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Everyone belongs somewhere. Even the misfits.

With the looming threat from the Mancuso Crime Family, the Forsaken Motorcycle Club is preparing for a war that could destroy them. Grady, the club's Sergeant-at-Arms, knows that love makes you weak, and he has zero interest in adding to his liabilities— especially now. He's already got his teenage daughter who keeps him on his toes and a beef within the club that could fracture his relationship with a fellow brother for good.

For Holly Mercer, her life is finally getting on track and the last thing she wants is trouble from her hometown's resident outlaws. Keeping her nose clean is easier said than done, when suddenly she finds herself embroiled in club business. Holly might like the idea of being with a real-life bad boy, but even being in the same room with tough-as-nails Grady flusters her.

When Holly inadvertently finds herself on Mancuso's radar, she has two choices: trust that Grady will protect her, or continue to refuse the club's help. Both roads are dangerous, but only one has the chance to damage her beyond repair.

Love is never more dangerous than when it can destroy you.

Rev Details

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Judy says

Rev (Bayonet Scars) I finished this one yesterday and rated it 4 stars. I liked the book, especially the loving relationship between Grady and his daughter. He's the Sargent at Arms (Enforcer) and in previous books came across as the hard ass who didn't seem to have a soft side at all. The h in the series is not weak and while the sex scenes are hot, they are not plentiful, which was fine with me. The book was more about relationships but it kept my interest. It's not perfect. There were a few issues that I don't think were closed out and the ending seemed a little rushed. The book was flowing so well until the last 25% and then it seemed like it was rushed. We see Holly traumatized and unable to cope with severe panic attacks as a result of the violent rape scene but then we jump forward to the epilogue a couple of years later. There was no mention of what the club planned to do with Larry Jennings who was responsible for abducting and torturing Holly & Mindy. Leo, the soldier from the Mancuso family, just suddenly drops out of the picture. A lot of loose ends left hanging. I can understand leaving some suspense for the next book but it was just so abrupt.

Warning to any readers who have a trigger about rape. There is a particularly brutal rape scene towards the end of the book. IMO it was a set up for the next book that I think will pair Ian and Mindy. I can read rape scenes and I usually have a high tolerance for violence but that rape scene even made me a little uncomfortable. But I still highly recommend the book.

Amanda says

I may be a little partial...BUT...

I think this story is FANTASTIC. This is book #3 in the Bayonet Scars Series and so far my fav. The story is so complex with so many different layers and things happening.

First, you have the love story that develops between the Forsaken's Sergeant at Arms ~Grady~ and Holly, who works at his daughter's high school as an admin. Fate seems to throw them together when Leo Scavo is sent to Fort Bragg to collect the Prince and Princess of the Mancuso crime family.

Then you have THAT, the Mancuso element of the series making it's comeback to a bigger extent in this story.

AND you have some brutal retaliation, not done by the Forsaken. This part is a little hard to read, gut wrenching, and gave me a little bit of that train-wreck-that-I-can't-take-my-eyes-off-of feeling. JC provides a unique perspective from both Grady and Holly's eyes as things unfold here. This is a definite don't miss book, and I can not WAIT for what follows!!!

Lisa (A Life Bound By Books) says

I had the awesome chance to beta read this and I just have to say that this is my FAVORITE book in this amazing series to far. JC has totally outdone herself with this book. I can't wait to read it again and MORE! I need more more more!!!

I will review at a later date and after reading the final edit copy, so keep an eye out for that on my blog - A

itsmeesahara♥? says

4 ★ ★ ★ ★

At first, I thought this'll be slow paced just the continuation of the plot from the previous books. Didn't like Grady was so mean towards Alex and especially to Holly. As per Holly, she is amazing, a fighter and a survivor.

What happened in this book.....

It was very intense, heartbreaking and tear jerking ?

I can't even.. I'm speechless ?

All in all this i'll definitely be finishing this series

So far I am not disappointed ?

Favorite Quote/Line from the book:

EVERYONE BELONGS SOMEWHERE. EVEN THE MISFITS.

“You fit in here,” he says. “You fit in with me—with us. We don’t fit in anywhere, either. So we fit in together.”

Tammy Santiago says

I am one of the lucky beta readers for this awesome lady and I am here to tell you she gets better and better with each book she writes.

This book had me hooked from the first line I read and to me the best of the series so far.

you will love to hate Grady and keep in mind under the gruff exterior lies a true teddy bear.

Our lady in this book is a tough lady and in my opinion a strong willed, hard loving lady who will always go above and beyond the call of duty to be there and help out someone she truly loves.

the road to love wasnt easy in this book but it was fun to travel none the less.

