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Vicious Syndicate

Emilia

Vicious Circle

They say love and hate are the same feelings experienced under different circumstances, and itâ€™s true. The man who comes to me in my dreams also haunts me in my nightmares. He is a brilliant lawyer. A skilled criminal. A beautiful liar. A bully and a savior, a monster and a lover.

Vicious Meaning

Ten years ago, he made me run away from the small town where we lived. Now, he came for me in New York, and he isn't leaving until he takes me with him.

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Viciously

She is a starving artist. Pretty and evasive like cherry blossom. Ten years ago, she barged into my life unannounced and turned everything upside down. She paid the price.

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Vicious Circle Game

Emilia LeBlanc is completely off-limits, my best friend's ex-girlfriend. The woman who knows my darkest secret, and the daughter of the cheap Help we hired to take care of our estate. That should deter me from chasing her, but it doesn't. So she hates me. Big fucking deal. She better get used to me.

5 Stars!!

I'm a big fan of this author and since I've read all of her books, let me tell you something "Vicious" is her best book to date. Leigh outdid herself with this story of hate, love and obsession. She managed to create such an intriguing, addictive read, blending the sweetness and sexiness perfectly. I was engrossed with this story from the very beginning and I couldn't put it down for one minute. It was that good! Needless to say, 'Vicious' met all my expectations.

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"I got to him. He was in my veins. But I'd managed to crawl under his skin."

Everyone in All Saints High knows who are 'The Four HotHoles' and everyone knows who Vicious is, the most brutal, cold and ruthless of the four. He's heartless and hateful, a real asshole who doesn't give a sh*t about anything or anyone, treating everyone like crap. The one who is the most bullied by him is Emilia, the daughter of the hired help living at his father's mansion, who's also one of his classmates.

Vicious makes Emilia's life a living hell with every opportunity. Every single one of his words and every single one of his actions makes Emilia believe that he hates her like no other. He's brutal towards her, his hateful behavior making her feel small and insignificant. However, Emilia can't help but be attracted to her tormentor. She doesn't want to crave her bully, she doesn't want to fall in lust with the one who makes her life miserable, but as much as she wants, she can't deny the strong feelings she feels towards him.

œI wanted to dissolve into smoke, to crawl into him and never leave. It was crazy, but that was how much I craved this man.œ

Emilia's life changes completely, her feelings for Vicious becoming so very complicated when he runs her out of town.

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Ten years later, Vicious and Emilia meet again. Both of them have changed, but in so many ways they remained the same. What happens when certain circumstances make them work together, spending lots of time together?

“I was her black. And she was my pink.”

This story was so very well written, so intriguing and so very gripping. 'Vicious' was without a doubt my favorite book Leigh has written so far. Everything was perfection and I honestly loved every aspect of the story. The enthralling story-line kept me at the edge of my seat from start to finish and with every chapter I wanted to know more how the crazy dynamic between the two main characters will progress. The writing was simply brilliant and the plot was perfectly paced and so well done.

“I wanted to take a bite of the forbidden fruit I’d convinced myself was poisonous. He gave me pain, but ironically, this pain gave me life.”

If you are like me and you love a\$\$hole heroes, then look no further, because L.J. Shen’s hero here is exactly that and so much more. Vicious’s character was fantastically written, so damn well developed, so infuriating, but so fascinating at the same time. He was broken, complicated, cruel, angry and tortured, but underneath all his layers of a\$\$holeness, he’s really a good, sweet...interesting guy. From the very beginning, he made me feel so much and like Emilia, I had so many mixed feelings towards him. So, I have to admit - there were times when I wanted to punch him in the face, to somehow make him pay for his cruelty. He infuriated me so much at times. Needless to say, he wasn’t a very easy character to like. But don’t worry he’s a redeemable character that eventually will win you over and maybe, just maybe, warm your heart a little. Leigh did a wonderful job with his redemption. I loved the process and “I renewed” Vicious.

Emilia was a heroine I liked from the beginning. I really sympathize with her and my heart broke every time Vicious made her life a living hell with his words and actions. She was kind, selfless, loyal, strong and the way she put her dreams on hold to care for her sister was simply heartwarming. And the way she endured Vicious’s treatment was simply admirable.

“Ask me what I want,”

“What do you want?”

“I want you,” he said simply. “Just you. Nothing else. Only ever you.”

The relationship between these two characters was complicated to say the least. The push and pull between them was so well done and the sexual tension between them was at times combustible. I loved the lust/hate relationship between them and how entertaining it was. These two together were absolutely fantastic, their chemistry being off the charts. I loved them together, the playful interactions, the amazingly written sex scenes. Everything worked for me and I wouldn’t change one aspect of this story.

If you are looking for an angst, love to hate story with an engaging story-line and two fantastically portrayed characters, then you must try this one.

“Apologize for not being mine when you should’ve been. Because Emilia, baby...” I tilted my head sideways. “It was always fucking us and you know it.”

