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Every choice you make in life comes with a consequence.

I was once on top, I was the professional boxer to be afraid of. I had everything I could possibly hope for. I was happy, satisfied, content . . . until one night.

One off day.

One wrong reaction.

I killed a man. The sound, the blood, the stagnant air, it's forever imprinted in my mind and now dictates the way I live my life.

Desolate with nothing but my penance to pay, I didn't expect to have my world flipped upside down when Lyla seductively strutted into my life.

I want her. I need her. I crave her.

But I don't deserve her.

People like to celebrate the day they were born, I like to celebrate the day my soul died.

This is my story of repentance.

#### **Bourbon Truths Details**

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#### Dana Busenbark says

In this fourth book of the series, we really get a feel for why Kace is the way he is. We get little snippets in the first three books, but to truly learn what changed his life and what caused him to kill the man he killed was eye-opening. We see what keeps him having Lyla at arms length. We learn what his childhood was like and what things were like for him after the loss of his career. Can Kace ever allow Lyla close to him? Will he confide in her? Will she understand what happened? Does she fault him or does she show him love and forgiveness? Can and will Kace ever forgive himself for defending himself? Does he become the managre of the community center? Does he thrive at it? What happens after he moves in with Diego and Blane? You really need to read this book to see what happens!

RECEIVED THIS BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A FAIR/HONEST REVIEW and REVIEWER FOR Bloggin' With M. Brennan.

### Witchy Richey's Booktastic Reviews says

I am a little torn with my review for this one because I love Meghan Quinn, and I love her work. This book and Kace Haywood just didn't do for me. NOW physically he really will make your motor run. So I give this 5 STARS of hotness, writing and the glory that is Meghan and 3 STARS for the actual story.

Kace really got on my nerves. Maybe I was just having a bad day and his self depreciating crap got under my skin. I guess if he really felt so much guilt there were many things he could have done. Treating everyone like gum stuck to the bottom of his shoe was really crappy.

This is Kace's story. We met him in The Bourbon series (which I loved) and he really is a fine piece of man meat. He is smart, hot, and oh so swoon worthy but he's a d\*ck!

This just wasn't it for me. And Lyla was a little to skanky for me to like. She has a heart of gold and her as a person is wonderful. She just carries herself a little on the whorish side and accepts being treated like one.

#### KFForever says

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#### 3.5 Stars ~ Reviewed by Anna Green on behalf of KFF

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shoulders. Getting inside Kace's head feels like a bus load of Debbie Downers out on a joy ride to the local dump site. Even with all his friends rallying for him, Jett, Goldie, Lyla, the other Jett girls: Babs, Tootse, Pepper and Francy none of them seem able to pull him up when he's down in the dumps and this goes on and on for more than half of the book.

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#### Konny says

Bourbon Truths by Meghan Quinn is the fourth book in the Jett Girl / Bourbon Series. Bourbon Truths is a full-length novel and can be read as a standalone. For better understanding I recommend to read the books in order. Book one - Bourbon Sins; Book two - Bourbon Deceit; Book three - Bourbon Kingdom; Book four - Bourbon Truths.

This is Kace and Lyla's book. My heart was bleeding for Kace in the previous books. I thought him a very interesting and a intriguing character. He has his own demons, baggage and a lot of issues. He's so broken. But he's a good man who knows what's right.

Bourbon Truths picks up where Bourbon Kingdom ends.

Jett founded the New Orleans community center for the youth and Kace is the manager and trainer. He has the hots for Lyla, but just like Jett and Goldie they have a long way to go 'til they can have a sort of HEA.

I'm so happy that Kace got his own book and that his demons were put to rest. Next Jett and Goldie, Kace is my favorite character in the series. Hes so torn and danaged. But loving him is so easy.

Meet old acquaintances, enemies and new friends. Goldie is feisty and meddling as always. God I love this girl. I love the series, the writing and the words. I love the story and the characters.

I recommend the Jett Girl Series and give 5 stars. Thank you, Meghan Quinn!

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#### Ana Rita says

I wanted to read this guys story since the first Bourbon book that I've read and it was worth the waiting. Bourbon Truths is the fourth book from the Bourbon series and can be read as a standalone but I don't recommend it like that.

For you to better understand this series I totally advise you to read them all in order and that way you will know so much about all the characters.

Bourbon Truths explores the lifes of Kace, oh hot Kace..., and Lyla.

Kace was a well known boxer back in the days until one night his life changed. Now he is the manager and a trainer at a community center owned by Jett. He's a haunted man, full of sorrow and a few secrets with a big heart.