I love this series and I love this author and if you dont read and recommend this book then you will be missing a dang good story.I proudly give this book 5 stars.Thank you Ms. J.C. for allowing us to be a part of your team.we love you girl.

Paganalexandria says

Grady is Sergeant At Arms of Forsaken MC, and not at all in sync with his brothers. They are currently at war with Mancuso Crime Family, because of personal drama within the Presidents family. He is prepared to lay his life down for his brothers, but not on board for another brother to die over something he deems unworthy. In the midst of all this, Holly the too prissy school employee enters to nag him about his teenage daughter, and accuse him of being a neglectful parent. Instant enemies are born.

The Good:

1. I really enjoy the writing style of this author. It does a lot to keep me engaged even when I'm unhappy with certain character behavior choices.
2. Holly is very feminine but is not a push over in a realistic way in extraordinary situations.
3. Grady's relationship with his teenage daughter is the most charming thing about him.

The Bad:

1. Grady is a tool. I have a very high alphahole tolerance, but he went past my limit...a lot.
2. I believed in their hate sex attraction but the switch to instalove transition happened too fast for me. Kind of "I hate you" on Tuesday, they kiss on Thursday, and by Saturday bride magazines start showing up in the mail.
3. At the end there is a very triggering event that left me so cold. I know that this stuff happens a lot in biker romance, but this one was too much for me.

Final Thoughts:

This series is still pretty solid, just hero problems kept it from earning an extra star.

Dawn Johnson says

Book 3 of The Bayonet Scars Series Rev has it all you will laugh, you will be sad, you will get a little upset but the whole book keeps you interested from page 1 to the very end. Grady is an ass but we love our Forsaken men that way. Older than some Grady has a lot on his plate as the Sargent of Arms for the MC so when he runs into one Miss Holly well she turns his world on end. Holly someone new to our little group has lived a life not as perfect as her parents think she should have but she kept trying to please them until one day she ran smack into our Grady. Holly & Grady did not hit it off right away but there was that attraction & well they just could not get over it. You will enjoy the writing of Author JC Emery she can tell a story like no other. You will not regret this buy. Enjoy the amazing world of the Forsaken MC & you will love these men as much as I do.

Margreet Asselbergs says

My rating: 5 of 5 ??

Hating the fact that she allowed herself to make a series of poor choices that ended her back in her hometown, broke, and living in her parents' house, made Holly Mercer determined to dust herself off, pull up her bootstraps and get herself back on track. But when her job at the local high school puts her in the path of the pig-headed father of a troubled teenage girl, who happens to be part of the local biker club, both her resolve and her libido find themselves on shaky ground.

Forsaken MC's VP, Grady, is trying to cope with the loss of his good friend and mentor and doesn't have time for some pain in the arse school administrator to stick their nose in his family. She may be pretty, but he has no time in his life for goody-two-shoes. He has bigger fish to fry. Like the Mancuso Family, who haven't let up on the threats against the Forsaken MC. But when those threats occur on school property and involve his daughter AND the school administrator, Grady doesn't pull any punches and quickly introduces Holly to protective measures, MC style.

It doesn't take long for their antagonistic relationship to combust into a passionate inferno once Grady has Holly safely ensconced in his house along with the rest of his family. With protection detail spread thin, there was no other option to ensure her safety, and he frankly didn't mind having her that close. But that doesn't mean she can't be found, or hurt.....

Best scene in a book, EVER!!! And this is how it starts.....

"You see that - that nervous excitement you're feeling? I'm under your skin. You don't have to like it, but I'm there," he says so quietly it comes out as a whisper.

....it's all I'm gonna give you, because this is a scene that has to be experienced. I adored it!! The tension was phenomenal.

There was so much said in this book without words. That may sound weird when talking about a book, but JC Emery has found a way with REV to write very suggestively. Use described body language and peripheral description to outline the underlying context, which fills itself in as you read. The characters are studies in itself, that appear to be perhaps a tad two-dimensional at first, but with the scene I allude to above, they show a completely new awareness that injected this story with many more layers. It forced me to pay closer attention, to read between the lines more and not just go by the words on the paper.

Although I guess the book could theoretically stand on its own, I strongly suggest you read both RIDE and THRASH prior to picking up REV. It will provide you with some necessary backstory, to which there is plenty referral. As well as an introduction to the full cast of characters and their individual dynamics, which plays quite a big role.

There are some horrendously graphic scenes described in this book. I refer to one incident in particular, but I feel it has a purpose in this story, the entire focus of the series as well as - what I suspect to be - the prep for perhaps a future installment. Very well written, but utterly disturbing.

