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# Delirium (Delirium Series Book 1)



## Synopsis

The first book in Lauren Oliver's New York Times bestselling trilogy about forbidden love, revolution, and the power to choose. Now with a brand-new cover and an exclusive-to-this-book sneak peek at her next novel for teens: the ambitious, wholly original masterwork *Replica*. In an alternate United States, love has been declared a dangerous disease, and the government forces everyone who reaches eighteen to have a procedure called the Cure. Living with her aunt, uncle, and cousins in Portland, Maine, Lena Haloway is very much looking forward to being cured and living a safe, predictable life. She watched love destroy her mother and isn't about to make the same mistake. But with ninety-five days left until her treatment, Lena meets enigmatic Alex, a boy from the Wilds who lives under the government's radar. What will happen if they do the unthinkable and fall in love? Supports the Common Core State Standards

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## Customer Reviews

Love, a four letter word that invokes fear and disgust in the minds of every civilized American. It is the deadliest of all diseases and brings with it only pain, loss and heartache. Having witnessed

first-hand the disastrous symptoms of the deliria, Lena Haloway eagerly counts the days until her eighteenth birthday, when she will be cured. Then she meets Alex, an invalid from the wilds, and everything she thought she knew about the disease, the government, society and even her past is called into question. Wow! I can't remember when last I read a book this emotionally charged. The entire novel is like a showcase for the beauty of life. The stark contrast between the cured and uncured civilians is spectacular. The sheer splendor of Ms. Oliver's words and descriptions makes every mundane act of living a piece of art and poetry. Very few pictures resonate with me for any length of time after reading a novel, but I cannot get the vision of the Portland bay at sunset out of my mind! The relationship between Lena and her best friend Hana is definitely one of the highlights of this novel. It is so wonderfully natural and Hana's vibrant character leaps off the pages, into your face. Lena's character growth is beautifully developed, her habits are endearing, and her relationship with Alex is exciting and lovely at once. There are so many underlying morals and themes in this novel, but for me, the greatest is the warning against apathy. What an eye opener it is to imagine this world without love. The ending is so tragic and yet real. I take my hat off to an author who is willing to remain true to her story this way. I can't wait to read the sequel! This series goes into my Favorite series of all time shelf!

This was an enjoyable read. The characters were pretty well developed. There was action, romance and drama throughout the entire book. I found myself turning the pages easily and the writing style was enjoyable and fun. I like Lauren's cadence in her writing and at times, I just had to stop and take a deeeeeeep breath and savor. Some of the descriptions got too lengthy for my taste | some of them. Some of the dialog and scenes were a little unbelievable and a little hard to follow but the characters always kept you right there, on the page, clipping along and so the dialog and scenes were forgiven quickly. Does that make any sense? I just found myself rolling my eyes sometimes and at other times, I absolutely could not bring the scene into full view because the description left me lost. But perhaps the biggest turn off for me was that I could not resonate with the plot. The most enjoyable books to me are the ones where I can see a piece of myself in the story, whether it's with the characters or the story line. I was nowhere to be found in this story. The term, "Dystopia" is used by the author to describe the theme of this story and it nauseated me. There were many times, I had to sit, gather myself before reading any further. I wanted to read further however,

I just had to get myself together before moving on. The story nauseated me and I felt overwhelmed sometimes. Perhaps that is the sign of a good author and quite frankly, Lauren's writing is really well done. There are two more books after this one and I will not be picking them up. For me, one book was enough even though I was left hanging at the end of the story. I did not enjoy it enough to dive into the next one and that is not because I did not enjoy this read, it was because the genre was not to my liking. And so I will go looking for myself in another book. Not sure where, but I'm sure it will find me. They always do.

I am completely and utterly amazed by this book, I really loved it! It was such a unique concept. I actually did like Lena, even though she was so weak at first its like such a great character development, from being this weak girl so brainwashed by this horrible society to finally resisting and doing what she wants. I also loved Alex, he was what Lena needed, that little push to as she says "wake up". Now I know I'm a little late to this but after reading this, I saw the pilot for the show and I recommend to anyone who has not read the book, please do not watch the pilot. It pretty much shows the major parts of the book, so it will be a big spoiler if you do watch it before you read. I am really upset they aren't going to continue with the show because I have just become a BIG fan of the Delirium series and I cannot wait to read the rest of the books! That ending though... I could've done without. I'm just here, hoping for the possibility that it just isn't how its left off. Please pick this book up, its AMAZING.

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