Lyla had a ruff life. Getting into the foster care system had made her the way she is because things that happened made her not trust easily.

When her path crosses with Kace they instantly get along but Kace knows he don't deserve her for what he had done...

Let's just say that I can't find words to tell you how I felt once this book ended.

The plot is amazing, full of darkness and secrets but the love and desire are there. You will start to understand these two with every page you turn.

The hotness factor is there and Dayum.

I was nervous, I was mad, I was sad all at the same time. I was cheering for these two so hard that I thought I was gonna break my Kindle.

Thank you, thank you Meghan for this amazing stories.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

#### **April Symes says**

Bourbon Truths is the 4th book in the Bourbon series by Meghan Quinn. Bourbon Truths is a full-length novel and is a standalone in this series but I recommend to read the books in order. Book one - Bourbon Sins; Book two - Bourbon Deceit; Book three - Bourbon Kingdom; Book four - Bourbon Truths for a better understanding of the characters in this series.

Bourbon Truths explores the life of Kace- Jett's friend and right hand man, and his relationship with Lyla-Goldie's BFF. Kace was a well-known boxer back in the day until one night his life changed tragically forever. Now he is the manager and a trainer at a community center owned by Jett. He has secrets and nightmares, is terribly haunted but has a big heart.

Lyla is a beautiful woman whose never had an easy life, has had it pretty rough. Which was due in part to her being in the foster care system. When she ends up meeting Kace, she instantly had this connection- they instantly connected with one another. Kace thought he could try to be with her but he couldn't forget his past and what happened. Then this push/pull started and it was terribly heartbreaking to read..how this couple who wanted to be together were being ripped apart by their pasts. He needed to be loved in spite of what happened and Lyla is that person, if only he would let her in. Lyla is a good person , she is just very free with her love. Will Kace open his heart and let her in?

My Rating: 4.5 stars \*\*\*\*\*

"I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book in exchange for an honest review\*\*\*

#### Kim says

I fell in love with Kace from book #1. I thought for sure something would transpire between Kace and Goldie from the first moment the two of them met. I was in awe of the man who was in love with a woman that belonged to his best friend.

I was enamored by the man who I knew carried secrets that no one could have ever guessed until his story was told in Bourbon Truths. Kace is a very wounded, complex alpha who thinks he deserves nothing. Layla thinks he deserves everything and wants to be the one to give it to him.

This book was everything. Kace's past ripped my soul apart. I was desperately trying to hope Kace found his happiness with the one person that spoke to his soul, Layla. The push and pull was amazing between Kace and Layla. He needed that one special person to love him despite all his faults and put his demons to rest.

Bourbon Truths was an amazing way to end the entire series. I'm happy that Kace also found what he was so desperately seeking.

As I stated in a previous review, this series is one of the best I've read and will be going back to do a re-read time and time again!

#### **Becky Rendon says**

Finally it's happened to me, right in front of my face and I just cannot hide it.

Happiness, the all elusive emotion, is trying to take over. Kace's friends are slowly entering that coupley, lovey world. Trying to make him part of rainbows and unicorn land, but Kace knows he will never be part of that world.

Talk about depressing! Kace has a permanent position as Eeyore's black cloud. I get it. I can't understand the agony, the shame, and the guilt. I can say I just want to hug that gorgeous man until he can't help but smile. I was so excited to finally read Kace's story I wasn't prepared for my emotional response.

Warning, this book has a depressed and wallowing in darkness main character. His guilt and Debbie Downer nature may cause readers to secluded themselves. Or I secluded myself so I wouldn't be interrupted for the seventh hundred time...whichever.

The Bourbon series has been a home. I have family, friends, and a killer workout. Leaving here feels like running away. Clearly the author needs to give us some Diego....and a side of Blane.

Because where else would we go for the panty melting man candy!?!

## Christina says

I'll admit right now, I'm a huge fan of Kace, Lyla? Not so much.

I wanted Kace to get with Goldie/Lo from the very beginning of the series and when it became apparent that that was not going to happen, I wanted him to find someone that was worthy of him; that wasn't Lyla.

I liked the way the series wrapped up in the last book so Kace's book was the icing on the cake. There's no denying the chemistry between Kace and Lyla, but I just really didn't like her as a character. While Goldie's mouth was part of her appeal, Lyla had a Grand Canyon-sized chip on her shoulder and her sarcasm or wit came across as mean and bitter. But...Kace \*insert dreamy sigh\* I don't mean to be a Lyla hater, she just rubbed me the wrong way from the very beginning and I was unable to shake that throughout the entire series.

