover (Nessie totally loved helping) and for her birthday, Nessie surprises her with tickets for the annual carnival's last day. She loves the carnival, but when she gets there, Adam shows up ten minutes later, telling her Nessie got grounded. She's disappointed, but then he pulls out the tickets, revealing that he'd been the one to give Nessie the tickets in the first place. He'd been hoping to use them to take out the mystery girl he met on Friday, but then decided that he'd never find her, and so had forfeited them to his sister.

He asks her to join him, and they have a great time. Along the way, his arm eventually finds its way around her waist, but when they go to play a game, she chooses a green bear, and when he asks why that particular prize, she jokingly says it's color.

"Forest green."

It's hilarious because it was his answer from Friday night, but she realizes too late that she just gave herself away. Claudia shows up because it's like, a rule for all evil biatches to show up when things are going great for the guy and gal, but when Adam ignores Claudia and tries to talk to Kia about what just happened, she refuses to admit anything, and he takes her home, though not before leaving her with a kiss on the cheek.

She has officially fallen hard, and then Claudia later threatens to reveal to Adam that Kia was the girl he'd been with on Friday. Kia doesn't want him to know for fear of being rejected, but when Claudia says she'll tell unless Kia let's her have Adam, she refuses and decides to tell him the truth herself. Everything is going great again, but when she discreetly asks Nessie how she'd feel if a friend were to date her brother, Nessie tells her that she'd hate them both; her brother for lusting after her friend, and her friend for using her to get to her big brother.

Ok, right there I was little iffy about Kia's train of thought after what just happened. I'd like to believe that Nessie knows Kia enough to really know that she would never do something like that. Kia, however, freaks at the thought of losing the only true friend she has, and so when the opportunity to tell Adam the truth comes up, she balks. Even after Claudia tells on her and Adam approaches her, she refuses to tell him.

"Leave me alone, Adam."

His eyes narrowed. A muscle flexed along his jaw. "That's not going to happen. You can hide all you want, Kia. But I'll find you."

He meant it. There wasn't a shred of doubt in my mind.

I shook my head. "If you care about Nessie, you won't."

With that, I walked away from him.

I liked the beginning and how the characters were introduced, but to be honest, the beginning was a little slow for me. I was like, "**Show me the money-!**" *cough* "**-I mean, Adam!**" Her sarcastic remarks were hilarious as hell, but in the beginning, they sort of got a little repetitive, but then Adam came along and then her sarcasm was funny again. I mean, seriously, she seems like she has a sarcastic remark for everything, but I do, too, so what am I talking about?

This kind of setup is always fun to read, and I like Phoenix's style of writing. Kia is a cool chick, like the other girls that I've read about so far. I *loveee* Adam, as well as the name, 'Adam', since there's a fae prince named Adam from Moning's Highlander seriesbutanywayyyysss! lol Every time Adam and Kia entered the pages together I'm sure I looked like this to my family:

I recommend this YA novel to those who aren't afraid of French kisses among folks, girls with sharp tongues and drama that makes you squeal (oh, was that only me? hmm) and did I mention that Adam is seriously fangirl worthy? No? Well, yeah. He is. XD AND THE SECOND BOOK'S ALREADY OUUUUTTTT.

Happy Reading!

Shay says

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So I started this book last night and I finished last night!!! It was so addictive that I just cruised through it. It also was a short book and everything is condensed which allowed me to finish in under 2 hours.

I extremely enjoyed the MC in this book. Kia was down right hilarious and had such a strong voice. There was a quick mention of her family, which I wish there was more of cause they were SO MUCH FUN!! I loved the part with the dancing. Ha! So Good! Kia's strong personality gave us some good witty comebacks but she also had a very smart head on her shoulders. Being closer to a nerd than the hot girl on campus, I will guarantee that most will really relate to her. I know I did.

Kia's first encounter with Adam was down right hilarious. What a freaking blubbering fool! I was laughing so hard! And the whole time Adam knows exactly what affect he has on her. The best thing.. even the second time they meet is funny. Oh man! This book was so funny and charming and just so lovely. I'm starting the next one right away cause I have to know what's going to happen. I wanted to smack Adam a little bit for being kind of an idiot but I think it kind of added to his charm.

