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Lanie Heron isn't looking for love-no surprise, considering her last serious relationship nearly got her killed. So when Lanie propositions Hop Kincaid, all she wants is one wild night with the hot-as-hell biker who patrols with the Chaos Motorcycle Club . . .

For Hop, Lanie has always been untouchable. She's too polished and too classy for his taste. But when she gives Hop the once-over with her bedroom eyes and offers him a night in paradise, he can't say no. And he doesn't regret it when he finds that Lanie is the best thing that's ever happened to him-in or out of bed. Now the trick will be to convince her of that.

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Georgia ♥ Team Dex ♥ says

Are you ready for more *Chaos* in your lives?

Lanie; Hop's only chance at redemption...

...and just maybe, his own much deserved Happily Ever After.

4 KA males, Badass Bikers and the Lives-we-choose-for-ourselves Stars

Where rules didn't apply, only feelings did. You went with your gut, you led with your heart, you did what you wanted and you didn't think of consequences. You lived. You were free.

Kristen Ashley's Life Lessons:

Rule #1:

There is always a happily ever after, especially if you think you don't deserve it.

Rule #2:

Whoever said to you that the above rule applies only to princes, knights, magicians and heroes, lied in your face! YEAH, *fairytale*s, I am talking to you and I call...

Rule #3:

(no explanation needed)

This is Lanie & Hop's story. Gritty, emotional, passionate, realistic and their own. No excuses needed. No shame, because love always finds a way and life gives you a second, third and fourth chance if you fight hard enough for it.

“Every step, every breath, every second I lived on this earth, I’m thankful for, no matter how fucked up or whacked or hard or good, ’cause all that shit led me to you.”

Lanie has been existing for the last 8 years. Consumed by guilt, remorse and grief, she can't get past her fiance's involvement with the Russian Mob, that killed him and almost her and her best friend Tyra.

She has stopped living and breathing, afraid of taking a chance to love again. Afraid to let her self go and risk getting hurt, to deal with her nightmares, to fight the monsters that live inside her head.

But what if she doesn't have to slay them by herself? What if knights, no longer wear shiny armors, but leather? What if they are tattooed bikers, with their own past mistakes, long hair and silver rings?

“Baby,” his lips dropped to mine but his eyes didn’t let mine go, “Christ, I’m beggin’ you, let me in. Let me help. Let me in so I can untie that shit you got wound up inside you.”

A night of passion will open up the possibility of a future that both have too many scars to accept without fighting and making mistakes. Without screwing up and dreading what's ahead. Love.

“Don’t regret what you did. Don’t regret the decisions you made. You did right. You followed your heart and that is never wrong, darlin’. But shit went down and it was extreme. That’s over, Lanie. Long over. Move on.”

The story that ran parallel to Shy and Tabby's in Own the Wind, is finally here and it follows the general rule of awesomeness that applies to KA stories. Her heroes aren't always likeable and they don't make excuses. They get to live and love and their stories are engaging and beautiful. And they make you believe that you too will find the other half of your soul...

My only complaint and reason of my rating? I think we spent a tad too long in Lanie's head. I get that she had a lot to deal with and overcome, but I needed more interactions between all the characters and a more mysterious/dangerous plot.

Overall, a book that all KA lovers don't wanna miss!!!

Special Mention:

the one and only.... Tack Allen

TACK, YOU ROCK MY WORLD!!!!

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UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says

Review posted below giveaway information...

March 10, 2014 Facebook Update

Spreading the Love Giveaway

When Kit's happy, she wants everyone to be happy. So for the next five days, I'm giving away signed copies of FIRE INSIDE as well as signed ARC copies of LADY LUCK and KALEIDOSCOPE. I know, they're random but they're the books I have that you can't get your hot little hands on in the stores...so they're special.

This is me celebrating my good friend coming to town, THE WILL coming out in less than a month (pre-orders available, so get to clicking Rock Chicks!) and FIRE INSIDE hitting the bookstores in print on March 25 (pre-orders also available).

So, just tell me who said this in what book and you're entered!

"You take me as I give it and I'm takin' my time."

The boring stuff: I'll announce the winner the next day. Five chances to win. We'll post books internationally. We'll only announce winners once, so please have a look to see if you've won and get in touch with us. If a winner doesn't claim their prize, an alternate winner will not be chosen. Good luck!