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Vicious Definition

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Honestly, this book had all the crazy coming out to play. With these characters having grown up together, and now this story which is taking place 10 years later but don't worry we do get flashbacks.

(Which I personally hate).

The storyline might have really worked for me here if the hero had not been such a giant DICK!

And this was all in the name of messed up love/hate or whatever the f*ck you call what that was!

Click the spoiler below to find out more.

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The hero would say and think such wonderful things

about the heroine that made this truly a romantic delight for all. (Not really)

Little gems like when they first met

â€œWrong fucking place and wrong fucking time. Next time I find you anywhere inside my house, bring a body bag because you wonâ€™t be leaving alive.â€•

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Now can't you feel how overwhelmed with emotions he is here?

Or who could forget this amazing declaration

"This was so on. I was going to fuck Dean's ex-girlfriend, use her for my personal needs, and toss her away when I was done."

Or how about this one when he tell her something in order to gain an advantage.

"The reason I told her about my mom was simple. I didn't want her to bail on my ass if push came to shove. If I was going to corrupt her morally, I needed more ammo."

And then when they finally get together what does he do but this

Just two missed calls from Emilia. She could wait. First, I needed to know when we were going to read the will. Cause he had to know if his revenge was going to work and that is way more important than the chick he was f*cking to exact his revenge.

And when she leaves him because he is using her and oh let's not forget he is an asshole, he does this

"Georgia...I'd asked her here so I could fuck her and the aching memory of Emilia from my system."

And then he tries to win her back and goes to see her at her work and says this to her

"And about Georgia" he continued. "You and I aren't exclusive. We established that long before I touched you."

To which she answers

"You did. And now I'm telling you that I don't do non-exclusive relationships."

Now all hope is not lost. There is the grovel!

The whole time I was waiting for the GROVEL. I kept telling myself, this grovel will make it all go away. It will make everything good. I will love my kindle again and will not yell at my poor children for no God darn good reason!

However, for me this was not the case.

I don't care how many times he stood outside in the pouring rain looking like a sad puppy!

He needed to bring it here.

Not just his A GAME but the whole game.

Oh and the manly posturing and money exchange was just not enough for me!

For me the following words were just a sad example of an sincere apology

"You think I slept with Georgia? I didn't touch her. I tried. Trust me, I did. But she wasn't you.

And I know you don't expect me to give you answers, but I'm going to do it anyway because there's a small part of me that thinks that maybe, just maybe, you'll give me a chance afterward."

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When I first started seeing the fantastic reviews for this book from all of my friends, I have to admit that I was a bit skeptical. After all, I was one of the oddballs that didn't love 'Blood to Dust' like most of my friends did. I wasn't sure if maybe this just wasn't the author for me. Luckily for me, my curiosity won out.

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On the other hand, Emilia, was one of the kindest and strongest heroines that I've ever encountered. I absolutely loved her inner-strength and her self-awareness when it came to her weakness for Vicious. She didn't deserve his cruel treatment, but she endured it incredibly well.

Emilia's parents take a job working for Vicious' parents when she is in high school. He is the spoiled, but neglected, rich kid. As he frequently points out, she is the "Help".

From their very first meeting, Vicious makes it a point to make Emilia's life a living hell. He bullies her relentlessly, even as he is somewhat protective and possessive. She is his to torment and he makes it known.

When Emilia begins dating one of his closest friends, Vicious steps it up a notch. He is outraged at the defiance of Emilia and Dean, used to being in control of everyone and everything around him. Emilia is essentially ran out of town by Vicious and doesn't see him again until their paths cross again a decade later.

From the start, I was intrigued by the relationship between Emilia and Vicious. There was a constant push and pull between the two of them, and a playfulness underlying their adversarial actions. Vicious, in particular, left me feeling confounded.

This story is a slow-burn and the history between the main characters is well-developed. I appreciated the thoroughly thought out back-story and the slow build-up of anticipation. I loved the pace that this story moved at.

As Vicious' past comes to light, I grew to understand his actions a little better. Don't get me wrong, he did some inexcusable things. However, it was hard to view him as a monster after everything he'd endured.

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When Vicious screws things up - and he does, of course - Emilia makes him really work for forgiveness. You know how I feel about the necessity of groveling, and grovel he does! Emilia is no pushover and she's been at the losing end of his games one too many times.

The only thing that I could've lived without was the whole pen-pal connection. It felt a little too similar to 'Punk 57' for me, especially when combined with the high school bullying theme, and I didn't think it added much to the story. Both of these books were released so close together, that they were probably being written during the same period of time. However, the similarities were noticeable. They probably stand out to me more than usual since I read 'Punk 57' fairly recently.

All things considered, this was a "win" for me. This book was so much better than I expected and I'm so glad that I picked it up. I loved the angsty, back and forth relationship between Vicious and Emilia. I'm looking forward to seeing where the rest of this series will go.