One really great thing that I loved was the mystery aspect. You can lie to yourself as much as you like but every girl has a fantasy where she can be the sexy mysterious woman we want to let out of the cage to get the guy that she wants. And have him head over heels for her. Just knowing that you have his full and undivided attention makes you feel wanted and every girl and woman wants that. This was what made me love this book so much. The feeling of being wanted. Kia is comfortable in herself just the way she is, knowing what her flaws are, but she makes a really good point of what the outside says about a person. And I loved that. A really good and well written novel that everyone will devour..its short and compact but holds a lot of punch!

I highly recommend this book, along with the second as I'm sure it will be just as good. Plus once you finish this one, you will be picking up the next one right away just to see how it all plays out. I know I am. =>

|ENJOY|

<3 Shay

Lorrie says

I was given an ARC copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review:

I've loved everything that I've read by Airicka Phoenix and Finding Kia is probably moving to the top. The book was so fast paced that I was in shock when I was done then also started to feel hate for the author at the ending lol. When you read it you will know the same feeling.. The characters were amazing starting with Kia who is a little nerdy and always feels out of place. Her best friend Nessie is fun bubbly and amazing that sometimes Kia has no idea how they are friends. Nessie's brother is Adam who is HOT and could probably have any girl he wants but of course Kia falls for him. Claudia is a gorgeous supermodel style girl who of course is better than everyone. (Let's face it we all had girls like that at our school I'm sure) The book is very unique and very life like that anyone can relate to this book which is amazing. Let's just say Airicka has done it again and can't wait to see where this story goes in the next book.

Christy says

I received this ARC in exchange for an honest review.

When I first started reading this I was not sure what to expect since the girl in the book Kia was so hard on herself. She was if I may say an 'ugly duckling'. She dressed in overly big clothes all the time and never really did her hair or makeup, she was okay with this though. She didn't want to be noticed like all the other girls, that is, well until this dark haired mystery guy comes into her job at the Taco Stand.

When Adam walks into Kia's life she had no idea just how much it was going to change.

We meet Vanessa who is Kia's best friend and the ONLY person who sees her for her true beauty on the inside. In this book there is much bantering with Vanessa and her wanting Kia to go to the most popular girl in school's party. This is where everything that Kia has once known and believed in changes.

Will Kia stick to being the same old Vanilla girl she is used to, or change herself to catch the eye of a certain Dark Haired guy she is falling for?

Zuri. says

Esto no era parte del plan...

Se suponía que yo iba a leer algo ligero para disminuir la gran ola de libros largos y llenos de situaciones que te llevan al borde emocional, y tan ingenua pensé que este era ese tipo de libro. Me equivoqué y tuve razón, también.

Al final, me encontré con muchas risas (eso esperaba encontrar y lo obtuve) pero también me encontré con una histórica, frustrada, dramática yo sufriendo por un drama adolescente.

Ahora bien, en esta historia nos encontramos a Kia, una adolescente que un día salva a la odiosa reina del instituto de un desafortunado accidente y, por ende, Kia es recompensada por su labor siendo invitada a un

baile de máscaras. Pero lo que no sabía, es que se encontraría con alguien que ella desearía y no podría tener una vez que la noche acabará.

En eso podemos resumir de qué va la historia. Y aunque esté cargada de tanta simplicidad, me gustó muchísimo. Esta historia no tiene grandes pretensiones, todo lo que quiere mostrar está ahí. La novela tiene como base la historia de Cenicienta y es una versión actualizada de ésta.

Volviendo a los personajes, Kia es nuestra protagonista y reúne todos los rasgos de una adolescente con problemas de autoestima, el cual toma como referencia esta historia para plantear un escenario donde Kia puede fingir ser alguien completamente diferente, sin complejos. Aunque sin saberlo, eso le trae muchos problemas cuando tiene que volver a la realidad. Solo por una noche, su mundo empieza a desmoronarse y sus relaciones personales también.

Por otro lado, tenemos a Adam *sigh*. El príncipe, obviamente. Que cumple dos diferentes roles en la novela, al igual que Kia, ya que también es el hermano de su mejor amiga. Así que, de un momento a otro, pasa a ser alguien muy presente en su vida.

También tenemos a Claudia, la antagonista de la novela. Ella no necesita introducción.