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My review...

No matter how many Kristen Ashley books I read - and I've read a lot - I'm ALWAYS left anxiously awaiting the next story, regardless of the genre or series. Such was the case with Hop and Lanie's story in Fire Inside... and this despite the drama that surrounds them and their turbulent pasts. I know you'll get me when I say that, start to finish, this is one hell of an emotional ride! And the epilogue? Typical Kristen Ashley brilliance! I'm still grinning from ear to ear!!! Read it and you'll feel it, too!

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NMmomof4 says

4 Stars

Overall Opinion: I am really liking this series! I'm not quite sure why I put it off for so long, but I'm so happy I gave it a chance. I started out with it being an audiobook, but I was so into it I had to download the ebook to read along. It is really low drama for being a "mc romance", but that's ok with me because that means it's higher on the romance side. Hop was a pleasant surprise for me, because with experiencing him in Motorcycle Man along with Tyra -- I wasn't that huge of a fan of his tbh. They were an awesome couple, a little frustrating at times with their stubbornness, but awesome! I was smiling and happy when I finished with their HEA :)

Brief Summary of the Storyline: This is Lanie and Hop's story. Lanie has been around Hop because her best friend is married to his mc's president. They have always been friendly, but Lanie decides to take it a step farther and proposition him for a ONS. He accepts, but doesn't agree to the "one night" part of their agreement. They start a hot secret affair and stronger feelings start to develop. There is some major baggage that they have to work through, a little family and mc drama, some hot sexy times...and they get a HEA ending.

POV: This was told mainly in Lanie's POV with a few chapters in Hop's.

Overall Pace of Story: Good. I never skimmed, and I thought it flowed well.

Instalove: No. They've known each other for years.

H rating: 4.5 stars. Hop. He's going up there in my top favorite KA heroes (with Tate and Tack still being my 1 & 2). He was unexpectedly sweet and gentle with the h, but also the typical hot alpha family man that I come to expect in KA books.

h rating: 4 stars. Lanie. She was a little crazy, but I liked her crazy.

Sadness level: Low. No tissues needed.

Push/Pull: Yes (view spoiler)

Heat level: Moderate. They have some hot chemistry and scenes.

Descriptive sex: Yes

Safe sex: Yes. There is mention of condom use, std status, and birth control. I don't remember any mention of past practices.

OW/OM drama: No (view spoiler)

Sex scene with OW or OM: No

Cheating: No (other than mention of side characters cheating).

Separation: Yes (view spoiler)

Possible Triggers: Yes (view spoiler)

Closure: This had a great epilogue that made me feel happy because they got their HEA :D

How I got it: I got the audiobook through my scribed subscription, and the ebook on loan through my library.

Safety: I think this should be Safe for most readers.
(view spoiler)

Val Shameless ?? Steamy Reads ?? says

Re-read 4/15/16... I'm not just in a book slump, I ~~have some major fucking PMS~~ am in a total slump, period. Nothing I'm reading is appealing to me as a result, thus...Re-reading a favorite!

Re-read 8/30/15

Re-read 1/17/15

I've re-read this so many times it's not even funny.

And I always love it.

Hop and Lanie are one of my *favorite* KA couples for sure...

XX

FIRE INSIDE

Hop

Lanie

- "You'll Accomp'ny Me" by Bob Seger

" 'I'll tell you now, I do not have a replacement. There's only one me. You want it, you find,' he jerked his thumb at his chest, leaning toward me and concluded, 'me.'"

Melanie says

4-4.5 stars

Well KA did it!! ****As if there was *ever* any doubt!****

She completely 180'ed my opinion of Hop. He went from a schlumpy no-good cheater who looked like this (in my head):

to a **badass, sexy, HAWT biker with hints of sweet** who looks like this:

(... +10 or so years of course...)

'Fire Inside' wasn't as wild a ride as 'Motorcycle Man' - either emotionally or in the action sense - but it was still a touching, sweet biker-love story with hints of behind-the-scenes badassness that I thoroughly enjoyed from word 1.

It was a long lonely road, but Hop and his Lady (I'm totally swooning with that pet-name!!!) finally found IT and as far as I'm concerned it's a match made in biker heaven. Can't wait to find out what KA has in store for Chaos next!!

Pre-Release Thoughts

Lanie and... Hop???! Holy crap I did not see that coming!

