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Scorching heat...

Erotic pleasure...

Intense passion...

Layla Jennings thought she had it all figured out. The right time, the right place and the right guy. After leaving behind her life and friends in Long Beach, Layla must now walk the path she has chosen, hand in hand with the man who holds her heart.

As the flame of love continues to burn brightly, she discovers more about herself and the man she loves every day. But what happens if the fire goes out? What happens when half of your heart is across an ocean?

With the other man in her life unwilling to give up his fight for her, and a danger she is too blind to see, Layla must battle between the safe and steady journey she has embarked on and the one that leads to destinations unknown.

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Arti says

The reason that this book is rated one star is because Layla is disgusting. I am so disgusted by her it's not even funny. She kept on accusing Jared of the littlest things and kept running off before hearing his side of the story. After everything she did to him, she's accusing him of ruining their relationship. She went behind his back and couldn't respect that fact that he wanted to keep her safe. Layla was taking advantage of the facts that no matter what she did, Jared would love her. And she still had her second option Ollie. I can't believe she expected him to be civil when they met again. Ollie should have blocked her from his life. Layla didn't deserve the kindness. I don't usually call any character a whore, but Layla classifies as one in my book. She tells Ollie she loves him and then sleeps with him. A few hours later she does the same thing to Jared and then goes back to Ollie. And her friends were no help. I didn't like them at all. Jared deserves better and I'm glad that he's done with Layla. I don't like Ollie and I never have so I hope they break up and Layla realizes exactly what she's done. The only characters I thought were worth something in this book was Daniel, Lucy, and Jared. If the author meant for us to be on Layla's side, she did a terrible job. If the purpose was to get annoyed with Layla and hate her, this was fantastically written. I don't know if I'll be reading the third book. We'll have to wait and see.

I apologize for the language but I really didn't like this book.

My Book Blog

Dorka says

Omg..What can I say? I was waiting for this book to come out for a good while now, but I ended up a little disappointed. It was long, and most of the time I could kill Layla. She was annoying, -nothing-is-good-enough/I don't know what I want -kind of girl. I didn't like her character, It was hard to feel into her situation. She has 2 perfect guys, but only thinks of herself. It was just sooooo frustrating - and not in the good kind of way. I'm not sure I'll read the 3rd book, but if I do, it's just so I get to see her getting some payback. Both guys deserve better than her.

Team Jared 4ever!!

Christy says

4 Conflicted Stars!!!

I'm not sure how I feel about this one. It frustrated me to no end. Let me rephrase that. LAYLA frustrated me to no end. Jared and Ollie are both amazing guys. Love them both *almost* equally. I was leaning a little towards Team Ollie when I started this one, now I am leaning towards Team Jared. It feels almost impossible to pick a side. I know who's team I'm not on. Layla's.

Let me tell you a little more about the guys...

Oh my Jared. Rich, young, and desirable. A business man who had to grow up really fast. Layla is the first girl Jared really loved and cared for. She screwed him over and she knew it. Layla's thoughts pretty much mirrored my own in this case-

My intense, hot mess, businessman was in pain, and I was the cause. Bitch.

?I really liked Jared in the first book, but I LOVED Jared in this one! He alone was the saving grace for me. Sexy, possessive, protective and hot as sin. He may be controlling at times, but he only cares about Layla, her safety. He does it out of love and concern.

“I love you, Layla. I don't make rules to hurt, restrict or deprive you of your freedom. I make rules to protect you and keep you safe. I love you.”

Going into this, I really thought I liked Ollie best, but there was just something about Jared in this book that made me love him even more than the first.

Now there is Ollie. Ollie is a pierced and tatted rock star, as well as one of Layla's best friends, until she royally screwed him over as well. He is a good guy, a likable guy. As pissed as Ollie is with Layla, he still is very much in love with her. He hates her, but he loves her the same.

So what, or who will Layla choose?

Jared's hot, heavy and passionate, and we have a burning and powerful connection that I've never experienced before. But Ollie, he's sweet, funny, he cares about me, but most of all, he's my friend.

When her heart is pulling her in the direction of both men, she can only have one. Jared and Ollie are so different. She owns them both, but who owns her heart?

?I feel the way Layla treats Jared is just appalling. My main problem with her in this book... (view spoiler). I hope in book 3 Layla makes some serious adjustments, figures out what she wants and stops the back and forth crap.

