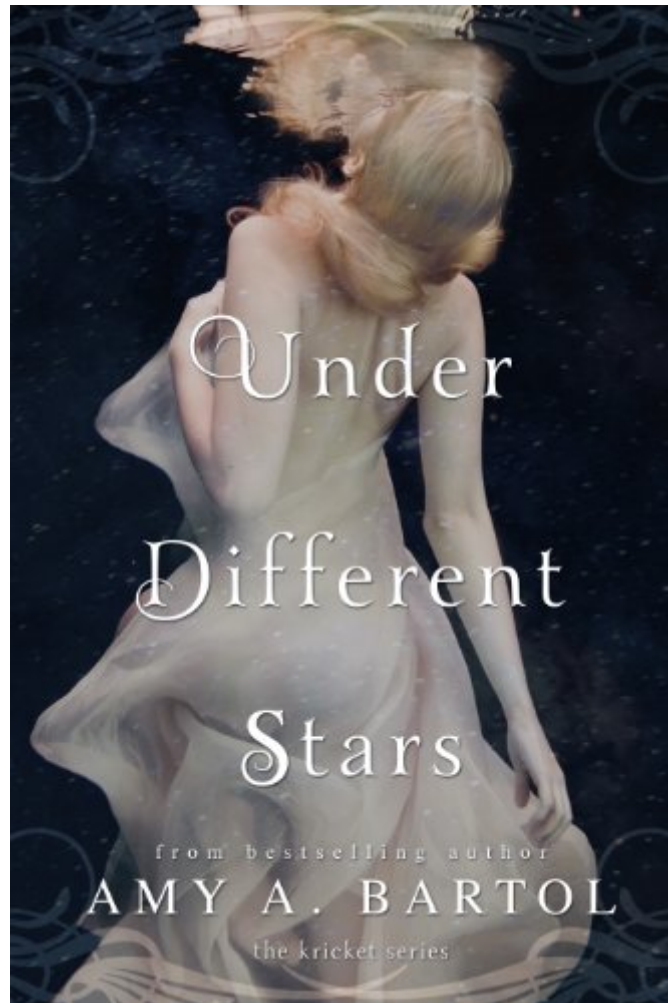


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Synopsis

Kricket Hollowell never wished upon stars. She was too busy hiding in plain sight, eluding Chicago's foster care system. As her eighteenth birthday approaches, she now eagerly anticipates the day she'll stop running and finally find her place in the world. That day comes when she meets a young Etharian soldier named Trey Allairis, who has been charged with coming to Earth to find Kricket and transport her to her true home. As danger draws close, he must protect her until she can wield the powers she cannot use on Earth and he soon realizes that counting a galaxy of stars would be easier than losing this extraordinary girl. Kyon knows the powerful depths of Kricket's gifts and he'll control when he takes her for his tribe and leads the forces that will claim Ethar and destroy his enemies, starting with Trey Allairis. Now, Kricket faces the most difficult choice of her life: whether to wage a battle for survival or a fight for love. Winner of four 2014 utopYA Awards, including Best Book of the Year and Best Sci-Fi Book of the Year. Revised edition: This edition of Under Different Stars includes editorial revisions.

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Customer Reviews

4 STARS Ooh boy, where do I even begin? UNDER DIFFERENT STARS was a thrilling ride that I

absolutely loved! I REALLY enjoyed UNDER DIFFERENT STARS, a lot! I was hooked from the very beginning and loved the pacing of this book. I never found myself bored or wanting to put it down for something else. I always wanted to keep reading when I knew it was time to do something else. I enjoyed the characters and their sharp personalities, and the obstacles they faced. The villains were chilling enough to make me want to hate them, yet intriguing enough that I wanted to see what would happen if they got the upper hand. The world-building was fascinating! I thought the idea of a different planet on the verge of war all fighting to all claim the same girl with extraordinary gifts, beyond thrilling and totally engaging! The romance was right up my alley too. I'm a sucker for a good love/hate romance, with a thrilling adventure to push them together, to be nothing short of romantic. Yeah, I know, I'm weird like that...lol! But I know some people found this book too lacking, but not me, not one bit! I loved Cricket to pieces. Even though she was a little too perfect, her fierce personality and strong demeanor won me over her perfectness. She looked like a barbie doll but with violet eyes. All the guys loved her and swooned over her, and wanted to become her consort (husband). But like I said, her attitude is quick-witted and fierce, and was enough to make me love her regardless of the flaws, or should I say flaw-less traits. She doesn't notice her flawless beauty, or thinks she's better than anyone, or anything like that. Plus I don't usually read books with flawless characters, so it was a nice change to my normal flawed characters.

If you know me, you know how I adore my Amy Bartol. A lot. It could be classified as an obsession. She's all-around amazing. But we're not going to talk about Bartol, we're going to talk about her amazing book. And this review is completely unbiased! I don't have a lot of reading time so I'm very stingy and picky with the books I read. So when I was given (begged for) this ARC of UDS, Amy said no pressure. Now, the book's been out for weeks and I'm finally able to get to it and I'm KICKING myself for not making myself lose a night of sleep sooner! (4am) Holy Hot Alien Trey, Batman! He was fighting it so hard in the beginning, poor guy. Trying to do the right thing. And then kept on trying to do the right thing, but Cricket kept right on inching her way into his world and his heart until she was there to stay. He was an aggressive, strong, alpha, tattooed, military leader, good guy, rake you with his eyes kind of guy that was blind-sided by this girl who turned out to be nothing like they imagined she would when they went to find her. He gets so frustrated with her, but it's because he wants what he can't have, he wants to protect her, he knows that things are about to go bad real fast when they get 'home', and he'd be pulled in several directions. I felt for him. Even when he was mad at her and being an idiot, I could still understand the struggle. But he would always come back around and make you forget it in no time. He was so alpha and I love that. Her

protection was the most important thing above all else and when she was in danger all his walls fell down, and you'd see his true feelings, even though sometimes Cricket couldn't even see them. And his little cute jealous ticks with their friends and the other 'suits'. Adorable.

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