Barring the fact that he "hopped" on (or should I say *under*) the Beebee train while Mitzi was his old lady, I kinda had this mental picture of him with a huge beer gut and tangled unkempt Biker hair - ya know like Bobby Elvis from SOA only not as likable because, uh, hello? Hop's a "cheater". Not. Sexy!

Clearly, I've been wrong.

If anybody can redeem Hop, KA can. I can't wait to read *how* she does it!!!!

Kristen says

4-Hop Won My Heart-Stars

HOLY MOLY! The impossible happened! I actually fell head-over-heels in love with Hop, which shocked me to no end because I was NOT, and I repeat, NOT his biggest fan in Motorcycle Man. In fact, I put off reading his book until now because I had no desire to read his story. I could kick myself for waiting so long and not trusting Kristen Ashley's ability to make me fall in love with her hero. I should have known better.

I'll admit, I struggled with Lanie's character at first; she was a bit too wishy-washy for my tastes, but she won me over BIG TIME by the end. And don't get me started on how much I adored Hop's kids. His daughter and son were just too cute for words. I'm always in awe of Kristen Ashley's ability to write children that feel authentic and palatable. The kids in her stories always add substance and delight to what is already compelling plot.

Overall, I enjoyed this book but I also felt it had a few flaws. Mainly, it should have been a novella instead of a full length book and placed at the end of the Dream Man series instead of the second book in the Chaos series. There just wasn't enough plot substance for it to keep my full and undivided attention considering it paralleled *Own the Wind's* timeline and events. Basically, it brought nothing new to the series arc. Not to mention, the Chaos series main focus is on the YOUNGER club members not the older ones.

Still, I very much enjoyed this book, and like all Kristen Ashley stories, the epilogue left a huge smile on my face and happiness in my heart.

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Christy says

5 Stars

Before I start this review, I really struggled on how to rate this book. I started out with a 4 star rating, then I realized my problem. Although it was closer to a 5 star read for me, a lot of KA's books were **better** than a 5... I'm not sure how to explain it, but for me, it was *just a 5*, not a *5 plus*, *blew me away*, *fantastic 5* like some of her others... make sense? It does to me anyway, so on to the review!!!

It was only supposed to be one night...

We first meet Lanie in Motorcycle Man. She is Tyra's (Tack's old lady) best friend. It's been eight long years since Lanie's life changed drastically. Eight years since her fiance was killed, she was hurt. She is still not over it, after all this time, she still can't let anyone in. She is not willing to take that risk again. Not now, not ever.

"You have something, you have something to lose."

Hopper Kincade has been with Chaos MC for over 15 years, ever since he's been 24. He is a badass biker guy, but he is also a big sweetheart. He is a devoted father who is divorced. You really get the wrong impression of Hop in MM. I was worried I wouldn't like him in this because of that, but I couldn't have been more wrong! Hopper is a caring guy, he is there for you when you need him.

"Anything you need, babe. I'm there for you. One way or another."

When Lanie and Hop start this 'thing' between them, Hopper is hesitant. He knows what Lanie has been through. Tack is his brother, Tyra is Lanie's best friend. He knows it could get complicated. Messy. But he can't resist Lanie. And once he's had her, one night is not enough.

The best I ever had.

Lanie has a lot to work through. As much as she doesn't want to admit it, she likes being with Hopper. She enjoys his company, she just knows it's not a good idea to get involved with him, with anyone. He just wants a chance.

“Take a chance on me.”

?He wants her to let him in.

“I’ll wear you down. You won’t let me in, I’ll break in, sneak in, blast in.”

?“You won’t get in.”?

“Let you in on a secret, babe. I’m already in. Just gotta wait for you to realize it.”

He wants Lanie to live again, to enjoy life.

Most importantly, he wants to protect her, for her to realize that he is there for her. He has her back.

“I don’t use you as a shield. I am the goddamn shield.”

Lanie knows she and Hop have something, something special.

When Lanie actually lets Hop in, there time together is beautiful, amazing. But she has a bad habit of shutting him out, putting up walls. Hop tries to be patient with her, but their relationship is difficult at times. And Lanie is insisting it be kept secret, for now.