Debo admitir que mi interés inicial nació de esa misteriosa portada que estaba diciendo mi nombre. Y como amo que las buenas historias estén complementadas con una portada tan preciosa y seductora como esa. Entre otros aspectos, también me gustó leer y volver a esa época en las que leía historias sobre chicas introvertidas, que se escondían en ropas extremadamente holgadas y páginas de libros. Ahora que tenemos esta ola de chicas badass, es bueno leer de vez en cuando esas historias que no recuerdan un poco a nosotros o a ese que éramos nosotros. Me gusto volver a esos tiempos, me gustaron las risas y también el drama que envuelve la historia. La hizo mucho más llevadera, en vez sobrecargarlo de un drama innecesario. Toca lo que es vital y no te aburre con situaciones que desvían la atención para intentar alargar la historia. Es una historia que transcurre con mucha fluidez y naturalidad. Tiene sus momentos divertidos, emocionantes y cargados de drama. Me gusto como vinculo el problema de Kia, que aún no había identificado para con la imagen que tenía ella de sí misma, así como también el tema de la máscara para mostrar cosas que no se atrevería sin ella. El concepto del cover es fenomenal y le otorga muchos puntos a la historia.

Aunque después de hablar tantas maravillas, yo solo iré a frustrarme en un rincón porque ese final me dejo en suspenso. Are you kidding me? Muchas gracias, Airicka.

Becca says

Update: I realized it might be bit until I can read the FINAL FINAL version of this...and since the ending (which i was hoping would be slightly different AIRICKA - anyways hasn't changed from other's reviews) i am going to keep my review up and post statuses when I can read the FINAL FINAL copy :D

I was asked by Airicka Phoenix to do an ARC in exchange for being awesome... I mean writing a review, but mostly because I like to think I am awesome but not really. So anyways! Honesty is the best policy, especially for books, maybe not so much to your mom when she makes some bizarre new recipe that she is all gun-hoe about, but in reality taste like dirt, and might possibly have some dirt in it, that is the time to lie your ass off for so many reasons but not right meow. And no way was my opinion altered because of this totally awesome honor, and it is a totally awesome honor to be asked to do this, and if you think otherwise then you might be a butthead, so take that!

Moving on!

Song Choice: "Within You" by David Bowie, "Titanium" Sung by Sia, Song by David Guetta, "Giving Up

the Gun” by Vampire Weekend, and “Honestly” by Cartel now all these songs go along with a certain part of the plot, and I am going to take a look see in my not so extensive itunes collection for another song that I feel exist somewhere because there is another huge part that I want to exploit in this book (cause I loved it). God I kinda hate myself for this but yeah I am going to do it, “Just the Way You Are” by Bruno Mars cover by Boyce Avenue

First thoughts: Well I guess I should warn you Airicka and I have this unofficial battle going on, I try to figure out –if or if not she is using paranormals in her books, and if she is what they are, welp kids I tried my best not to do that with this book, good thing I did) This isn’t paranormal, but HEY HEY YOU paranormal fan that is walking away, well clicking away you get your ass right back here! I am a paranorm junkie, like it’s a problem, but this book was fantastic and it should be read by all ? I am still watching you paranorm fan that thinks I looked away and is trying to run away! This book was HI-larious, like it was a problem, I have explosive laughter, what does that mean? It means when I laugh people on the other side of the country could probably hear me, I laugh and I laugh LOUD. This book had so much humor, but it was mixed with a combination of serious issues as well, and some super awesome romance that literally made me swoon. LITERALLY.

Thoughts on Plot: This book moved incredibly fast and I didn’t even realize that I was getting near of the end of it until I looked down at my progression and I was like WAIT, WAIT WHAT?! HOW DID THIS HAPPEN, I was here now there, and and and and there has to be more. Truth be told there is a good chance I am still looking around my computer seeing if there is more hidden somewhere. While the first half of this book had me coming apart at the seams I was laughing so damn hard, there were serious issues that were presented in this book that I thought were handle very well. (But I will go more into this later in characters) The idea was like Cinderella, meets, Jane Eyre, meets Goddammit I thought of another one but now I can’t remember.... Hmm it will come back to me so if I randomly shout something (it will be in all caps that is me shouting at you) but it had twist of its own, and it was a fun read like I mentioned already eight times with serious themes as well. In Moby Dick (yeah I just went there) Captain Ahab states we all wear pasteboard mask (how do I remember this because it was a shining – aka horribly embarrassing moment for me in my American English 300 level class – shining moment in my college experience). That is how I saw this book for the most part, we hide behind mask to protect ourselves, and this book was adeptly named Finding Kia, when this book was really about finding Kia. I loved every moment in this book because it wasn’t just about high school drama (not that super-duper annoying kind where you want to kill the characters – trust I will get to them soon but a kind you can handle, relate to, and respect), it was about not knowing who you are now, but finding that person, to become something more, to become the person you always wanted to be. To Find Courage, To Find out what really matters, And to Find yourself.

