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Torn between two men; one was what I needed, the other was what I wanted.

One man was safe and the other was dangerous.

But both men would lay down their lives to save me.

ATF agent Sam Cortez is fighting to bring down the Estrada family empire, which was built on murder and corruption.

Alex Estrada did what was needed to keep me safe...and paid with his life.

Starting over as I try to rebuild my life, it's clear that the past is never what it seems.

What no one knew was that we were all bound by lies.

Bound by Lies Details

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Jos says

5 Great Conclusion Stars!!!!

I devoured this series between last night up until just now and loved every second of it! I won;t write too much because I don't want to give anything away BUT PLEASE, PLEASE tell me we will get another spin-off book on "you know who" cause honestly I was just as much in love with him as the "other"!!!! Holy hotness with the 2 main men in this story:)

The Epilogue was so freaking awesome!!!!!!!!!!!!

Congrats Rebecca Shea, great mini series:)

Maree Repa says

I just love this book so much. This story for Emila and Alex definitely had its ups and downs, but it was just so amazing. Wow, what a ride it was and such a beatific ending for them both. I so love this series!!

◆*Arianna◆* says

3 Stars!!

"Bound by Lies" is the second and final installment in Rebecca Shea's *"Bound and Broken"* series and picks up right where book1 ended. Alex was shot by his father when all he wanted was to protect Emilia. He wanted to have a normal life, but *he paid with his life*.

"Safe. I should feel safe in his arms, but the only arms I want around me are Alex's."

Now that Emilia knows who's responsible for her mother's death and that Alex is dead, she fears for her life and she thinks she will be Andres's, Alex's father, next target. Sam is there for Emilia, taking her to live with him until the situation is cleared and Andres is captured. He knows Emilia was his brother's girlfriend and he knows she still loves Alex, but he can't deny how deep he fell for her. He's ready to do anything to protect the woman he's in love with and (view spoiler)

"Everything about her is beautiful. Even when she's sad and broken and defeated, her natural beauty is all I can see."

Like the previous book, this installment was more a plot driven story. There's a little bit of everything – suspense, mystery and drama which I really liked. The story is more emotional than the previous one and there are some interesting twists and turns that (maybe) will keep interested till the end. Of course there's some angst and drama, but nothing too heavy. I liked the multiple POV and all three main characters. Emilia's struggles were well done and felt real and I must say I really felt for her.

I enjoyed this installment for the most part, but I had a few issues:

* the story was a little corny (at times) and also a little too sappy for me (in the end)

* too many details about Emilia's daily life – I didn't care at all about them

(view spoiler)

Overall, a good enough read!

Jessica Viteri says

Saw it. Read it. Conquered it!

Plowed through this bad boy like the world was ending tomorrow. Devoured every bit of yummy goodness. I immersed myself in this fantastic story

Keep an eye out for the review.

"I've always felt safe with Sam. He's the law. I loved Alex, but he was the dangerous one. I fled to what was safe. They are polar opposites, but both made me feel-"

Now that I have had time to breathe, gathered my mind-boggling thoughts of scattered feelings, and ate myself sick in a vat of Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey, I can put my words together for this review.

If you remember in **BROKEN BY LIES**, we were left off on a mighty hefty cliffhanger. THE cliffhanger of all cliffhangers. I thought I was having a heart attack. My icy heart was melting and breaking off in bits and pieces, shattering into tiny little chips. Seriously, my heart palpitations were off the cardiac charts. I know you guys felt the same way, which is why I am not going over said cliffhanger. I'll keep your own hearts calm for the time being. I am going to be quite vague in my review. Besides, it's not my norm to give a play by play of the book. It takes away from the magic of the author's storytelling. But, I am pretty sure you still have tons of questions in your own chaotic heads and dozens of theories of how this sequel ends.

Does Alex live?

Does his twin brother Sam, end up saving Alex's life or just leave him there for dead?

If Alex does happen to survive the horrific gunshot wounds, does this mean that both brothers will be fighting for Emilia's heart?

And speaking of Emilia, how is she coping with Alex's lies, betrayal and all the overwhelming events happening around her?

I know I was quite vague in this review. I know you want the answers to these questions and so many more. But alas, I cannot tell you what happens. I will say this though, it was an INCREDIBLE book. I wanted to physically jump into the pages and become one with this story. Rebecca Shea has outdone herself in this series. Her writing gets better and better, and I am looking forward to see what new adventures she is cooking up in that head of hers.

Donna ~ The Romance Cover says

Bound by Lies (Bound and Broken #2) by Rebecca Shea
4 stars!!

“Alex was my love – dark and dangerous.”