Hop is an alpha, biker guy, badass, he is funny and he has a soft side. I wasn’t sure if I would like him, but I really did. He isn’t my favorite KA alpha, but he was still pretty great. He was just the guy Lanie needed. He knows Lanie is a classy lady, so that’s what he calls her- Lady. So we’ve established Hop is a badass biker with the tats and all, a sweet caring guy... but did I mention he plays guitar and sings? And he dedicated a song to Lanie... *freaking swooning*

Okay- Hop and Lanie’s relationship was far from perfect, but once they got it situated, I loved them together. The epilogue was PERFECT! I may have teared up a bit... but I do that in every KA epilogue- (view spoiler) . I just love the MC books, plus- I am a KA fan for life. Like I said before, I really enjoyed this, but I think my expectations were too high. I ended up loving both main characters, the story was enjoyable, it was just missing that little special touch that **At Peace, Knight, Own the Wind, Motorcycle Man** etc. had. I did want more of a 'story' besides the Hop and Lanie relationship, and even though the bulk of there relationship was based on sex in the beginning... I could have definitely used more KA sex scenes... just sayin. I could see why others didn’t love this one, but I still give it a solid 5 stars (as if I could give Kristen Ashley anything else?) because overall, it was still a solid 5 star read for me.

Now please for the love of all that is holy can we get a **RUSH** book next!!!!

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Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

I've had enough. Kristen Ashley fans, cover your eyes, because I think that...

::whispers::

Her books are not that great ::ducks to avoid a punch::.

I have to say, I get why people love her. I found certain parts of this book to be both entertaining and smoking hot, so folks, *I get it, I get it*. I even was sucked in at times with the sexy, possessive alpha male talk. However, I cannot overlook the fact that her main characters are clones of one another. CLONES!! They talk the same, they walk the same, they bone the same. The same!!! Each Kristen Ashley man (well, at least in the Chaos series) looooooves to leave off pronouns when talking. I think KA thinks it sounds masculine.

It just *bugs* me.

Each KA girl is promised to be feisty and smart but instead they all turn into blinking, silent, sex-mimes. There is a lot of whining in this book from Lanie and she just didn't work for me as a sympathetic character. Hop was exactly like Shy to me. I almost couldn't tell them apart at all. The way that they treated women in the past, the way they treated their girls now, the way they talk... identical. I almost couldn't differentiate them.

I honestly felt bored during the second 1/2 of the book. The lack of a plot really got to me. There is just one long string of drama that forms some semblance of a plot.

Uncle! I cry uncle on the Chaos series!!

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Geri Reads says

3.5 stars

Okay. Here we go...

This was me when I got my ARC for the book.

And this was me as I was reading through it.

Yeah. I hate giving less than 4 stars to KA considering I enjoyed her books in the past. Sadly, Fire Inside didn't live up to the hype for me. Don't get me wrong, it was an okay read. Most people might end up loving it but to me this was just lackluster. I was waiting for that omph and it never came.

Hop

On the surface, this book has all the KA elements. We have a good-looking, badass biker, alpha male in Hopper Kincaid. Even his name screams hot biker. And get this he (view spoiler). Hop should be a shoo-in for the best KA alpha hero award and join the illustrious rank of Tate and Joe in KA world but he felt a tad bit short.

I liked him a lot. I was surprised at how much I liked him considering what he did during Motorcycle Man didn't endear him to a lot of readers. KA did a brilliant job of redeeming--or should I say explaining his actions during that whole BeeBee-Gate fiasco. As much as I liked him, I also felt that there was nothing special at all about him. Not even his 'stache wasn't special because every KA fan knows that Luke Stark already has that area covered. Poor Hop. Even his stint as a former (view spoiler) wasn't enough. That said, I still liked him a lot.

Lanie

Sadly, Lanie, again, was a disappointment for me. The blurb said she was full of drama, so I was expecting Roxie-like drama or even like Gwen or Elvira. She was neither. She basically didn't do anything. She had her moments of brilliance but it wasn't enough to make me like her or root for her.

Which brings me to the crux of the matter, the whole reason why I didn't feel this book as much as the others. If I may be honest, the last three or four books sounded scarily alike in my opinion. For example...

"Never had class. Never had beauty."

"Nothin' like you, lady. Nothing like that beauty."

*"All soft, every inch. Got my d*ck buried in beauty."*

"I didn't have a lot of beauty in my life. Found it in that."

