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Sex is all I have ever known.

It started at an early age, and never stopped.

Men, women, threesomes, foursomes, orgies. Fuck it, whatever goes.

Twenty eight years old and nothing to show for my life but a fat bank account, and an impressive porn catalogue; all featuring yours truly; Starburst Bloom.

I'm at a crossroads, and I have a choice to make. I choose salvation.

I choose life. I choose myself, for the first time ever.

I will find her. I will find the life I was forced to give up.

I just pray that he stays out of my way.

Finding Willow contains mature content which may not be suitable for all readers.

FW contains minor abuse themes.

This novel contains sexual situations, some non-consensual, and is for mature readers only.

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Sara says

I'm unsure how to rate this book, so I'm going to give it 2 stars. The writing wasn't bad, and even the subject matter isn't anything that hasn't been addressed in another book. Why I'm having a problem rating it is because I would like to know why this book has no warning about the content within it, aside from the general "mature reader" warning. There are sexual situations with young children and rape in this book, why isn't that explicitly said in the synopsis? The reason why this bothers me so much is because, as a mental health professional, things like this can be serious triggers for survivors of abuse. This isn't about "artistic expression" or free speech, this is about the fact that this book could literally hurt someone who picks it up and doesn't know what is contained inside. I generally admire books that are outside the box and aren't classic happy endings, and I've read other books that address these issues, but have the decency to tell the reader what they are getting themselves into. Please consider putting a better warning on this book, for the sake of the general public.

Angelina says

"3.5 Stars"

We all know **Star** from the book *Hers*. The fuck-up best-friend of Seven James. After the shits she done in her life being a porn star and an addict Star decided to come clean to Seven about her past. She decided to find her daughter that she gave up because of her family. She came back to Woodstock to find Willow but then things happened she fell in love with this hot ass biker **Chrome**.

I can say that Star is not my favorite character from the first book but she is an interesting character. I enjoy reading this short yet sexy hot story. I love the writing style of Dawn and this is series is amazing.

Christina says

Dawn you beautiful, beautiful woman! I was blown away with This 2nd installment to the Hers Series, Starburst Bloom had me feeling all kinds of feelings in this second book, We were introduced to her in the first book HERS as Seven James' BFF.. Star hasn't had an easy life like Seven.. Star has been abused, used, and thrown away by any man she comes into contact. Not ever fully coping with the Sexual Assualt by Seven's older brother Blue, Star has lead a life with Drugs, Alcohol, and sex.. LOTS of it. She is the queen of porn. What happens when things change and life catches up with Star? She tries to get back up and move on.. but this time, she wants to find the daughter she gave away 11 years ago. Star has to go back to Woodstock .. can she survive going back dealing with her demons and find her daughter? Being back in Woodstock isn't easy .. going back to a place you consider Hell is never easy.. but to me seeing how Star goes back even though she's scared is the strongest thing anyone can do. She is stronger than she thinks.. I soo felt with Star ..I was having an emotional battle .. crying one minute, laughing the next, wanting to kick butt all in