Well, Rebecca Shea certainly packed an emotional punch with this one, when I could read between the tears, the blurry eyes and the pathetic excuse of a reader that I had become I was totally and utterly transfixed with this instalment. This is the conclusion to this series and picks up right where Broken by Lies finished. This book takes no prisoners, you dive straight into the aftermath of the cliff hanger we were left with and you need to hit the floor running...or crying as in my case.

“Pain. That’s all I’m capable of feeling in this moment. My lungs burn. My heart aches. My head screams.

Physical.

Mental.

Emotional.

Pain.

That’s all I feel.”

I found myself messaging the author throughout, I needed to vent, I mean, she was cruel, she was horrible, how could she do this to me? But that was the beauty of the start of this book, you had no time to think, that fear and rush of the ending of book 1 comes flooding back, those emotions, that fear that trepidation and it literally crushes you. You are assaulted from the start and it doesn’t get any easier as the story progresses. Just when you think all is well, bam, she does it again. So be prepared, tissues, wine, alcohol, chocolate, ice-cream, whatever floats your boat, stock up on it, because you are going to need it.

“Safe. I should feel safe in his arms, but the only arms I want around me are Alex’s.”

In this book you just need to expect the unexpected, is anyone who they seem? Emilia is stuck; she knows that the fall out is not going to be good, she knows that she will most likely be the next target so she needs to stay safe, but who can she trust? Everything she thought she knew has been turned on its head, she is distraught, she is scared, she is alone or is she?

Sam, the man, or is he? Again, another one of those characters that has his issues but tries to not let them get in the way of doing his job, but Emilia has never been just a “job.” He has fallen in love with her but he knows the chances are his feelings will never be reciprocated. He seems to be the ideal man as her protector, but will emotions get in the way, especially when the person he has to protect becomes even more valuable?

“I wonder to myself how many times she’s heard that lie, and if I’ll ever be able to truly protect her.”

I love that we got more of Alex and Sam’s back story. We knew they were estranged but what had really happened to get them there? We got answers and I have to say, one bit that was revealed, really changed my opinion of Sam, it actually brought tears to my eyes.

This is one of those books that you cannot review without giving away too much of the story. So I will have to be brief. This instalment is extremely plot driven, ends are tied up (some conveniently), but you never know where you stand until the end. Rebecca Shea keeps the proverbial carrot on a string dangling till the conclusion and while you chase said carrot, your head and emotions will go through the wringer. This book

was way more emotional, but this was to be expected considering the ending of book one, but they are ever changing, grief, empathy, sympathy, betrayal, love, hate, more love, it's never ending but what a read, what an ending and what an epilogue!!

This would have been a five star read for me, but as I said above, some bits were tied up a bit too conveniently and lost their impact because you could see it coming, but I will add, not until the scene was starting. However, despite the emotional turmoil Rebecca Shea put me through I was happy by the end, I may have still had the red eyes, but I was smiling. This was a great two book series and one that I can highly recommend for those that love romantic suspense, with a mafia twist.

“We were all bound by my lies, Em. But not anymore. There are no more lies. There never will be.”

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Joy says

So happy that I read this series! Suspense is not my go-to normally but I definitely enjoyed switching it up a bit and reading Emilia's story! I went through this book not knowing what to expect. I was happy with this books ending and I can't wait for book three!!!

TheresaDK says

Oh the feels!! I absolutely loved this series. And what a great ending..

First of all, this was an angsty read. But not the kinda angst you get because the MCs are stubborn asses who keep miscommunicating and misunderstanding each other. This was angst brought about by a series of events.. Oh yes and lies (hence the title), but the lies told were necessary in order to keep the h safe.. So I totally forgive that. Okay.. So the twists weren't that surprising. I'm not particularly astute (I never get the whodunnit mystery until the credit rolls!), but I had it all figured out pretty fast. But I didn't get into this series expecting a murder mystery, so who cares! I wanted a good romance and I got more than I bargained for.

The H, Alex, is not overly macho or badass alpha, but a very conscientious and reluctant Mafia boss. Alex was forced into this lifestyle by his father, whose empire he had to take over while good old dad serves time in prison, and has been raised to be a crime boss. He's not a cold hearted killer, he hasn't got a history as a former MMA fighter or a reputation for being a manwhore extraordinaire (at least it's not a focus at all). There are no nasty bitching exes or groupies/slutty girls vying for his attention, also there's no cheating.. So what is there? There's a really freaking awesome story filled with love, friendship, redemption, forgiveness and sacrifice! 'Nuff said!

The h is naive but never stupid. She's sweet and innocent but there's never any doubt that Emilia's got a backbone. She is forgiving but knows her self worth. Emilia's is an awesome heroine.

The blurb might indicate that there is a love triangle, however, that is not the case. For all of you who, like me, really dislikes love triangles and wishy washy heroines. I was never in doubt as to whom Emilia's heart belongs to. She is never in doubt who holds her heart, and neither are Alex nor Sam.