And those are just examples. I swear, the word beauty was repeated so many times, and used in that same vein as the examples above, it drove me nuts. It became repetitive. It wasn't exciting anymore. I was pretty sure I've read these lines before from another KA book. It came to a point where I just wanted to read something else. I wanted the hero to sound different from the last hero or the heroine for that matter.

It wasn't all that bad. It had some note-worthy moments too. I squeed like a little girl that I am when Vance Crowe made an appearance. I swear, he said no more than 6 words overall and I was like, "Wow, that was brilliant! I love him. Hmm, I think I'm gonna reread Rock Chick Renegade again."

But what saved this book from getting two stars from me was Tack! Tack, you're still the man! He was funny here, without being intentionally so. It was classic Tack and I loved it!!

In spite all that, I would still recommend this book especially to those who are still getting to know Kristen Ashley's writing. This is great choice for them but for those of us who have been around the block, this might not work. But then again, you'll never know until you read the book. Who knows, you might end up loving this.

P.S.

One thing that's great about KA is that her stories are so diverse, judging from the series that she has under her belt. That said, the last four books were from her Unfinished Heroes and then Chaos. She did these back-to-back. Not the best idea in my opinion. I'm glad she's doing Rock Chicks next and then the Colorado Mountains. I really think the change of theme or series would be best. Just sayin'.

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Mo says

A solid 4.5 stars for me. I tried to stay away from the reviews before reading this one but saw that it was not getting the usual RAVE reviews that a KA book usually gets. I loved it, I did. I thought it was right back there with her older books – got my first KA in November 2011 – Sweet Dreams – ah, the good old days. We knew Hop and Lanie already from some previous books and wasn't sure if I was going to like Hop too much – you guys know what happened at the Club. We won't say anything. But I did like him, a lot. Not as much as Tate or Tack (nobody can surpass those guys). I seriously don't think KA can write a bad book. I have given most of her books 4 and 5 stars – there was the one that only got 3 stars from me, but all her books have a familiarity that I like. I love her Hero's, although their stamina in the bedroom is to be taken with a grain of salt.... I could be mistaken but if any of you lovely Goodreads people have a person in your life with THAT kind of stamina I, for one, would sure love to know!!

ENJOY IT!

"I'm already in. Just gotta wait for you to realize it."

"Yeah, I liked skank," he bit off. "Liked the taste. Wild, free and easy. Went back for more. Repeatedly. But that was before I had my mouth between the legs of a lady. You get that, you don't go back."

LOL – such a sweet talker ...

"I'm not taking a chance on you," I declared. "I am not taking a chance on anybody."

I swear to God these KA Hero's must be on fucking Viagra for the amount of times they are able to get it UP!!!

"Please be real."

"Lady, I'm as real as it gets."

(view spoiler)

"YOU ARE THE SHIT, HOPPER KINCAID."

*A gypsy wind is blowing warm tonight
The sky is starlit and the time is right
And still you're tellin' me you have to go
Before you leave there's something you should know
Yeah something you should know babe*

*I've seen you smiling in the summer sun
I've seen your long hair flying when you run
I've made my mind up that it's meant to be
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me*

*Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Out where the rivers meet the sounding sea
You're high above me now, you're wild and free ah but
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me*

*Some people say that love's a losin' game
You start with fire but you lose the flame
The ashes smolder but the warmth's soon gone
You end up cold and lonely on your own*

*I'll take my chances babe I'll risk it all
I'll win your love or I'll take the fall
I've made my mind up girl it's meant to be
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me*

*It's written down some where, it's got to be
You're high above me flyin' wild and free
Oh but someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me*

*Someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Out where the rivers meet the sounding sea
I feel it in my soul, it's meant to be
Oh someday lady you'll accomp'ny me
Somedaylady you'll accomp'ny me*

How could I be that angry and still have a mini-orgasm in the forecourt of a garage?

I know, these guys kinda do that to you, don't they?

[image error]

I watched him, thinking, a badass biker in faded jeans, a faded black Henley and beat up motorcycle boots. He needed a haircut and a shave. He used profanity way too often. And there were shadowy things in his life he had to protect me from.

But, yes.

All that was perfect.

Absolutely.

Lanie, this is especially for you

Hop, dearest, yes

Aw, Lanie and Ty Ty ...