between.. She's on a mission until she literally runs into Chrome.. a hot, sexy, bad ass, biker...WITH AN APA!!!OMG!!! I felt like I was gonna spontaneously combust from their attraction and dirty, dirty words! Here is a little blurb from their first meeeting! "AS I REACH FOR THE OFFICE DOOR,IT FLIES OPEN AND A ROCK HARD CHEST CRASHES DIRECTLY INTO MY BODY. FUCK THAT SHIT HURT. WHAT THE HELL. I GROWL. LEGIT GROWL. LIKE A FUCKING DOG. I AM PISSED, AND IN PAIN." "WATCH WHERE THE FUCK YOU ARE GOING!" " I MOUTH OFF. I LOOK UP TO SEE A MOUNTAIN OF A MAN." "TALL, DARK, AND HANDSOME WOULDN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO DESCRIBING HIM. HE IS EXTREMELY TALL, AT LEAST SIX-FOUR AND DWARFING MY FIVE FOOT FIVE FRAME. HIS HEAD IS SHAVE BOLD. I LAUGH TO MYSELF WHEN I THINK ABOUT RUBBING IT. WOULD A GENIE POP OUT? BUT THEN I MEET HIS EYES. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PAIR OF WARM CARAMEL COLORED EYES ON A MAN." OH MY GOODNESS GRACIOUS!!! Isn't he described as the most yummiest man? It starts off as a quickie.. he isn't like the men she has come to be around with. He's different.. he instantly falls for her. Chrome is sex on a stick! Holy crap the stuff he does! he is this big bad mean biker but as she describes him a "Teddy Bear".. well her "Own Personal Teddy Bear" Can he be my teddy?? He has a dirty mouth but says such the sweetest things! Chrome supports Star in what she wants.. he has the cutest 10 yr old (Scarlett), and a sexy younger brother River. There is a pivotal point where Star decides she's gonna put her big girl panties on and take control of her life and not be the victim anymore. "THIS IS IT.THIS IS MY FUCKING OUT. I CHOOSE FREEDOM. FREEDOM FROM MY DEMONS. FREEDOM FROM HIS TOUCH. FREEDOM FROM THE PRISON OF MY OWN MIND, I CHOOSE LIFE.I CHOOSE REDEMPTION, I DESERVE A GOOD LIFE. I DESERVE LOVE. I DESERVE HAPPINESS. I WANT IT ALL." I love Dawn's writing. I love this series. Can't get enough! I am soo waiting for the third book and wondering what will happen.. This story does have a HEA and a perfect ending .. for now;) I give this 5 stars! ~Chris:)

Lu Bielefeld *read.laugh.love* says

I bought the book in 2014 and today I came across it and I decided to read it. In this book we have the story of a porn star and biker dude. She's the heroine's best friend from the previous book. It was a good read and hooked me.

Mackable Book Babes says

I'm a lucky girl. There, I said. And I feel like I won the lottery here. Dawn sent me an unedited ARC of Willow! I have bugged her about wanting this book since the mere moment I knew it was coming and boy did she deliver!

Willow starts in a place where the story intersects with Hers. It starts with Star's tale of love, loss, and betrayal. It starts with things we know mixed with things we do not. In Hers we got a glimpse at it but in Willow you can feel Star's pain and her determination to right a wrong.

"I made a mistake. I want her back. It's too late. She is gone." ~ Star

Finding Willow explores what happens to a child raised on the outskirts of society, where parenting rules are

broken and trust is thrown out the window.

It dives deeper into what happens when our very broken heroine decides to own her life and take back all the power that was stripped from her at a very young age.

"No more drugs. No more alcohol. No more porn. No more Blue. Over and over again, I wished away everything I never wanted again. I would get healthy. I would reclaim my life. I would become everything I never thought I would become. And I would do it all on my own." ~ Star

On her own... She does most of it that way. Enter our unconventional hero. No, I won't tell you his name - only that he is HOT and about the sweetest guy you could find. He has his own broken past and the tale is similar to Star's. But is it too much? Will their shared situations help take their relationship past the mind blowing sex and onto something more? He wants it, but does she? For Star the trust that goes with love has to be earned and our hero will have to work to prove his devotion.

"Why the fuck are you cowering? Who fucking beats on you, Star? God damn it!" ~ Our Hero

This story will have you cringing as Star recounts her past. It will have you cheering as she learns to truly live and you will BAWL when the pieces of her life finally come together!

Note: This story does not end all tied up in a pretty bow. It left me with questions to be answered - cue book 2?;) It also is NOT for the faint of heart: drugs, alcohol, sex - in all kinds of situations, and abuse are throughout it. So please DO NOT read if those are triggers for you!

Erin says

Poor Dawn Robertson, the victim.

This book is terrible anyway, but now we all need to hear about how hard she worked on it. What did it take her, a month? The story is something a child writes.

Now she's up in arms because Amazon blocked her book. Maybe she shouldn't write about a teenager's "squirting cunt." It is sad that she thinks she's the voice of indies but based on blog reviews, she might be. That is probably a sign that indie publishing needs an upgrade.

