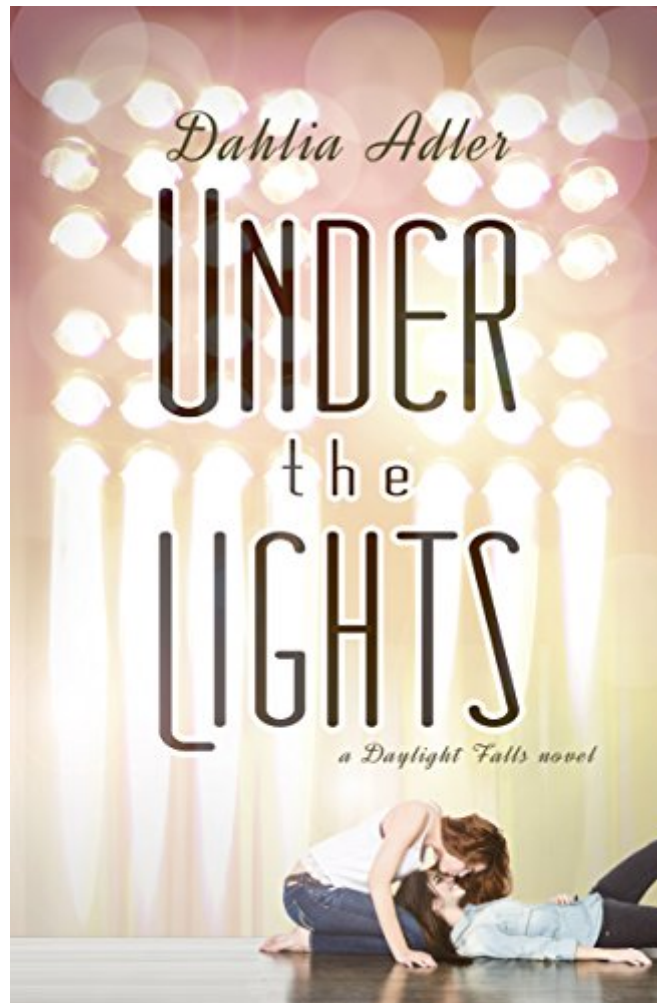




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Under The Lights: A Daylight Falls Novel



Synopsis

Josh Chester loves being a Hollywood bad boy, coasting on his good looks, his parties, his parents' wealth, and the occasional modeling gig. But his laid-back lifestyle is about to change. To help out his best friend, Liam, he joins his hit teen TV show, *Daylight Falls* opposite Vanessa Park, the one actor immune to his charms. (Not that he's trying to charm her, of course.) Meanwhile, his drama-queen mother blackmails him into a new family reality TV show, with Josh in the starring role. Now that he's in the spotlight--on everyone's terms but his own--Josh has to decide whether a life as a superstar is the one he really wants. Vanessa Park has always been certain about her path as an actor, despite her parents' disapproval. But with all her relationships currently in upheaval, she's painfully uncertain about everything else. When she meets her new career handler, Brianna, Van is relieved to have found someone she can rely on, now that her BFF, Ally, is at college across the country. But as feelings unexpectedly evolve beyond friendship, Van's life reaches a whole new level of confusing. And she'll have to choose between the one thing she's always loved...and the person she never imagined she could.

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Customer Reviews

When I read *Behind the Scenes*, as invested as I was in Ally and Liam's story, I still found myself wanting to get to Vanessa's story. I was intrigued by her character and her relationship with her family, as they seemed to want more traditional things for her than she wanted for herself. When I realized her book, in fact, was going to be a LGBTQ story, I found myself even more interested. While I've read several m/m romances, this would be my first f/f. I wasn't sure if/how it would work for me, but at the end of the day, it's about two people falling in love. How can you not get behind that? I liked Vanessa in *Behind the Scenes*. I loved her in this book, even in the moments where I wanted to yell at her for what kinda seemed like playing with Brianna's feelings. On closer look, however, she wasn't doing it consciously. She really was just that conflicted about the things she was feeling. With her upbringing, it wasn't easy to admit she might be gay. She was struggling to come to terms with so much during this book – her own personal truth, her career, growing up and being on her own. Who hasn't faced at least one of these struggles at some point? It was because of that, if not her sexuality, that I found it easy to connect with her. I loved her journey and her character growth as she accepted herself. The other half of this story was Josh's. Oh, I had some mixed feelings about Josh along the way. He came off as such a self-centered, spoiled jerk in the first book, it was a little tougher to get me on his side. But, it happened sooner or later. He was facing his own issues in this book and, while I don't think his character growth was quite as impressive as Vanessa's, I appreciate it for what it was and I don't want to diminish it. I think he has a little further to go – and I'd love to catch up with him in a few months to see his progression – but he certainly won me over. I saw a whole new side of him in this book, one that was more vulnerable and honest. I liked it. *Under the Lights* was a fantastic read. I couldn't get through it fast enough and, once I was finished, I desperately wished I had read more slowly or that there was more to the story. But, not because it was incomplete. Because I adored these characters and just wished for more. What we did get more of, however, was Ally and Liam, who are facing brand new issues in this book as she's away at school and he's working. That was, honestly, a little unsettling because I liked them so much. But, it was also real. Long distance relationships are hard under normal circumstances. When you're dating a celebrity and you're on opposite coasts? There are bound to be troubles. This book is classified as young adult, but I would definitely say that, with the issues it takes on, it's absolutely on the upper end of YA and almost new adult. I think it will easily