"On the road groupie pussy. Bike pussy. Fuckin' Mitzi. I've had a lot and some of the women in there, they were good. Fine women. Sweet women. Excellent lays. But never, not in forty fuckin' years of life, have I had a woman who I felt about like I feel about you. You tell me you care about me and yes, we *both* fuck up and hurt *each other*, you won't make the effort it takes to forgive and get back on track? In doing that, taking away the only shot I've ever had in forty fuckin' years of being genuinely happy?"

"You love me?" I breathed.

"You'll never know," he replied, turned, slid the door and walked away.

It wasn't time yet for Hop and me to have moved past what Hop and I were and lapse into distant acquaintances that had to share each other's space on occasion. With the number of times I'd turned to wine and Bob Seger the last couple of weeks, torturing myself and barely containing the pain, I knew that would take about seventy-five years.

"Fuck yeah, it is. I'm done with this shit. Weeks, nothin' on my mind but you. Weeks, goin' to bed alone when you're a fuckin' twenty-minute drive away. Heard you were talkin' to that fuckin' guy and lost it. I ate shit, did shit I hated, scored marks on my goddamned soul to fight for the life I wanted. Bein' that man, do you think I'm gonna let the first woman in my life who makes me happy slip through my fingers?"

SO

FUCKING

BEAUTIFUL

"You're beautiful, fuck me, seriously, so goddamned beautiful sometimes, swear to God, I think I can't look at you any longer because if I do, your beauty will burn out my eyes."

"Every step, every breath, every second I lived on this earth, I'm thankful for, no matter how fucked up or whacked or hard or good, 'cause all that shit led me to you."

I LOVE TACK!!!

"Keep hold of happy. You deserve it. It's found you. Don't let go."

..... and I LOVE ELVIRA and her words of wisdom – great to catch up with her again....

(view spoiler)

I LOVE THIS SONG had it on repeat play for a while reading this book.

*I know it's late, I know you're weary
I know your plans don't include me
Still here we are, both of us lonely
Longing for shelter from all that we see
Why should we worry, no one will care girl
Look at the stars so far away
We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow?
We've got tonight babe
Why don' you stay?*

*Deep in my soul, I've been so lonely
All of my hopes, fading away
I've longed for love, like everyone else does
I know I'll keep searching, even after today
So there it is girl, I've said it all now
And here we are babe, what do you say?
We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow?*

We've got tonight babe

Why don't you stay?

I know it's late, I know you're weary

I know your plans don't include me

Still here we are, both of us lonely

Both of us lonely

We've got tonight, who needs tomorrow?

Let's make it last, let's find a way

Turn out the light, come take my hand now

We've got tonight babe

Why don't you stay?

Why don't you stay?

BOB SEGER ROCKS!!!

Smitten's Book Blog says

(^^^ Add ink!)

I know right.... A KA book that I'm *not* head-over-heels, ass-over-tit in love with!

Ok, so here's the deal...

There were parts I absolutely loved and parts that reeeeeeally dragged for me. It just didn't seem to have the usual pacey, intense, drama filled KA-ness that all her other books have. I don't know. It just... fell a little... flat, in some parts.

So, I adore the alpha-ness. Yep, never fear, we still get our cocky, 'Babe', sexy badass alpha biker. And no doubt about it, he'll have your knickers spontaneously combusting within the first few chapters. So we're all good there.

"You're very arrogant, Hopper Kincaid."

"Yeah, well, man gets that way when a woman that looks like you comes as hard as I can make you come."

And the writing is still as genius as always. I've highlighted soooo many quotes from this. I just love love love Kristen's writing. She *is* a fucking legend when it comes to making me giggle-snort tea through my nose, read with a big smirk on my face and swoon left, right and centre!

Just a note: it was impossible to stay pissed at a handsome man when he had his mouth between your legs.

Especially if he really, really knew how to use that mouth.

It's funny, it's witty, it's effortless, it's true KA style.

"You're beautiful, fuck me, seriously, so goddamned beautiful sometimes, sweat to God, I think I can't look at you any longer because if I do, your beauty will burn out my eyes."

So, that's all still there. No change on that front. And for that, I gave the four stars...

So, why only four?

There was *definitely* something missing! The only action was what we've already read about in Shy and Tabby's story, as, obviously, Hop and Lanie's story runs along the same time frame. So, no kidnapping, no crazy stunts to win his woman, nobody got shot *gasp* Shock horror! Or stabbed, or blackmailed or taken hostage... Nope. Nada.