Squirting genitals aside, this is maybe the dumbest book I have read all year.

KAT? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books? says

4.5 stars (review to come) Arc provided by the author for an honest review

Niccisbookblog says

So i will start off by saying that Star wasnt my favorite person in HERS, i didnt like her at all, but i have totally changed my mind about her after reading Finding Willow.

Star came across as self absorbed and very selfish in HERS, i felt she used Seven and gave nothing back in there friendship. But after reading this story i feel like Star just didnt know how to give love to others, she never really had a loving relationship in her life be it from her parents or family or in any relationships. I think if Star had been able to keep Willow she would have had a better understanding of what love really is.

I liked how this story was kind of set in the same time line with Hers it fit in really well.

The more you read about Star and the way she grew up, the life she lead you understand her so much more, the emotions pour off the page and by the time the story is through you just want to give Star a bloody big hug.

Chrome is a perfect match for Star hes hard tough exterior appeals to Star, he looks like the typical bad boy, but he has a soft center, hes protective and has a good side that Star really needs. Star really need Chrome and his family, she has never known what it is like to belong and have friends other than Seven. I fell for Chrome right from the very start, and he has a sexy piercing for god sake!

I even liked him when he was being a bit of a dick with the girl in the ally!

The whole Finding Willow part of this book blew me away, let me just say Star's family just Fu&kin suck ass, they are down right nasty, i dont like to give too much away in spoilers so just take my word for it, read the book and it will all become clear.

I practically jumped for joy with the Blue and Star scenario in front of her new house, i was like go Star, he's a douche and got what he deserved. This man made my skin crawl.

This whole book is so very fantastic and is a wonderful read, how Star finds her place in the world as well as her daughter is just beautiful.

Let me tell you what else is beautiful in this book, the sex on a motorbike, Jesus that was a hot read loved it!

I learned to love Star but Seven is still one of my favorite book characters in a long time one of the best lines in the book belongs to her,

"I never thought I would see the day where this porn star bitch could put together a fucking Martha Stewart holiday. I think hell just froze over"

I cannot wait to read Kink the halls now to see how Christmas goes for this wonderfully dysfunctional extended family.

Wickedlovely says

This book is one of very few that made it onto my DNF list. I have always felt like a failure when I couldn't get through someone's story, but in this case it is totally in the hands of the author. I read a wide variety of

books; in fact one of my favorite genres is Dark Erotica. I am not shy with the sick and twisted. I have been able to enjoy and even LOVE several of the more fucked up tales, however Finding Willow is something else entirely.

First of all, I want it noted that I did in fact read Hers. I was aware that Finding Willow would not have rainbows and kittens. I was expecting an erotic story with a character that had a dark past, but would experience something that would help her become a better person. What I got... is a character that is sexually assaulted by her BFF's brother from a very young age, and then raped as a young adult by the same man. Okay, what is the big deal you ask? These kinds of atrocities are used in books all the time. Yes, as a matter of fact these things and worse are written, purchased, and read all the time. I, myself, have read many books with these hard subjects. The difference is in the way the author wrote these scenes. Instead of portraying rape as a brutal attack, the author has her victim enjoying the events. Again, you say, not so different than some of the human trafficking stories out there. It is, very much so. With other stories the victim typically is in the mindset of "oh god why is my body betraying me, this is so wrong, I shouldn't like this. No, please, don't. No more. NO." In Finding Willow... this isn't the case. Instead of describing it I will just give you one of the examples straight from the book....

"I let out a strangled moan as Blue pressed his thick erection into my tight cunt. It was only the second time he'd fucked me. The first time he'd forced himself on me, and I'd hated it. It ruined me, but I loved the feeling. I pushed back to meet his dick."

I have several issues with this brief paragraph...

When writing a RAPE scene, don't use EROTIC language. Rape is not sexy. Rapists don't push "thick" erections into "tight" cunts. They force themselves into UNWILLING vaginas.

It was only the second time he had fucked her? NO, it was only the second time he had RAPED her. Even if she didn't fight back, with the long term sexual abuse at his hands and the fact that he already RAPED her to take her virginity. He did not FUCK her he ATTACKED her.

