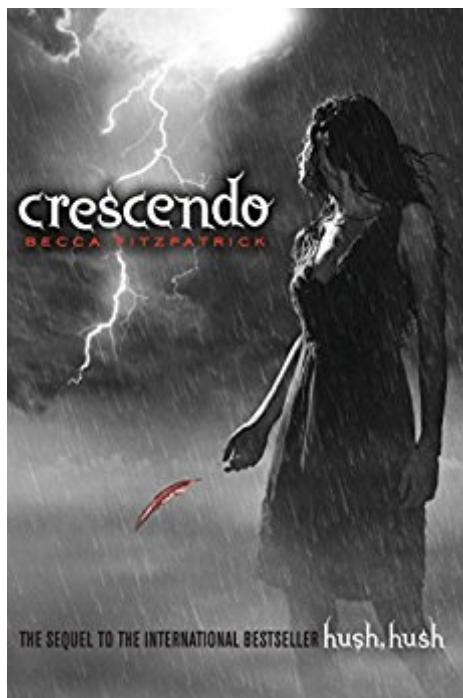


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Crescendo (The Hush, Hush Saga Book 2)



Synopsis

Despite starting a relationship with Patch, her guardian angel (whose title is the only angelic thing about him), and surviving an attempt on her life, things are not looking good for Nora Grey. Aside from fearing her boyfriend is interested in her nemesis, Nora is haunted by images of her father and becomes obsessed with understanding his disappearance. As Nora delves into the mystery of her father's death, she begins to wonder whether her Nephilim blood line has something to do with it. And since Patch isn't answering her questions, Nora has to start finding the answers on her own. Relying too heavily on the fact that she has a guardian angel puts Nora at risk again and again. But can she really count on Patch—or is he hiding secrets darker than she can even imagine? The paperback will feature an exclusive first look at the next book in the Hush, Hush saga, on sale Fall 2012!

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Customer Reviews

For readers out there I would suggest this book to anyone who loves action, fantasy, and romance.

This book has a sense of mystery as well. It has a great story line and if you haven't already, start at the beginning with hush hush. You will be more than surprised and great fun you read it if you love any of those categories of books listed above. This book will drive you over the edge with its suspenseful cliff hangers and its gravitating pull to want to read more. I highly suggest any teen or young adult to read this book. BEWARE IF YOU READ FROM HERE ON AND HAVE NOT READ THE PREVIOUS BOOKS OR THIS ONE THERE ARE SPOILERS!!!! DO NOT READ ON IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO HAVE SOME OF THE PARTS IN THIS BOOK RUINED! This book was very thrilling and enticing. Not only did the author inform you more on the way the world that patch lived in, it also helped you see a different side of the story which in turn allows you to form your own side and opinion. In the first two books I still felt like I had little understanding of how things work in Patch's world. This third book not only brought a new light to their situation but helped me get a better grip about how things happen in the past books. It helped me establish a better spot as a reader because I knew more and felt like I could better understand and feel what the characters were going through. I was also pleased with how Patch became more clear about what he felt. In the first books Patch was hesitant to say he loved her for valid reasons even when it was clearly obvious. So it was refreshing to see his character say and do anything for Nora. It was also reassuring as well throughout the book that Nora had Patch and that he was so protective of Nora. I think his character was more stable because of her. I found that it was more alluring for the overall makeup of his character and that it helped me as a reader be reassured throughout the book that Nora would find a way through this. Although the book was good there were still a few things that made me disappointed and peeved. In a small way I feel as the memory loss for Nora impacted her character for a longer period of time than necessary. She lost her sarcastic kind of witty edge as well as her strong moral compass that somehow faltered when it came to Patch and the Nephilim. I also found that when she was regaining her memory from everyone else, there were a few left out part of the book that seemed almost necessary for Nora to understand. In this book I felt Nora went through a lot of turmoil and drama that both heightened the readers need to read a more and made the reader feel and go through what the characters in the book were. Nora was witty and had a moral compass that told her something was wrong. She hated how she was going against it but still had that feeling that she loved it. This side of Nora was so realistic because I know I feel like that a lot and it speaks to true to many instances in any person's daily life. But in this book, her logic and moral compass seemed more blurred and throughout the book I felt as if Nora wasn't Nora. I found that even when she was filled in on the majority of what she missed in those five months, she still had more belief for the Nephil. Which don't get me wrong I would too, but she seemed more lenient