It's meant to be a one night thing with Lanie and Hop.

But oooooobviously, that would make for a really crappy book! So, thing's get 'complicated' and feelings start rocking up and taking over and shit goes down.

Basically Lanie and Hop just twoed and froed (<<<< are they even words? They are now!) between wanting to be together and not wanting to be together. Lanie had her demons to conquer, obviously, and that took up a good chunk of the book, and Hop had some shit to work through too. But other than that... :/

I had nothing left to give.

I not only had nothing left to give, I just had nothing.

And I was going to keep it that way.

If you had nothing, you couldn't feel more pain because you had nothing left to lose.

Now, if you don't mind the lack of crazy, then dive in. Chances are, *Fire Inside* will still be a hit, because, lets face it, it's KA. The woman is a Goddess among book-boyfriend creators!

Swoooooon!

But for me, I was a little deflated and felt like I was waiting for some kind of explosion. Like, literally!

So there it is, a KA book that *isn't* perfect, or near as dammit. But, I guess we can give the woman a break and let her off, right?! ;) After all, she did totally redeem Hop!

"Every step, every breath, every second I lived on this earth, I'm thankful for, no matter how fucked up or whacked or hard or good, 'cause all that shit led me to you."

And, like I mentioned, I could quote this book until the cows come home. You want some more?? Okay... knock yourselves out...

"I go to bed, lie there and think of you. Wake up, you're the first thing on my mind."

Oh God.

I liked that.

Oh God.

I couldn't like that.

"You take a chance on me, your biggest worry is your 7Up fizzing over."

"Please be real."

His hand in my hair stilled, curled around my head and Hop whispered back, "Lady, I'm as real as it gets."

"Honey," I called and his head came up. "You have a monster too."

"I did. My woman just slayed it."

"I tried to give you what you needed, to stay away, let you live your fucked-up life, but I can't. Taste you in my mouth, lady. See you in my dreams."

"Babe?" Hope called.

"As of now, I'm not talking to you," I announced with a mouth full of donut.

"Love you more than life."

Fire Inside Statistics

Steam Rating (out of 5): ♥♥♥♥♥

Ending: HEA

Series: ✓

Reading Order:

Book #1 - Own the Wind

Book #2 - Fire Inside

Can this be read as a standalone? Yes

Themes:

Motorcycle Club

Fear of relationships

Warning. This book includes... Sexual content. Moderate violence. Alcoholism. Badass bikers.

Writing: Great

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Jamie says

Disappointed...

I will start out with saying that I LOVE Kristen Ashley... she is my all time favorite author. I've read every single one of her books and most of them twice or more. I'm a HUGE HUGE fan. Sure, there were a couple in the past that were not 5 stars for me but I still enjoyed them.. but for the first time ever..I've read one that was so close to being put in my DNF pile that the only thing that saved it was that it was Kristen Ashley.. any other writer and I would have put this book down by the halfway mark. To me, the ONLY thing that rang out that this was a KA book was the way that Hop spoke.. he had the typical bad ass biker voice that KA's men do so well. Other than that, he still annoyed me. To me, it was like his character was not really thought out very well.. To me.. he had this bad ass persona that didn't really mesh with his words. He almost sounded to soft one minute then all growly and bad dude in the next sentence. Hop's character just didn't do it for me.. at all.-- FAIL

Then we have Lanie....she whined a a lot and it wasn't cute.. the book referenced how much drama she could dish out and Hop constantly mentioned her drama melt downs but I never saw one.. Shit, I was DYING for a drama melt down. Something!-- FAIL

This book started out totally different than her other books too, which was a shame. There was no build up at all to them gettin busy and neither wanted more than one night and then the next thing its on every night. I think the book focused too much on the fact that they had already known each other for 10 years through the

club so there was no "getting to know you" phase.--- Another FAIL.