This entire series is highly recommended, but REV is so far my favorite. It feels there has been maturing in the writing by JC Emery. A trust she is putting in the reader now, to pick up on innuendo and suggestion she puts out there, that I haven't seen before. It's a compliment to us, her readers. And she does it damn well!!!

R says

Love these guys

Teryl says

While I really enjoyed this book, it felt like something was missing that was in the first two, just can't put my finger on it.

Lucy the book lush says

I just did not connect with these characters.

This one was very slow going for me, I didn't like the characters much and I didn't feel their connection. It felt incomplete, club issues were brought up then never discussed again, Standoffs just disappeared.

Holly was returning to town after something, not sure what, her backstory was hinted at but was undefined. Overall I thought she was a bit of a shrew. Issues that she had at the end of the book were just danced over and all of a sudden it's year later and they're all better.

Rev was rude and horrible to her, not in an attractive a\$&holes we love kind of way. He was pretty honest but I really didn't see this sudden attraction happening.

There was a very graphic scene that was pretty disturbing but didn't seem to be necessary for the plot of this book. I am assuming it was a set up for a future book in the series. I skipped over this but it may deeply upset some readers so please heed the authors warnings.

I will continue to read the series because I have enjoyed the other books. Rev was not the book for me...

Amanda says

Wasn't really into this book until about 40% in. Again I found the writing style a little lacking for my tastes. But it definitely improved. I loved Grady & Holly. I think they are great characters. Holly is probably one of the strongest heroines I've read in a long time. She has everything it takes to be the perfect Old Lady she just doesn't know it. Grady is strong, dominant, dangerous and totally full of love and the need to be loved by one person for himself.

Despite not loving the writing style I will continue with the series as I really enjoy the characters and their story line.

Carrie (Rotten Banana) says

Overall, this book felt incomplete.

For most of the book, the heroine, Holly, was pretty damn annoying. I kept waiting for her backstory which was hinted at to finally be revealed so I could make sense of her erratic behavior. Instead, it was given a half-ass "I'm not going to let my past rule me" when the past was never explained.

I liked Grady, for the most part. I liked seeing his sweet side with his mom and daughter. I even liked that he was pretty upfront about his feelings for Holly.

I just felt like there was something missing from the relationship - some information that would've make the connection understandable.

As far as the continuing story arc, some pretty ultra violent stuff goes down (those with trigger issues please be advised) and then all of a sudden the story jumps 2 years down the line and the reader was left with "we dealt with things".

I'm ho hum on this book but I'll still continue with the series.

R says

Is it just me..I have to almost re read book to so I can remember. Book 1 no problem

Kellie Maddox-Ward says

I really enjoyed this book.

However it was not what I thought it would be.

I really really *freaking really* love the whole Mafia Vs. Biker theme.

It just keeps the missing the mark slightly in my point of view.

Yes the mafia is mentioned and does play a bigger part in this book than in the last. But it kinda goes away. One standoff.. and then a few mentions here and there. That's it. (*I really want to know what's going to happen to "Junior"*)

This was based more on the MC as a whole. As Grady is the Sgt at Arms. He is dealing with the loss of his best friend and not mourning as he needs to.

This is also affecting his daughter, Cheyenne. He just doesn't realize it.

Well the school secretary Holly does.

She decides to confront Grady about it as he avoids her at all costs.

There is awesome chemistry, but its hate at first sight. They both think the other is really really ridiculously good looking but they are too different. And besides, Grady is an asshole, and Holly has heard all about the types of guys that are in a Motorcycle Club. After all she grew up in this town, She knows how they all are. So she thinks!

Some things happen and Holly is targeted by the Mafia and used to get to Grady.

(It is actually Alex's ex that makes an appearance.)

This starts their relationship.

Together they made me laugh and swoon. They bicker and it is hilarious! They make sweet sweet love. Ok

so they fuck each other crazy! We get the story told from both POV's and a kick-ass epilogue which leads us into Crush! (I not so secretly can't wait for Chey and Jeremy's story!)

Oh I do need to point out, that something HORRIBLE happens in this book to Holly's cousin. We are there through the whole thing. **People who CANNOT read about rape.** Please don't read that part. Or this book. It is violent. It is graphic. It does actually add to the story so I completely understand why the story went there, but as I said I know some people can't handle that.

So yep.. all in all I liked it. I'm just REALLLLLLLY hoping the Mafia storyline is going to kick in a bit more soon.

J.C Emery has knack for writing a great story that is dark but light.

You giggle, swoon, clench your jaw, mouth vomit, and sigh the whole way through.