to how the fallen angels took over the Nephilim's bodies in the first books. Therefore I believe her view changed because of a washed away me more and some key facts that I felt were left out. As mentioned above, I believe some key parts were left out of the book. This would include the fact that more people would die if the fallen angels didn't possess the Nephil and reverted to humans. Nora's understanding of that I feel was key to her split but firm like belief that the way things were between the fallen angels and Nephil should stay, because while it seemed like a wrong situation it was better than the alternative. Overall, there were a few things that slightly annoyed me but I did find this book very good and as said in the first paragraph, would recommend this book to any reader who loves action, mystery, romance, and fantasy/fiction.

Since I had bought it for my daughter I thought ok let's try... but no. Even more painful than book 1. So what did I do? Skipped to last chapter of the last book of series and epilogue. This plot line is so predictable as is case for all cookie cutter romance novels. The Patch guy provides a totally unrealistic portrayal of what to expect in men. Pfff... i wish they would write better stuff for young women -- our true happiness is determined by ourselves and our achievements not by getting a hot guy!

Ok so how to write a review without spoiling it...hm. At the end of Crescendo we are left with a world of a cliff hanger! I never expected the twist & turns that came about in this book. Silence starts out with Nora waking up in a cemetery & not knowing how she got there, or, where she has been for the last 3 months. Even though she was missing for only 11 weeks she cannot remember anything past April. While we as readers know what has happened in the last 3 months, Nora does not. Her mom has started dating Hank Millar, her 11 yr old enemies father, & Nora is a bit thrown back by that. She doesn't know what happened to her or remember anything that has happened in the past but she has a feeling that something about him just isn't right. Nora has definitely grown up since Crescendo. Nora tries to remember things from her past but always comes up short. She seeks help from Vee, her mom, Scott (yes he's back), and believe it or not, Marcie. She is slowly starting to remember things but not before meeting Jev (Patch). As always Patch is there, he always has been, & hopefully always will be. We find out the absolute love that he has for Nora in the Prologue. Patch & Nora are definitely up against some odd's. From the very beginning to the end Becca has snatched you back into the world of Nora (& of course Patch). You get to find out more information about the bloodlines, alliances, & Chesvhan. Silence was extremely well written, I couldn't put it down (unless I absolutely had to for like sleep & food...the needs of life basically). I am so glad that

there will be a 4th book coming out to delve a little more into the world that she has created. The characters are so well written, you experience the same feelings that they do (sometimes a little different, but that's what makes it great). It feels that you are right there along with them throughout the entire book. If you haven't read this book yet, what are you waiting for?!!**Small spoiler alert** I never would have ever thought I could feel the least bit of sorrow for Marcie however I did, it's hard not to the way that everything unfolded.**

This was so much better than Crescendo, however, Crescendo was horrible, so it wouldn't take much for this to be better. But, I did enjoy Silence. After becoming completely disinterested in the story in the second book, Silence most definitely picked up the pace and engaged me like Hush, Hush had. I actually liked Nora in this book. The thing is though, I liked her because she lost her memory. She reverted back to the Nora she was in the first book, rather than being the jealous, rude, selfish jerk she was in Crescendo. All in all, I did like this book. The storyline was pretty good, the characters were much more developed, and it held my attention. However, overall as a series, I think these books are okay at best. Compared to so many other Young Adult series, the Hush, Hush series falls flat. To me, the writing, storyline, characters, and the fantastical elements of these books are mediocre and not as well constructed as they could have been. So, as an individual book, I liked Silence, but as a series, Hush, Hush is nothing more than decent.

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