I feel conflicted about how this one ended. I have high hopes that the third book will give me what I want, but then again, I don't know. Layla doesn't really deserve either of the guys, especially not Jared. And no matter who wins, some one will lose.

If you are looking for a love triangle series, full of angst, stress and heartbreak, but also some humor, TONS of steam and two lovable guys, pick this one up! If you can't handle the angst, this series probably won't work for you. The writing is fantastic, the story is fast paced, and even though I was exasperated with the heroine for most of the book, it was still a solid 4 star read for me!

Lory says

I really love the first book in the series. And I was so excited waiting for this book to come out but I can truly say that this book was just A huge letdown for me. First of all I have to say that Layla came off as a spoiled brat indecisive selfish A hypocrite and a bitch. I feel like she never truly give Jared a chance. She keep on saying how she give up everything to be with him but that wasn't true you can't say you love someone but yet your thinking about someone else. If she truly wanted to be with Ollie why not choose to be with him in the first place, I didn't like how she threw out the words I LOVE YOU all the time does she even know what that mean to be truly in love with someone. Lets no even talk about her friends all they did was talk bad about Jared. To make a long story short This book could've end the way it did and it would've need to be a book 3 she already choose Ollie. Would I read the third book yeah but probably just skip to the end to see what happen but that it.

Michelle says

Okay so I am going to have to leave this with a 3.5 rating. I want to get it less and more all at the same time... but I am trying to stay level headed.

There is one saving grace for me in this entire series, Jared. It wasn't that I never liked Ollie, but I just never saw him as an innocent in all this. He played dirty and I can't see him being a true friend by the actions he took in the first book. Jared had secrets, but it takes time to learn someone's past, especially the parts that predate your involvement.

I can't say much about the story in this, there are plenty of things that will make both Team Jared & Ollie girls very happy. But the story is yours to read. If you read Bound Together but not Last Christmas - I recommend that you do before you read this. It fills in a few gaps in the story timeline and situations. And as much as I hate to admit it, it adds to the angst.

There is another book left to be released and I honestly don't know if I will read it.

It isn't because I don't want to know how this ends. It really just comes down to Layla. She annoyed the hell out of me every second of these two books. I thought Kiera had me ready to murder, but Layla was the definition of immature. She was careless with the hearts of two men and played the victim the entire time. She refused to take responsibilities for her feelings and her attraction. Chemistry is natural, but saying no is simple. She cried about honesty throughout this entire book but had to be one of the most dishonest characters. I am not sure if we were meant to hate her and just want our boys to end up happy. But I hated her.

Layla Jennings:

Lulu32 says

It defo gets 5 stars from me all the twist turns and roundabouts Kept me hooked. I like Ollie I think he is a good guy but I'm team Jared all the way really want him back, can't wait for the next book.

Kim Person says

One word~ OLLIE!!!!

Karen Stone says

Let me stay off by saying I LOVED Bound Together...I was borderline obsessed with the Jared, Layla, Ollie love triangle. I have been waiting and waiting for this book to be done to get my fix of these amazing characters..it pains me to say but I was so disappointed with this book. Layla drove me crazy. She annoyed me so bad I didn't think I could finish the book. To say she was a hypocrite would be putting it nicely. She acted like such a child, tantrums and all. In my opinion she never really made her choice at the end of the 1st book and I feel like nothing Jared could do was right. She doesn't deserve either one of them and I hope she gets what she deserves in the next book...to end up alone. I was so torn for who I wanted her with not any more, Jared and Ollie deserve way better then this wishy washy, tantrum throwing, spoiled, lying, hypocritical little girl known as Layla. Just to add I loved Nick, Eric, Mel, Amy, & Daniel..they helped add some really funny moments in this book especially Nick!

Angie McLain-Fan Girl Book Blog says

I had read Bound Together quite a while ago, long before I began regularly writing reviews. But from page 1, Burning Up, had me transported right back to the frustration, anger, and turmoil that was Bound Together.

First of all, this needs to be said, I am Team Ollie! Always have been and always will be!

Layla is young, and so spontaneous. She is still impetuous, leaping without thinking and being led around by her passions. Not to be confused with her heart. This female character is one of the most infuriating to read, because she just never does what you need her to. I believe that Layla is confusing obsession and addiction, for love. Obsession and Addiction is what fuels her decisions and ultimately leads down the wrong path.