(did you just feel the power in that moment? I know I did....hehehe)

Characters: Now I don’t know this very often but I find myself doing it more and more, but I don’t know how much I will do it, so don’t get too excited. BUT I casted this book...

Meet Kia:

Say A “How Ya Doin’” to Adam:

Now about these Characters:

Kia: *STUNNED SILENCE.....hang on, I am almost good.....okay.* I LOVED HER. Not often do

you get (or least in my reading experience) do you get 6 foot tall, incredibly witty, funny, hahahaha I am just laughing thinking about some her scenes, and remarks, anyways, and clumsy MC girls. Even less do you run into ones that wear glasses, no I am not talking about the MC girls that have glasses but only wear them at night and in the morning, no I am talking about all the time, THEN ON top of that awesome-ness she is a geek. That's my kind of woman! I about died when there was a LOTRs reference. Totally awesome. Anyways HOLY HELL I loved this girl, now she wasn't one those MCs that are like, oh I am not pretty I am quite plain but really every guy in the world actually thinks she is the hotness thing since the Sun. No she goes through her list of flaws, and she does have flaws, hell we all do, I dare even say that I do. (which I am not actually that conceded I do have a lot of flaws, I know this I am just trying to be funny so roll with it). She doesn't act like they aren't a problem either, here is what I loved about this book, it did deal with problems that I don't care what you say all girls and probably guys have gone through (for guys I am not 100% sure, I was blessed as being born a woman well besides one week every month – gross I know whatever but everything girl is thinking the same damn thing right now!) And not once does Kia falter from the extraordinarily amazing person that she is. Things are dealt with in a very well done manner, I can't say wait because of spoilers but I can say thumbs up Airicka. Now Kia's personality like I mentioned she is sooo soo funny! But more than that she is really relatable, and easy to like. She is also a 3D kind of character (which means there is more to her than meets the eye, there is more than one side to her.) Wow. Seriously wow. I loved her, and she is completely selfless...oh Kia.

Adam: SWOON. That is all. Seriously holy hot guys that have more depth to them than the “me man, you woman, you pretty woman even better grunt grunt” and I know a lot of book boyfriends, I mean book boys aren't entirely like that but it's not often do we get the MC being a sort of not perfect character, and while Adam is totally swoon worthy on the outside, it was the inside I liked. Though he was a bit daft (I like to pretend I am British sometimes), I still loved him, and oh the things he says! He is one smooth talker, and while there were times I was questioning his personality only because of other characters I truly believe that he is a good guy, and turns total Alpha male at the end. LOVE IT! But I don't have too much on him as this book was mostly about Kia (shocking I know, what with the title and all ;))

Nessie (Van- as Adam calls her) – She was an interesting best friend, while these two are total opposites, there aren't many times that I question her friendship with Kia I feel like she does genuinely cares about Kia, and does enjoy being her friend, it's not some weird pity thing. But her morals? Ethics? Are a bit strange...whatever to each their own.

Claudia: narrows eyes.... I don't like you. Well I don't think I was supposed to anyways buy yeah. That is all about her.

The ending: Grr. I want the next one now thank you Airicka.

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Kimberly Schaaf says

Another Unforgettable Story by Ms. Phoenix

Finding Kia...where do I begin? Amazing story, incredible characters, an experience that I think many of us have gone through. Who am I? How do I fit in? Will he like the “REAL” me?

Kia is one of my most favorite characters of Airicka's. With a quick and witty sense of humor, some of the lines that she comes up with literally had me laughing out loud. She's smart and kind of a loner. But not in an unhappy or uncomfortable sort of way. Or at least, she thinks...

She has her bestie. Nessie Chaves is the best friend that you would NEVER imagine Kia having. She's cute, kinda superficial, not a thinker like Kia. But somehow, they work well. I think it's the whole opposite attracts thing. Kia keeps Nessie focused while Nessie reminds Kia to have some fun. I love Nessie's sense of style and the way she cares about Kia.

