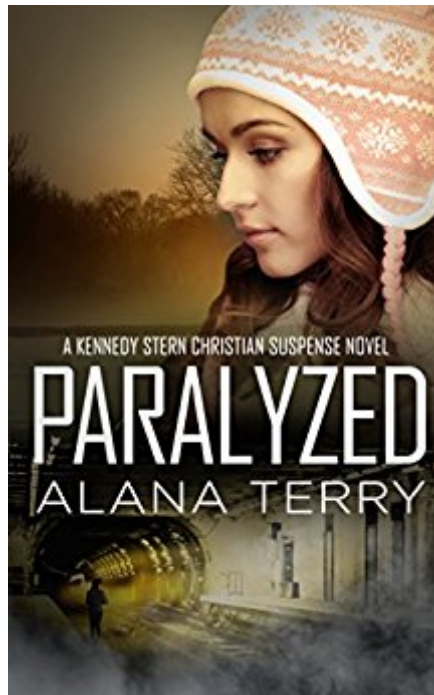


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Paralyzed (A Kennedy Stern Christian Suspense Novel Book 2)



Synopsis

Kennedy Stern has returned to campus after surviving an abduction, but old scars cut deep. Vivid flashbacks and terrifying dreams paralyze her, threatening to ruin her academic career and any chance she has at peace or happiness. This mental anguish, however, constitutes only a small fraction of her post-traumatic nightmare. A partner in Kennedy's kidnapping remains at large and will not stop until he has silenced her witness permanently. His violent resolve risks not only her life, but the safety of anyone who tries to help. Kennedy must engage in a deadly battle of the mind as she struggles to stay alive. While fighting on two fronts — one psychological and one physical — the question isn't whether she'll come out of the war stronger in the end. The question is whether she'll come out of it at all. The newest release from inspirational suspense author, Alana Terry, who Christian Fiction has won awards from Women of Faith, Grace Awards, Readers' Favorite, and several others.

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Customer Reviews

Paralyzed is the second book in the Kennedy Stern Christian Suspense series, which I did not realize until after I started reading it. However, I feel that I was able to gain enough background

knowledge to understand the basics of what happened in the first novel. I found this book to be intensely suspenseful and fast-paced. I enjoyed Kennedy's story and could somewhat relate to the struggles that she faced as she tried to return to living a normal life. However, it becomes increasingly difficult for her to live as a normal college student because as the story progresses she faces another set of challenges. I appreciate the fact that Alana Terry tackles some difficult and controversial issues in this novel. That's something that I don't see very often in the Christian novels that I read. There are times throughout the book when Kennedy questions and reaffirms her faith in God. Despite this I wish that her faith had played a larger role throughout. This was the first book I've read by this author, but I will definitely be seeking out more. I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Great 2nd installment. Kennedy suffered a terrifying experience in Book 1. Watching her try to come to grips with it all with the help of her friends, to come to terms with the leftover emotional trauma, she believes if she can just pray more, study more, believe more that should be enough. Her friends try to protect her, advise her. All well and good as far as it goes. I personally gained a deeper understanding of the long term effects of PTSD, a term sometimes overused and treated or considered "all in your head." But as the saying goes, just because you're paranoid doesn't mean there's no one after you. I highly recommend starting with Book 1, *Unplanned*, to get an understanding of her experience, then get this book and read it, then get ready to buy Book 3 whenever it's available. In fact get any book by Alana Terry. Your mind will be engaged and your faith will grow.

This is the second book in the series. *Unplanned* is the first book and it would be good to read it first. Kennedy had gone through a lot in the first book and was very fearful as this book opens. Would you be fearful if you had been kidnapped and finally released? How do you overcome fear? Is it like what our servicemen go through after returning home? Kennedy is ready for a break but had one more test to complete before leaving. Unable to concentrate after seeing a person who resembled the man who had kidnapped her, she began coughing and asked to be excused to get some water. The story really takes off from this point. Her friend Reuben has been there for her. They studied together. Is this more than friendship? Willow is her roommate and now takes seriously whenever things start happening. This is a mystery but also examines what happens to a person after a harrowing experience. How long does it take to forget it and move on with your life? I have really enjoyed the books that I have read by this author. Hopefully, there will be another book in this

series. Buy both of the books and happy reading. Alana is a really good author and develops each character.

The first three pages had me hooked. I knew that once again that this author was going to deliver a great story. Sitting on the edge of my seat, gripped with the fear and tension that holds onto Kennedy leaves one breathless as if being choked on silent screams by a predator from her past. If you are looking for a story filled with suspense, thrills, crime, sweet touch of romance, it's all here. Alana Terry pulls you into her stories making you feel the passion of her characters as she weaves you into their heart and lives of the people in hometown America. One will experience the pain, heartache, struggles, joy, as you turn each page. It also provides thought for some interesting conversation with friends after wards. Don't miss this remarkable story!

Wow! If I were to use just one word to describe *Paralyzed* that would be it. Anyone who checks out my reading list for the last 2 or 3 years would quickly see that I am a fan of Alana Terry's novels. And there is a good reason, she is an excellent and talented author. *Paralyzed* is definite proof of that. Alana Terry has done the almost unthinkable, she has written a story with raw emotions of real people, not the usual glossy Christian image in suspense novels, but rather the real deal. Kennedy Stern has been through the wringer. She is still being emotionally tormented by either a sadistic killer or her own imagination. In the wake of the traumatic events of *Unplanned*, Kennedy struggles with making sense of what happened. She keeps thinking that because she is a Christian she should have everything together, pray, read the Bible, and everything will be all hunky-dory. But real life isn't like that, it's a messy, long road toward healing. I loved how Alana portrays Kennedy so realistically, she hasn't lost her faith but she struggles with understanding what God is doing and how He let it all happen. *Paralyzed* is an emotion-rending story, totally immersing you in Kennedy's world, and is impossible to put down. It provokes the mind to think about the more difficult things, it tugs at the heart, and in many ways inspires the soul. I do suggest reading *Unplanned* first because the suspense angles will make a lot more sense, and yes, there is plenty of heart-stopping action within the pages of *Paralyzed*. This is a book you won't want to miss and a series that you'll be as interested as I am in seeing more adventures for Kennedy as she navigates the world of campus life. (I received a copy of this e-book from the author in exchange for my review. All opinions are my own.)

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