Jared is just maddening. He is powerful, stubborn, controlling, obsessive, and stalker-ish. He is sexy, and rich, but he is beyond secretive, and he never learns from his mistakes, because in his mind, they are always justified. He is never wrong, and even when apologizing I could never take him seriously. I hated the power he exerted over Layla, to me it just felt icky.

"Layla, I gave you an instruction. Are you still unable to do as you're told?"

We are left at the end of the last book, knowing that Layla has made her decision and is finally choosing. I was left angry and thinking, "Oh you are going to regret this..."

Jared and Layla's relationship picks up pretty much right where they left off, with one exception. Layla is determined to remain abstinent while they get to know each other, on another level. She is desperate to fix their previous and still simmering issues. Problem is, Layla is never strong enough to resist Jared and his ways. Jared doesn't see that they have a problem. No matter how crazy, and raging she becomes at his controlling, suffocating ways, her resolve flits out the door as soon as he lays his hands on her. As a reader, I found this maddening. The icing on this maddening cake, Layla knows she still loves Ollie!

"Ollie. I felt instantly sick with guilt and I knew it was something I was going to have to grow accustomed to. I'd made my decision and I had to make him my past now."

"My mind wandered to the man I'd left behind. I couldn't help it and I knew that this feeling would not go away quickly. I loved Ollie..."

Ollie is suffering, but we see and hear very little about him in the beginning. When we finally do, he breaks my heart all over again.

"I could never hate you. I wish I could. But the sad and painful fucking truth is that I still love you. I love you so much it's killing me every second that you're not here because I know where you are and whose arms you're in."

Yep, and this is why I am Team Ollie folks!

I never changed my mind once, throughout this entire read. I knew what I wanted and I never waivered. This book was maddening to read, but so incredibly engrossing and consuming, I couldn't bring myself to walk away. I realize the irony in this now, after finishing. Layla and I suffer from the same afflictions.

The author takes a very non-typical approach to this sequel. She is deliberately trying to drive the reader insane. The sex scenes are hot, everything we got in the first book and a little extra thrown in for good measure. I think the reason why I was so enamoured with these two books was simple, I loved the characters, that being said 75% of the time I loved to hate them too. Any book that makes you so enraged that you want to break our e-reader, is in my opinion a great read. It is hard to write this review, because I am trying to avoid spoilers. Rest assured if you enjoyed Bound Together you will enjoy Burning Up. However if you do not enjoy, stories with love triangles, infuriating characters, so much drama your head spins, beware, this one is chocked full of all of the above.

***WARNING* THIS BOOK ENDS, AND A THIRD IS ON THE WAY. THERE IS NO REAL CLIFFHANGER, HOWEVER THIS STORY IS NOT YET FULLY PLAYED OUT! I cannot wait to read the next installment, even though this one made me want to start drinking at 9am in the morning. Congrats to the author, for making me temporarily insane!**

Kara says

3.5.

I am soooo Team Ollie. Sigh.

This book was good. I found myself loving & hating it. Glad I read it.

Shannie's ??Lookin' 4 My Next BBF?? says

Team Jared!!

Tabitha Schmer says

4 to 4.5 stars. This book has one hell of a love triangle. I wanted to scream yell and strangle Layla multiple times throughout the whole book. I truly recommend this book just be warned it is not an easy love story it is messy and painful. The only thing that kept this from being a five star book for me was the ending. How can Ollie go on tour with the other girl and leave Layla there?!?!?!? OMG Whats gonna happen next!

Samantha says

ugh vomit. Layla you whiny bitch, seriously get over yourself.

Marie Coulson says

The new title for the second book in the Bound Together series will be Burning Up. The title was changed after careful consideration and deliberation. The new name better reflects the theme and story and I hope you all like it.

1. I have no set date of release just yet but as soon as I do, you will all know.
2. I'm amazed how people are able to rate a book that I have not yet finished writing. It's already lost stars and isn't released yet. Mind Boggling. Some I know, clicked by mistake.
3. Thank you to those who have joined me on facebook, twitter and have sent me emails. I love to interact and talk to you all!

and finally, Thanking you all for your congratulations on my news xxxx

Marie xoxo

Cleida R says

Team Jared