I hated it, it ruined me... those are great descriptions of RAPE we are finally on the right path and then... she "loved the feeling" no, no, just NO. Rape victims do not think to themselves, "oh yes, I love the feeling of being raped."

She pushed back on his dick... um, again, NO. If her life was on the line if she didn't PRETEND to like it that is one thing... but there is not a single word in this book to explain that she is pretending.

And as if this little bit wasn't bad enough? No, we go even further into the land of insanity when...

"You like that, Star?" he grunted as he fucked me harder. My moans picked up, enjoying every desperate thrust.

"Oh Blue, fuck me!" I yelled, as I bucked my ass back to meet his thrusts one last time as my release crashed over my body."

That's one sexy scene right? I know that would normally get my motor going, but then you remember... she is in the middle of being RAPED. These kinds of descriptions are the type used between lovers NOT an attacker and a victim. I did, as always, give the author a chance to redeem herself. I kept reading. I tried to find some sort of likable quality to this book, but there is none. Star does not grow. The book alludes to the fact that she is going to go in search of her daughter, which she does, but being selfish as normal she doesn't

really spend much time focusing on the daughter she says she never wanted to part with... instead she finds a man and proceeds to continue to live the same messed up kind of life she has always had. Where is the development? The growing up? The storyline itself minus the previously stated grievance is beyond lacking.

Another MAJOR issue I have with Finding Willow... there is no warning beyond the "mature audiences" norm that you find on any romance. There is nothing to warn potential customers that the content contains abusive situations that aren't suitable for some readers. Hell, there are a dozen ways warnings can be issued without giving away the storyline. Personally, I believe authors have a responsibility to ensure that their words will not negatively impact their readers. In this case, I feel that this author is negligent and irresponsible. She has been advised by several people that she should have a warning on her book, yet she still has done nothing since when she puts the appropriate warning on the book she will no longer be able to publish in the genre she wants. There is a reason the criteria for a genre is the way it is. My fear is that someone who has been molested or raped will pick up this book and be completely blindsided by these horrendous rape scenes. What if that person is not in a good place with dealing with their own past? The kind of language in this book could be enough to push a person over the edge and/or set them back in their recovery. Is selling a book really more important than protecting your readers from harm?

Finding Willow gets one star because that is the lowest rating available, but if I could review this and mark it as DNF instead of giving it any star rating I would. A huge disappointment. I would like it noted that although some of my words in this review may be considered harsh, they are honest. I hope that the author will take some of these thoughts to heart and appropriately warn her readers about the disturbing content. Frankly, I am shocked that there are so few reviews that have made mention of the offensive content and skipped right to the parts where Star is an adult screwing her biker.

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Pam says

3 stars

You can take the girl out of the porn, but you can't take the porn out of the girl.

After her last fuck-up, Star is on a mission, she is determined to get her life back in order and the only way to do that is to find the daughter she was forced to give up. Star, the *coke-addicted porn star looking for a new start*, is going back to the town that holds more nightmares than fond memories. Wanting to do this on her own, she sets out to face her past alone.

No more drugs. No more alcohol. No more porn. No more Blue. Over and over again, I wish away everything I never want again. I will get healthy. I will re-claim my life. I will be

everything I never thought I could be. And I will do it all on my own.

First day back in Woodstock, and she meets a young man who looks as out of place as she does in this hippie of a town and begin a friendship, but this friendship comes with an older brother who threatens every natural instinct of Star that she tries to suppress.

Whatever just happened was more than just sex; there is no fucking way I am ready for anything more than just fucking to get off. Especially right now.

Thanks for mind-fucking me, you gorgeous fucking douchebag!

Chrome isn't known for relationships, the Sergeant at Arms of the Hell's Renegade MC, he's used to fast rides and fast women, but nothing could have ever prepared him for Star, **Starburst fucking Bloom.** Three days is all it takes, they don't know anything about each other outside the bedroom and their fucked up history, it doesn't stop the attraction from building into something more than they bargained for.