And then a twist in the story. An act of kindness throws Kia into a situation that she never saw coming in a million years. A chance encounter at a party with "that guy" throws her down a path of self-discovery that's refreshing and encouraging to read about. Reminds me so much of similar thoughts that I think played through a lot of our heads during high school.

So, who's "that guy"? Introduce a one Mr. Adam Chaves. HOLY WOW!!! Hot book boyfriend alert!! Adam's the package...smart, athletic, sexy...did I mention sexy? ? And yes, you are reading this right...a member of the Chaves family aka Nessie's older brother. See the complication yet?

Without giving too much away, Kia's story is one that will stick with you. For so many reasons.

Airicka's putting out a good message...find yourself, love who you are no matter what others think, but be willing to be daring and adventuresome...you NEVER know what or who you might find...

Five incredible stars...anxiously awaiting the next installment in the Lost Girls Series.

Irayda Moran (Quezada) says

Lets start with the cover.. This has to be my favorite of Airicka's book covers. I truly enjoyed this book.. I even put down the one I was reading because this cover was calling my name.. I love Kia, Adam & Nessie. I laughed, and totally engrossed with what was happening I could not put it down.. The plot moved pretty fast and I was surprised when I reached the end. Needles to say I can't wait for more.

Heather andrews says

I finally understand the whole cover concept on this book, but I'm not going to say why I understand it, ya'll will see why when you read the bookie. Normally when I highlight things on my kindle I go by the markings in order but with this book I think I may have to jump around because my feelings were just HOLY S***!! you know? Right, okay so Kia the damn girl needs confidence I mean I thought I had issues in high school but this girl takes it to a whole new level, "it's nothing! I just... Ugh!" I kicked viciously at the pile. "I hate everything about myself." Well Kia hun that's not what you told us in the beginning you said your 'girls' had promise, "now I wasn't about to win any wet t-shirt contests, but the girls were pretty nice, if I did say so myself." I mean seriously hun you just need to use what God gave you and work it not pity yourself what are we in kindergarten? "Right. Jason'll take one look at me and hit the doors. No thanks." Also Adam doesn't really make the situation any better he's a cocky one ladies, "I'm a doer." Ignoring my scowl, he storlled offhandedly towards me, his hands tucked casually in his pockets. "And it's my experience that only guilty people, or nervous people have that many... accidents. So either you robbed a bank, or you like me." I mean seriously he's really cocky I mean I wouldn't mind ogling his endowments, "I could accidently drop the towel if you like." Sweet Jesus do it! I mean Adam and Kia they just need to trust each other and Adam they boy

sometimes confuses me it's like he wants Kia, and then he doesn't you know? That was just confusing he needs to make up his damn mind, and Kia the girl needs to stop thinking everyone is doing s*** out of pity, "why? Because you think I need a pity date like Nessie did? God, Adam!" I'm just hoping in the next book Adam makes the right choice and it's not with the bi*** Claudia because let me tell you what she needs a damn reality check and I have two fists that don't mind giving it to her. Adam is also persistent so let's hope he means what he says, "that's not going to happen. You can hide all you want, but I will find you, Kia." Promises, promises Adam.

Merisha28 says

Finding Kia by Airicka Phoenix

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I received this book in exchange for a honest unbiased review!

My Review~~~

LOVE!!!! That is the first word that comes to mind as I'm writing this review. ADORE is the second word that comes to mind. This book is a hidden gem waiting to be devoured by its prey. The story reminds me of a modern day Cinderella story with a twist! I was so easily able to connect to the character Kia and Adam that my heart would flutter, break, or beat wildly when theirs did. This is a story of a girl with self-esteem issues that has been invisible most her life that after one random act brings life to whats hidden in her. I am in utmost agony waiting to read Revealing Kia coming out hopefully by the end of the year (2013). I guess I will wait with Kia and Adam to see what the author has in store for us! I can't wait. I have re-read the ending a bunch of times already just so I can re-live the ending again and again. The writing is beautiful especially at the masquerade that I felt as though I was Kia or right beside her in it. Beautiful!!!! What are the lengths you would go to keep the only friend you had? Would you risk the guy that your in love with or a true friendship? How far will the betrayal go? I would recommed this author to everyone! Wow can this author write! I hope this author knows she has a new book stalker and that I plan on bugging her repeatedly for more awesome books to read!

Amazon Book Description~~~

"Maybe you should avoid me tonight."