Unlike the other books in the series, Bourbon Truths is told in the first person from Kace's POV, though it is told through a series of flashbacks and present day. Quinn did an excellent job of really capturing the turmoil Kace had endured, and just how badly he wanted to atone for his sins.

This was a great series and once again made me fall in love with Quinn just a little more. Humor, heat, suspense...she can write it all, and mix them all up flawlessly.

#### A Book Obsessed Brit says

Bourbon Truths is the fourth book in the Bourbon Series; however it's focus is on Kace and in a sense a standalone - although I wouldn't recommend reading it without reading the series in order. Bourbon Truths continues on from where Bourbon Kingdom leaves us, with the community centre being built, all of our favourite characters living in Jett's hotel until the centre's resident apartments are ready.

Kace's story is mainly told through his POV, although we do get snippets from other characters such as Lyla (Goldie's best friend and love interest to Kace). The story explores Kace in his current state of mind, unsure, remorseful, guilt ridden, lonely, and faithless, questioning if he is making the right decision about teaching boxing to the New Orleans community, how can he be the one to have respect and admiration when he carries the sins he does on his shoulders.

Throughout Bourbon Truths we get flashbacks to a couple of years ago when Kace was hitting the big time in his career, how it all came crashing down, and how that life changing night played out with Jett at his side. It was fantastic to read about Kace in past tense, as he reflects on what changed him into the man he is in the present day. Also we see scenes we are familiar with from other books in the series, giving a different perspective on those moments or filling in missing pieces we didn't see before from another characters POV (namely Jett & Goldie).

Back to the present and when we see Kace in the here and now, we see that he is slowly crumbling away, fixated on Lyla and his growing feelings for her but refusal to deem himself worthy and continuously pushes her away, at times acting like a total dick! We also get to read Kace's reflections over his feelings for Goldie, while he watches her with Jett. This for me providing some clarity I found lacking a little in Bourbon Kingdom, as Kace just seemed to sweep his feeling under the rug for Goldie so soon after he just professed his love for her.

Destruction and devastation fueled by Kace's guilt, lack of self worth and future vision, become overwhelming at times especially when he shuts himself away drinking himself into oblivion. Kace admitting his mental state to Jett in the Haze room at the centre, was another raw and emotional scene between two best friends and it broke my heart.

The story between Kace and Lyla is an enjoyable one, she has as much spunk as Goldie and stands up to Kace, challenging him. Lyla being a part of the story means we get more Goldie and her ever side splitting humorous comments, I just love her! Kace facing his demons is the main storyline focus in the latter part of the book and it is brought along by some fantastic character additions and resolved in the perfect way, one that wrecks your emotive state and makes you feel proud of Kace by the end of Bourbon Truths.

I really embraced Kace's story, but I did find it a little repetitive in a way, and if you didn't love Kace and really want to have an insight into the man he was, is and wants to be; then I can see how this book may be a total downer for that reader. Fortunately that wasn't me! I was craving to learn more about Kace and now I just want a little more on Diego, Blane and Pepper, there is a lot more to tell I think when it comes to those three characters; fingers crossed!

## Gata Leitora / Cat reader says

I was surprised by the Bourbon series ...

In the first book we met Goldie, a girl who lost everything with her parents' death in Hurricane Katrina and had to face life in a stripper club to pay her bills. In attracting the attention of the powerful and mysterious Jett, she finds herself immersed in a world quite different from what she was accustomed to and her training to be a Jett Girl will make her even closer to Jett.

The attraction between them is uncontrollable but Jett has many ghosts and demons from the past that will not let him indulge in this passion.

In the next two books, the plot begins to take on a more suspenseful tone filled with breathtaking erotic scene. Goldie slowly undermines Jett's resistance to relationships which leaves him vulnerable to the enemies he has and ends up exposing Goldie. The plot outcome is startling and perfect.

In the last book of the series I knew the love story of Kace, Jett's best friend and right-hand man who played a key role in the previous books and who conquered me even more than the protagonist.

I'm not much of a book fan with cliffhanger and I was afraid of not liking the series because of this detail, but Meghan's writing as always holds me and sucks to the plot in such a way that I could not drop the books until I knew the whole story .

Narrated in the first person by the protagonists and with a flowing and sweeping writing, I was enchanted by the suspense created and the romances and scenes between the couples.

The new covers have been very well chosen and convey exactly the atmosphere of the books.