The sex.. what in the hell happened to KA's super spicy descriptive encounters???. The sex scenes were just a few paragraphs if that.. A few mild descriptions thrown in but they were nothing like KA's other books.. nothing at all... The sexy times sounded NOTHING like KA.. nothing at all. Big disappointment.--FAIL

The story line--- WHAT STORY LINE???. There wasn't one.. just Lanie and Hop together and apart then together and apart. There was no side drama like there usually is.. no danger, no suspense, no edge of my seat what's going to happen. NOTHING. A little bitty side on local gangster Benito was mentioned a few times and at the end to let us know there will be more in the next book but hells bells I needed something in THIS BOOK.. --FAIL

le sigh... A good book I can devour in less than a day.. I don't think its ever taken me longer than a day, maybe 2 sometimes to munch down on a KA book. This one, a little over 2 days as that's only because I skimmed some parts I was so bored. bored bored bored. bored.

Although I did not enjoy this one, this by no means will stop me from getting the next KA as soon as its released. I'm a fan for life and one crummy book isn't going to send me away. .no way. I know what KA is capable of and she remains my favorite author. I don't know what happened with this one, I can only hope that it doesn't happen again.

In order to cleanse my mind from all that was wrong in this book.. I'm going to have to do a re-read of one of my favorite KA books, Rock Chick Revenge. I must have me some Luke and Ava to get past this whole Hop and Lanie mess..

So until next time....

?Flo? the coffee addict says

3.75 STARS

Not exactly my favourite KA book. Lots of drama and way too little action, but the second half was definitely better than the first. Really liked Hop. ;)

That's all.

Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says

Review @ Vanilla & Spice Books

You know, **Fire Inside** was that one book I wasn't all that excited about. Knowing Hop's history from Motorcycle Man, him being a cheater? Nope, it was crap shot that I'd like this one. What are the odds...I adored it.

"You are the shit, Hopper Kincaid!"

Hopper Kincaid won me over with his mellow nature. While he had some serious alpha tendencies - as it to expected in any Kristen Ashley story - he also had a sweet side to him that I loved. He treated Lanie with kid gloves which was more than necessary, seeing as she found all kinds of excuses for not committing to a real relationship with Hop. In Fire Inside we get the the full picture of what exactly happened that made Hop look like a cheater. Everything is forgiven, no, wait, there *is* nothing to forgive. Hopper Kincaid is truly a good man, sexy, badass, and I loved him with his kids.

"Please be real."

His hand in my hair stilled, curled around my head and Hop whispered back, "Lady, I'm as real as it gets."

Lanie experienced some serious trauma. The full story is in Motorcycle Man. In short, her late fiancé got himself killed and failed to protect her. Worse, he used her as a shield. It is understandable that she doesn't trust men to do right by her. She shies from any attachment while craving it with every fiber. When she approaches Hop she only wants a night, that's what she says anyway. As their relationship continues you want to see her fight for it but she doesn't. Not only one time does she let Hopper go and while my heart was full of compassion for her I also wanted to shake her to wake her up. She had so much bottled up and misdirected guilt

"Babe, you are so fucked up, you're the fuckin' definition of fucked up."

But Hopper slays Lanie's demons and Lanie takes care of Hopper's and when they come out on the other side it's sheer beauty. Their love is truly beautiful.

I loved that we were reunited with Tack and Tyra. It was so good to catch up with them. Tack in particular, I adored him for showing Lanie how much he cared about his wife's best friend. The epilogue is KA-like EPIC. Once again, Kristen Ashley took me on a ride full of drama, love and humor. This book is chock-full with beautiful quotes, I wish I could list them all. I can't wait to continue the Chaos series.

"Every step, every breath, every second I lived on this earth, I'm thankful for, no matter how fucked up or whacked or hard or good, 'cause all that shit led me to you."

Aestas Book Blog says

Full review coming soon. Here's my fav quote:

“... [he] used you as a shield... No way would I let you put yourself in the path of anything for me... You’ll learn to trust me, the brothers, Tack. I don’t use you as a shield. I am the goddamn shield.”

BLURB --> *Lanie Heron isn’t looking for love—no surprise, considering her last serious relationship nearly got her killed. So when Lanie propositions Hop Kincaid, all she wants is one wild night with the hot-as-hell biker who patrols with the Chaos Motorcycle Club...*

For Hop, Lanie has always been untouchable. She’s too polished and too classy for his tastes. But when she gives Hop the once-over with her bedroom eyes and offers him a night in paradise, he can’t say no. And he doesn’t regret it when he finds that Lanie is the best thing that’s ever happened to him—in or out of bed. Now the trick will be to convince her of that.

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