His arm slipped around my waist and I was drawn into his chest. "If I only have this one night with you, the last thing I'm going to do is stay away."

Kia Valentines had always accepted the fact that she was a nerd, a nobody. It was a badge she wore with honor, until the day she saved Claudia DeLorenzo's life and lost herself.

When offered the chance to shed her identity for a single night, Kia never believed it would change her life. It was one night. It meant nothing, or it shouldn't have. But that single night turned out to be her undoing when she finds passion in the arms of the one person she can never have.

Adam Chaves was more than just a gorgeous face, he made her laugh, but more importantly, when he looked at her, she felt like the most beautiful girl on earth. But Adam has no idea that Kia was the girl behind the mask and Kia has no intention of telling him. But a secret can only be kept if no one else knows about it.

Claudia knows and she wants something Kia isn't willing to give in order to keep it.

Will Kia succumb? And just how far is Claudia willing to go to get what she wants?

Marie-Therese says

I was given the book by the author herself for an honest review.

I can't believe how this book is ending... I mean... seriously Airicka?? x'D Now I have to wait for the second book and even an hour would seem too long to wait for..... Here my opinion about the whole book.

Cover I LOVE that cover and it makes totally sense regarding the content. I mean I've read so many books where the cover just doesn't make a sense, but here it does! Wonderful!

Content Finding Kia is kind of a Cinderella story, where I have to say that the Cinderella movie story book thingy isn't really mine, so I liked Cinderella not that much than other stories. But Finding Kia is so wonderful and a new and modern telling about a smart clumsy idiot (xD) who's meeting her crush Adam at a party (where everyone has to wear a mask). The whole story is so sweet and awesome told I was just soaked into. Kia is so clumsy and she interprets every word of the people around her, that I could be her... actually Kia is me (joking.. xD but we have so much in common.. .. gosh.. xD even that clumsy thingy^^). I love how the tense of the story is increasing from page to page. I read FK on my phone.. and every once in a while I looked at the percentage of what is left for me to read...^^... I was worried at 80% (I though "NOOO.... NOT JUST 20%!!!!")... but I was so surprised on the last page.... Ö_o... I haven't realized while reading, how much I was reading and how fast I was going through the book in these last 20%.^^ The end came too fast... v_v"... But it was sooo wonderful! I won't miss any word of that story.

Characters Kia ~ Like I said... I'm totally like her. haha Clumsy, smart (hopefully ö_O" haha) and additionally to that over-interpreting everyones words.. xD I adore her and she's a special place in my book heart! I want to read more of Kia soon! *0* Adam ~ Adam..... Adam.... *sigh*... I have a new book boyfriend peeps!! He's so gorgeous and awesome and in my mind pretty sexy.. x-P I want to read more of him, too! Nessie ~ She's such a lovely person. I think every girl would love to her she as her best friend! Me too. Claudia ~ I could punch that b*** right in her adorable snake face "... She's making me a bit aggressive... have you noticed?^^ I don't like her...

Style of writing I just flew to that book. I'm not speaking English as my mothertongue (so I gift you as many grammar mistakes as I can write xDD), but I've understood everything perfectly and like I wrote above I was soaked into the story. Not just because the story was wonderfully told (which is a great part :D), but it is also written in an awesome way.

Conclusion God... My heart is pounding, my breath goes sharp, because the last pages I just had to hold my breath.. xD Airicka? If amazon or goodreads or so would allow me to give 6 of 5 stars you would totally get them (on my blog you will, muhahahaha ♥). So you'll get 5 of 5 Starts from me and great hugs for writing such a lovely book!

Jennifer Treviño says

I ♥ this book! Kia ... I adore you & your "flaws"! Your attitude is simply refreshing! Seriously, she's

accepting that she's not perfect (since HELLO no one is!), & doesn't dwell on things that she can not change. Claudia on the other hand ~ I dub thee villain! Grrrrrr! Adam oh Adam ... I liked you from the get-go!

The kicker for me was the fact that I could not stop laughing! This book flows wonderfully, & it was over before I even realized I had flipped so many pages. (That may or may not have been from watery eyes caused by all of the laughing.)

This was my 1st book by Airicka Phoenix, & I am happy to say that I am officially jumping on that bandwagon! LOVE her story, LOVE her characters, LOVE her writing style.....what more can I say???

Oh...yeah...go buy her book & see exactly what I mean!

ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says