This is highly recommended if you're looking for a good love story with a couple of twists and action.

Sandra Cortez says

This series was unfortunately not for me, I've read many mafia type books and this held the weakest believable story. It lacked the grit, grime and terror. I never once feared anyone :/ maybe I wasn't mean to fear, they were all dealt bad cards but I wanted to feel the callous and menace behind the familia. It would have made the book more compelling.

Beth says

5 No Spoilers Stars

I hate spoilers. I hate the so much I often don't even read the blurb. Yes, I judge books by their authors. If it is an author I trust to give me a good read, I want to be completely surprised. This often makes it hard to write reviews since you have to talk about the book without *giving away* the book.

Bound by Lies is the second in the Bound and Broken Series. The first book introduced us to Alex and Emilia. And Alex's large, law breaking family. This second books picks right up where the first one ended. With a bang and some sirens.

So here's what I can tell you about the plot of the Book 2 without giving away any spoilers.....ummm. Let's see. Emilia is in it. Alex's dad is still a horrid person. Saul still eats garlic olives. Ok...so he doesn't but I hate him so much I imagine he smells like garlic olives.

And that's about it. There are soooo many things that happen, but I can't tell you because I DON'T DO SPOILERS. And this whole book is one big SPOILER ALERT.

I can give you some quotes. Lord knows I love quotes.

Love hangs on even when there's nothing left to hang on to

Alex was my love--dark and dangerous. But Sam is now my rock--my safe place.

I want her as much as she needs me.

What you need to know is that you do NOT want to miss this one. It is action, emotion, suspense, danger and you have the need to slap someone. Just don't slap Ms Shea. #1 She's really nice. #2 Don't piss her off. We want more books. And she might kill you off in her next one.

#saveAlex #dontpissoffShea #Sauleatsolives #nospoilers #awesomeread

Dawn Nicole Costiera says

I usually write long reviews but when a book is this great, there is no need. I will tell you how it made me feel and what you can expect....

Rebecca Shea damn woman!! Holy shit. Fuckity fuck. Those are just some of the obscenities, I was yelling at my kindle as I read, Bound by lies. You rock lady! I am beyond impressed. You kept the electrifying momentum from the first book going. Never missing a beat. Action packed and drenched in emotion from start to finish. These two books blew me away and kept me on the edge of my seat! My stomach churning and palms sweating. I honestly had no idea how it would all play out. Expect the unexpected. Who will live? Who will die? Who will get redemption? Who will be forgiven? If you think you have the answers, you don't. Every single character in these books demands attention. You do not know who to love more. Rebecca's character and plot development is spot on. I adored the continue faith throughout, it gave me chills. Be prepared. Rebecca is not playing! She is out with guns blazing.... These books were even better than watching a blockbuster film!!

I'm am so proud and impressed by Rebecca Shea. She continues to improve and grow as an author. I think her greatness is just coming to fruition... I can only imagine what she has in store for us next!! Keep going lady! Show them who is the boss.

Holly says

This review is going to be short, sweet, and to the point. Reason being, I'm not trying to slip and spoil things here. Quite frankly I'm afraid to say if I did, or didn't like it for fear someone may use that as an indicator of what goes down in this conclusion lol. I did love it for the record. I think Rebecca did an extraordinary job of weaving everyone's storylines together, giving us much needed answers and closure; she did her characters justice. There were parts that I never expected to happen causing me to text her threatening bodily harm, quickly followed by texts apologizing and me telling her I loved her again. There were messages of "You enjoy emotionally cutting me, don't you?" and messages of "I hate so and so, I will only call him Di*kface from now on. Can he die, please?" She made my jaw drop with moments of "WTF did you seriously do that?" I was happy to see Emilia grow into a stronger, independent woman. I was happy to see other characters learn and grow into more positive versions of themselves. For me, this is a multiple reread series of books.

I'm convinced this is Rebecca at her writing desk thinking of ways to screw with my tender reader emotions

Brandee - Brandee's Book Endings says

WOW! That is one word for how I can say this two-book series made me feel. The suspenseful storyline...the heat... the twists and turns...the ones that you did not see coming, that was one hell of a roller coaster ride and definitely one I recommend to add to your summer reading list. Loved this story – make sure to grab it today!

As you may know, I HATE spoilers, so my comments will be VERY brief as there is very little that I can say without spoiling either of the books. What I will say since book two is now available..... you will WANT to have book 2 (Bound by Lies) in your hands the minute you finish book 1..... enough said! You must read Broken by Lies FIRST, as Bound by Lies picks up right where book 1 ends.

I love Rebecca's character development in her stories. She writes one hell of a complex character and can even make you fall in love with the bad guy and you won't even feel bad about it.