"Don't be shy, Cinderella. You are beautiful." His words move me...I want to hold on to him and never let him go. After. Three. Fucking. Days. He has turned my world upside down with a simple sentence, and I don't fucking care anymore.

I have to say I was really looking forward to Star's story, after Hers, I knew I had to read **Finding Willow** as soon as it came out and I'm not sure if it was my expectations that were too high or what, but something was off. There was a bit of a difference in dialogue between Hers and Finding Willow, some things that didn't add up that I had to stop and think because I could have sworn it was told differently this time around. Another thing that bugged me was that it was titled Finding Willow, but there wasn't much finding going on, to me it was more like Finding Star and for a coke addict, she sure had an easy withdrawal.

Now even with all that, I still enjoyed the read, it was short but sexy, Chrome was delicious and the addition of River and Scarlett was a cute offsetting touch. I'm still gonna continue with this series, with Paisley's story up next, I'm just gonna go in with a different mindset.

Reviewed on 12/01/2013:)

Crystal Marie says

This book is a DNF for me. I cannot read a book that has references to child molesting happening during the course of the story; especially with no warning on the book whatsoever.

Shirley Frances says

We met Star on *Hers* as Seven's long-time best friend. As we had seen, her life was a mess and spiraling out of control. She needed to get her act together, pull up her big girl panties and deal. Frankly, I didn't think she had it in her.

Dawn Robertson sure proved me wrong. Packed-full of self-reflection and inner struggles on Star's part, honest dialogue and amazing characters, she made Star's story one hell of an emotional ride. I enjoyed how the author went about bringing Star's growth to the page. It wasn't sudden and it wasn't easy. She struggled, questioned and at times found herself wondering if it was worth it.

This story intersects with the storyline in *Hers* but it recounts the events in Star's POV, truly giving us an idea of the extent of Star's regret over events passed and her struggle to keep herself in line.

The addition of some new characters helped the story move along nicely and added another aspect to the story. Chrome and River were awesome characters to read. Chrome with his sexy, alpha-male attitude and heart of gold, he had me from the moment he step out of his bike. And how about that adorable daughter of his! He was caring and honest, but bad-ass too. I loved him! River was great too. Chrome's brother was a nice guy and the first friend Star encountered when she arrived back home. The friendship he offered Star showed her kindness the likes she had never known from a male 'friend'.

Then there was Blue, we met *him* on *Hers*. Suffice it to say that he didn't make a great impression then and it only worsened from then. I wanted to throttle him and give him some of his own medicine. He truly was a nasty person and I'm glad he got what was coming to him.

Needless to say that the romance part of the story was fabulous. Chrome and Star's chemistry was off-the-charts HOT and I enjoyed every minute of it. More than once, I found myself backtracking and reading some scenes over again. Hell yeah, I was thorough! Dawn Robertson knows how to bring the character's passion to the page. Their urgency at getting at each other, their relief at finally getting to it and of course, every little juicy detail in between.

Well done, Ms Robertson. You've found a new fan in me!

Although *Finding Willow* is the second book in the Hers series it can be read as stand alone since it focuses on Star's journey to let go of her past, her new found romance and her search for Willow, who's an integral part of Star's past.

I received this title in exchange of my honest opinion as part of my participation of the tour.

Jo-Anna Walker says

So I got an ARC copy of this book by the wonderful Dawn Roberston. I think the begging finally helped. Lol! Angie J and I were both in love with Hers that we kept constantly messaging Dawn. Poor thing. So now, here is my review for Finding Willow.

First thing: I absolutely LOVED this book! It's probably one of my favorite reads of the Fall season and I can't wait to read Kink the Halls.

So I will be honest. I wasn't a huge fan of Star in Hers. I felt she used Seven and that really bothered me but by the end of that book, I felt bad for Star. I wanted to read her story and find out what truly happened with her and why she was the way she was. I knew going into Finding Willow that it would be a hard emotional read. We hear about Star and her drug addictions, her emotional battles, and her issues with Blue.