appeal to readers of both genres, too. Under the Lights gets all the stars from me. I wish I could give more than five, as a matter of fact. It was real, raw and beautiful. I received a copy of this book from the publisher, via NetGalley, in exchange for an honest review.

I wanted to drop a quick line about Under the Lights, a fun, fast, and sexy New Adult novel. Following the lives of teen actors navigating Hollywood, politics, media, and their own love lives, there's a heroine who wants more than she can tell (including, horror of horrors, the daughter of her media handler) and a hero who is awful and super fun to read. It's a companion novel--I went in knowing nothing, fell in love, and put Out on Good Behavior on my TBR right away! Review also appears on my blog, Friend of Dorothy Wilde.

This book was - is - everything. I put off reading this book for so long because I couldn't decide if I wanted an e-copy to match Behind The Scenes or a physical copy so I could have a book with two girls in a tender position on the cover on my shelf. Really sorry I waited so long (I went with e-copy) because this book is phenomenal. Dahlia Adler is a gifted writer, and she really tugged my heartstrings with this one. The heart of the story is Vanessa and Bri's relationship as Van slowly realizes she's gay. Every moment they're together on the page is flirty and fun and sweet. I also really enjoyed Josh's story - he's the kind of guy I would hate in real life, but I'm a sucker for a-holes in fiction who acknowledge how lost and isolated they are. His budding friendship with Van was very endearing to me. I really want to see more F/F like this in YA.

I love this book beyond all reason, but there are a few specific reasons that this book has been good for me as a reader, as a writer, and as a queer woman of color. I needed to see the main character on the page in a way that was honest and open. Dahlia Adler delivers that seamlessly. She captures the love and the experience beautifully and handles the representation with finesse. I was also a BIG fan of the male/female friendship we get to see in this book. That, too, was integral to what makes this book so great. We get to see a character that we can both love and loathe in equal measure, and I feel like that's rare. This book is a must read for anyone, but I would certainly recommend it to teen girls who may be coming into their sexuality or struggling to find women of color in their reading.

I love that this is a dual POV book where the two narrators develop a FRIENDSHIP, not fall in love (this is not a spoiler, as you've seen the cover, and the synopsis shares who the main characters

are. anyway, I really love that). It's just so lovely that the end goal of two narrators doesn't have to be a romantic relationship. You will want to hug this book. It's a fun read!

[...]Favorite CharacterBrianna “ I love Brianna’s confidence, and her honesty and directness is refreshing in a teen-drama novel.Fun Author FactDahlia Adler wrote a draft of Under the Lights for NaNoWriMo. In the original draft, the novel was written from three character’s points of view: Liam, Vanessa, and Josh. Needless to say, Liam’s POV was scrapped from the book before the final publication.Is this worth a book hangover?Under the Lights is a fun, refreshing read about Hollywood. This is definitely a book that can be finished during a day on the beach, a long car ride, or a rainy afternoon. It’s note quite hangover worthy to me, but definitely fun!Read These NextBehind the Scenes is on my list! This is the companion novel for Under the Lights “ and tells a story about a teen superstar and an assistant falling in love under the drama of Hollywood.

Read it in a day. So sweet and fun and the perfect bit of book candy for a rainy day or a beach day. Loved the dual POV, the tender girl/girl romance, and the spotlight on the pressure of growing up Hollywood. Super fun book!

This book was everything my bi little heart wanted. Adler is quickly becoming one of my must read/auto buy authors.

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