4,5/5 stars

#### Julie says

Meghan Quinn's Bourbon Series is now fully published. It consists of four books: Bourbon Sins, Bourbon Deceits, Bourbon Kingdom and Bourbon Truths. The final book, Bourbon Truths, is written as a standalone, spinoff even though it basically picks up where Bourbon Kingdom ends.

I enjoyed the first book in Meghan Quinn's Bourbon Series. The premise for the series is great, but I felt that as a series, it was too drawn out. The books are overly filled with drama, angst and sex scenes in order to lengthen the story. There are several aspects of the story that were insufficiently explored. Further development of these plot points would have made the series richer. Inclusion of more details on Jett's father's plans (his perspective is not developed enough and it would have brought more dimension and suspense to the story) would have given the story more suspense and foreboding. Natasha, Jett's prior love interest, is mentioned frequently, and in book one, Jett fears for her in her relationship with Rex, but she is not mentioned aside that. The loss of a girlfriend doesn't seem to be a big enough reason for a life-long grudge. There is mention of a "mole" in Jett's organization, but that is neither explored nor revealed; that one aspect of book 2, Bourbon Deceits, had me on edge wondering which Jett Girl was jealous enough to become a traitor. Needless to say, it was disappointing that a mole was neither explored nor identified. The other Jett Girls are not given much background until the last book, Bourbon Truths, and while presented as women down on their luck and given a chance at an education and self-improvement, when socializing after work, they talk like cheap prostitutes. Ms. Quinn might have given them the foulest mouths east of the Mississippi in order to infuse humor, but for me, it made for less realistic characters especially as the story progressed.

The Jett Colby character is golden; he may be imperfect and wounded, but he is probably the purest of all the characters. Goldie is crass and vulgar, and that only worsens with the progression of the storyline. I really couldn't get into that character—she fell on hard times after Hurricane Katrina, but her character is written as

if she was born and raised in the gutters of NOLA. Even though she is given finishing/manner lessons, her etiquette doesn't improve. While Goldie's colorful descriptions of both male and female anatomy are probably supposed to be humorous, I found them to be distasteful and detracting from the storyline.

Kace is enigmatic and brooding until the last book in the series, Bourbon Truths. In that final book, readers get some details about Kace's past and present. He becomes a three-dimensional character whom readers can care about and understand, and that book truly makes Kace an empathetic character for whom you can hope and cheer.

The writing style and story structure in the final book, Bourbon Truths, is the most complex and interesting. Kace's story is presented in dual time lines, and there are multiple points of view. In my opinion, the best written book in the series.

Jett is clearly a loyal friend and champion of the underdog. His loyalty and belief in his best friend, Kace, is heartwarming. The women he takes in have definitely improved their situations in life, but in the end, Goldie is as much Jett's savior as he is hers. Overall, 5 stars for the story premise, 2 stars for pace and plot development, 3 stars for characters. I enjoyed the series, however, I strongly feel that with good editing, this good series would have been a fantastic standalone novel.

One of the genre descriptors (from Goodreads) is BDSM, however, BDSM is only mildly inferred. The vividly described consensual sex scenes do make this series a NC-17 read.

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#### Amy says

#### 4, Just what I needed stars!!

To say I am completely addicted to this series would be a complete and total understatement. I have been captivated and intrigued by this series ever since I got my hands on Bourbon Sins. So when I finished that series and found out that Kace was finally getting his own book in Bourbon Truths, well, I just had to get my hands on his story. And boy! Kace's story was everything that I wanted it to be.

I don't know about you guys, but I have been waiting rather impatiently to get to know Kace. There was just something about his character that drew me in. I was so intrigued by him and wanted to know more about his past. My heart ached for him. I wanted to know what made him tick and I desperately wanted to see him have his happily ever after...

Bourbon Truths picks up right where Bourbon Kingdom left off, only this time the story follows Lyla and Kace. Kace was such a complex and wounded man. And Lyla totally gave him a run for his money. I loved the banter between the two of them. The push and pull was just fantastic. I was excited to see what Lyla would bring out in him. I knew that if he could find a woman who could handle him and love him the way that he needed, that it would just be amazing...

Bourbon Truths was a fantastic addition to this series. I enjoyed every minute of Kace and Lyla's story and could not be more thrilled to have finally been able to experience it. What a fantastic read!

\*I was provided an ARC copy of this book, in exchange for an honest review\*

# Danielle S. says

KACE! Soooo f'n HAWT!!!! Brooding, grouchy, heartbreakingly perfect man, he will consume you and make you his! At least he did for me <3

Struggling to get his life back after a tragic event, will Lyla bring him back? Let's hope so!