The book takes place in somewhat the same time line as Hers but you get to hear it in Star's POV and what she was going through. I really liked that. I enjoyed finding out what went through her head during the breakdown at Seven's apartment when Seven walked in and found her banging her brother and her boyfriend. In Hers, you know that Star feels guilty but reading the scene in Finding Willow, you find out just how guilty she feels.

Reading this book, I couldn't put it down. I felt so bad for Star and by the end, I truly loved her. I want to hug her, be a friend for her, a friend that she deserves. She may have made some crappy choices in life but she changes, for her new found family.

This book is also about Star finding her daughter, Willow. How that plays out is sweet. I don't want to give any spoilers but I really enjoyed how that ended and how Star got more of a family aside from just her daughter.

Blue...*growl* I can't stand that guy. I couldn't stand him in Hers but I couldn't stand him more in Finding Willow. You find out exactly what happened between him and Star and it's heartbreaking. I wanted to reach into the book and strangle him. He disgusted me but lets just say, he gets his in the end.

And can I tell you? Chrome?? Holy balls batman. I told Angie J that I claimed him! Definitely a book boyfriend to add to my list of many. He's a hot biker bad boy (reminds me of SOA) but he's also sweet and caring. When he comes back to Star for "more", you totally know he's smitten with her.

The sex?? Okay, the second sex scene on the bike is by far one of the hottest sex scene's I have ever read. I'll just tell you without giving away any spoilers that it involves sex with clothes on and a knife. Just thinking about it makes me fan myself. I loved it.

I loved this whole book. I couldn't put it down at all. I will definitely be getting this book in paperback when it's available and I can't wait to have this one on my shelves next to Hers. Starburst Bloom definitely deserves a spot on my shelf beside her bestie and I can't wait!

Great job Dawn and I look forward to reading more from you!!! xx

Kara says

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.

I really liked book 1 of this series. This book was also good. I look forward to more books by Ms. Robertson FOR SURE!

Star has lived a hard life. It was written well... fit with book 1 great. Star's journey is not easy & sadly if we take the time - I bet we all know a "Star" in our lives.

Looking forward to

Rustys says

Whoever is reporting and flagging my reviews, I don't want to be your friend so unfriend me!

I received arc for review/blog.

I had to change a few pictures because goodreads flagged some photos

I'm guessing someone didn't like what I had posted. My thoughts...don't read and view my reviews if it offends you!

If there is one thing for sure, Star Bloom knows she needs to make a major change in her life. Working as a porn star for too many years the lifestyle has finally caught

up with her.

Alcohol and drug abuse are Star's "go to" fix for the memories that haunt her.

Memories of Blue James and the sexual abuse that started when she was younger

and continued years later, then she gave birth to a baby girl...Willow, only to give her up for adoption.

Approaching thirty years old Star sets out to find her daughter and one thing stands in her way...Blue.

When Blue discovered that there was more to my friendship with his sister than met the eye, he took what he wanted. He claimed his territory.

I was drawn in from the start, with sexual escapades and yes, Seven and Levi (Hers) are back as Seven finally learns the truth about Star and Blue's relationship.

I was cheering Star on in her effort to be rid of Blue once and for all, to start a new life, one that hopefully included finding Willow.

Today, I finally reclaim my life.

Returning to her hometown of Woodstock, she meets Chrome Grant a badass biker and the magnetic pull between them is electric. Tall, shaved head, warm carmel eyes

sexy and dangerous. Be prepared for hot and steamy shouts of orgasmic bliss

as Chrome and Star, discover each other's hot spots. Oh...and he has an APA through the head of his cock!

Lord have mercy. I really liked River, Chrome's brother and I hope we get to know more about him. Maybe a story with him and Journey, Star's sister, (hint, hint)

Finally, we get to meet the hippie parents who are responsible for the sinful upbringing

of Star and Seven. Nomads, drug users, multiple sex partners (swingers) is it any wonder why Seven grew up to be a Dominatrix and Star a porn queen.

On her journey to find Willow, Star is determined to make a safe and stable life for the daughter she gave up, one she never had.

I had to smile at the names of the characters, truly names of a hippie culture. I know...I lived through it.