

These Broken Stars (Starbound #1)

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The luxury spaceliner Icarus suddenly plummets from hyperspace into the nearest planet. There are only two survivors - Lilac LaRoux and Tarver Merendsen. Lilac is the daughter of the richest man in the universe. Tarver comes from nothing, a cynical war hero. Both journey across the mysterious, eerie deserted terrain for help. There are many times where they shouldn't have survived the night, but something seems to be helping them along the way. Everything changes when they uncover the truth of the planet and the beings that occupy it...

This book was such a breath of fresh air! I loved how original this story was. This is a romance story, but also a survival story. I really enjoyed how the romance developed. They didn't just fall in love right away; their relationship grew from the first page to the last. It's more realistic than what a lot of young adult books will describe about romance. I also really enjoyed the plot twist at the end! I have to say, I was not expecting it! This book was also good because even though it is in the sci-fi genre, it isn't too focused on it. They may be on an alien planet, but the authors make the characters and the world very relatable/believable. There wasn't much I didn't like about this book! It's definitely one to pick up.

I would recommend this book for ages 14+ for a mild (non-descriptive) sexual scene, and mild sci-fi violence. This book would be a great gift to anybody interested in romance and survival stories.

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