This series is a romantic suspense and is the perfect series to dig into while sitting on the beach, cuddled in bed on a rainy day, listening to on your car rides to and from work (that is what I did), or actually truth be told – perfect book to read anytime/anywhere! The plot of the story will most likely keep you on the edge of your seat and turning the pages as fast as you can to find out what will happen next.

If you have not had the pleasure to read one of Rebecca Shea's books yet, I must ask "What are you waiting for"? I would love to hear what you thought – especially after the ending of Broken by Lies.

Kay (👉 ? 👉 ✨) BooksandMe says

Rating:

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You know you've read a great book when the story just sucks you in and you have no way of making out unscathed and you're emotions were left a jumbled mess but since you're a glutton for punishment, you'd definitely want more.

Full review to come.

Books in the series (should be read in order):

Broken by Lies (Bound and Broken, #1)

Bound by Lies (Bound and Broken, #2)

Betrayed by Lies (Bound and Broken, #3)

Check out my blog here:

Katy Loves Romance ♥? says

4.5 Stars****

Well this one picks up straight where broken by lies finished. Elisha is dealing with the aftermath of what has happened with Alex.. and then letting Sam take care of her the best way she can..

I'm going to keep this short and sweet as to keep this review spoiler free..

I'll say this book is as addictive as the first book, it's pretty fast paced and kept me on my toes buttt I'd say this is the book about pain, healing and moving forward. About letting go and then finding ways to live life. One thing I loved about this one is I felt more connected to the characters in this book, I felt their anguish, pain and love. Felt what they were going through.. and I devoured it within hours because of it..

To sum up this series kept me on my toes, had me turning the pages. Is addictive and is highly plot driven. Many many lies to find out so If that's what you enjoy then yes yes grab it, you won't regret it.

That. Is. All.

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Il confine dei libri says

Salve lettrici, oggi vorrei parlarvi del secondo romanzo della serie "Bound & Broken" di Rebecca Shea, "Bugie che uniscono".

Questo romanzo si apre proprio dove abbiamo chiuso il primo.

Emilia assiste alla sparatoria e alla morte del suo amato Alex e si ritrova sola e disperata per l'ennesima volta. In pericolo a causa del padre di Alex, Antonio Estrada, capo di un famigerato cartello della droga che pensa lei sia una minaccia a causa della confessione dei segreti sulla famiglia Estrada che Alex le aveva fatto.

Trova rifugio da Sam Cortez, l'agente di polizia che scopriamo essere fratello di Alex.

Non riesce a pensare al futuro senza la presenza di Alex, soprattutto quando scopre che anche nella morte lui le sarà comunque vicino. (Qui sono enigmatica di proposito, non posso svelarvi proprio tutto!)

Emilia non riesce a trovare una via, un punto saldo da dove partire nemmeno quando nella sua vita tornerà la figura paterna.

E Sam, così premuroso e affidabile, può davvero fidarsi di lui? Perché ha deciso di farsi carico di lei?

Tra la scoperta di nuove cose che la sorprenderanno e la terrorizzeranno, nuove bugie e verità apparenti, la ragazza dovrà capire da che parte andare, di chi fidarsi, chi cominciare ad essere in un mondo dove l'amore della sua vita non c'è più.

Lo stile diretto e la lettura scorrevole sono due delle caratteristiche che rendono gradevole il romanzo.

Come nel primo, il ritmo è incalzante e pregno di colpi di scena e momenti emozionanti.

Il logorio interno di Emilia, la sofferenza, il dolore sono palpabili, come anche la sensazione, permanente e inquietante che qualcosa, dietro l'angolo, stia aspettando di saltare fuori, o che le cose non siano effettivamente come appaiono. E nemmeno le persone...

I personaggi sono ben caratterizzati e, nonostante l'assenza fisica, Alex risulta essere più presente di quanto si possa immaginare, ritagliandosi una parte cospicua nel romanzo.

Questa cosa mi ha fatto piacere, non ho sopportato la sua morte nel primo capitolo della serie.

Emilia risulta essere una donna forte nonostante la sua anima devastata e la confusione che sembra vivere, in continuo sbattimento tra dubbi, sospetti e bugie.

Una cosa mi ha infastidita, però, devo essere onesta.

Per leggere il secondo romanzo della serie ho dovuto rileggere il primo. Troppo tempo tra un'uscita e l'altra.

Se non avessi ripreso in mano "Bugie che feriscono" non avrei avuto il continuo emozionale che serve per apprezzare tutta l'opera.

Ovviamente questo mio piccolo disappunto non inficia il voto che penso sia appropriato per questo romanzo.

Spero abbiate la possibilità e la voglia di leggerlo presto.

Buona lettura