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Vicious Book

! Vicious, (stand-alone) book 1 of X. A dysfunctional hate to love saga between the prodigal son & the hired help's daughter!

He was toxic, poison, and he was going to kill everything beautiful in my life if I let him. He was the storm to my cherry blossoms.

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Told in alternating POVs, their story will unfold in current and past events shedding light on their rocky relationship and seeking to explain a dysfunctional and impossible love. Conflicted emotions confused

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by sexual tension will set them on a path of no return as Vic is determined to inflict maximum pain in his quest for vengeance.

Hero: â~...â~...â~...â~...

Heroine: â~...â~...â~...â~...

Plot: â~...â~...â~...â~...

Storytelling: â~...â~...â~...â~...â~...â~...

Sexual tension: â~...â~...â~...â~...

Sex scenes: â~...â~...â~...â~...

Story ending: â~...â~...â~...â~...

OVERALL RATING: â••ï, â••ï, â••ï, â••ï

Angst: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

Darkness: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

Humor: | LOW FOCUS |

Kink: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

Romance: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

Sex frequency: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

Suspense: | MEDIUM FOCUS |

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An addicting, obsessive read from cover to cover? ABSOLUTELY FREAKING CHECK!!!

This guy is going to break my heart if I let him.

The Four HotHoles rule All Saints High. All the guys want to hang out with them and all the girls want to sleep with them. It doesn't matter that women are more disposable to them than a pair of socks, they'll gladly give up their dignity for a night...or a few hours in their bed. Vicious is the most brutal of the four. He's a coldblooded asshole that practice bubbles over with barely surprised rage. And the target for the brunt of his anger is Emilia, his classmate and daughter of the hired help living at his father's mansion.

Vicious was vicious. It was too bad that my hate for him was dipped in a thin shell of something that felt like love. But I promised myself I'd crack it, break it, and unleash pure hatred in its place before he got to me.

Emilia was a heroine you can't help but like. They say the line is thin between love and hate and that's definitely the case here. She wants to hate Vicious and he surely gives her plenty of reason to...and yet, he's like a magnet drawing her in.

Shen did a phenomenal job with character development, that you don't just read what they're feeling, you feel it. That couldn't be more true with Emilia. I clicked with her from the very first page. Here's a heroine that's down on her luck, down to her last penny, barely making ends meet working two jobs to support herself and her sick sister, but she still has this undercurrent of strength that you can't help but respect.

Intersected with flashbacks to their high school years, the story develops in the present. Years after Emilia left All Saints High and Vicious behind. But circumstances soon bring her face to face once more with a man that made her teenage years a living hell.

I want to fuck you and watch your face while I do. To see how you drown in me as I hurt you as much as it hurts me to have to see your goddamn face every day.

Now if you're an angst lover like me, you will gobble up everything about this book and be left begging for more. The sexual tension between Vicious and Emilia crackles with electricity. I loved that added burn of hate lust between them. The woman definitely gave him a run for his money and for all his thinly veiled insults that he throws her way, you can see just how much he craves her underneath it all.

You're pissing me off, she said quietly, her eyes still searching my face.
"And that's turning me on," I retorted, my voice flat. "So you might wanna tone down the hate glares if you don't wanna find yourself being fucked on this desk with the blinds still open."

The writing was absolutely brilliant. Shen simply gets better and better with each book she writes and she truly outdid herself with this one. She gave us four heroes that you not only click with but obsess over. Sure, this book is focused on Vicious and I loved every page of it. But I also loved the three other

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HotHoles and if the set up for two of them is anything to go by, I already know I need their books.

As for this book? This is what obsession is made of. This book. These characters. This romance. It was too delicious for words. Simply. Addicting.

This is not a relationship. It's two people fucking the obsession out of each other.

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Vicious Synonym

â€œI met Baron Spencer and he became my nightmare.â€•

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Basically, this is very much an enemies to lovers story. And Vicious is a bigger bully than Cardan in every way, so if that is not your thing, I might skip this read. But if that is your thing? Oh Lord, please pick this up immediately. Seriously, I think L.J. Shen made a fan for life from this book alone.

This is a book told in flashbacks from present day to events that happened ten years ago that lead both main characters to where they are now. Vicious believes that Emilia overheard a conversation about a secret that he has been keeping forever. Emilia continues to be sweet, caring, and curious, and Vicious believes he has to remind her who has the power in every aspect of their lives.

That is, until Emilia is forced to leave LA forever, and goes to NY to pursue her dreams while trying to forget her tormentor. Yet, ten years later, things arenâ€™t going great for Emilia; she just lost her job, she was just mugged, money is now extra tight, and she is also taking care of her chronically ill sister. Then one night, while she is working a night shift at a bar, the boy who has haunted her dreams walks in and gives her an offer that she is unable to refuse.

â€œI see you successfully graduated from a bully to a tyrant in the span of a decade.â€•

She then is forced to work under her bully, doing any and everything to keep him pleased. And we get to see them both struggle with their feelings for one another and decide if it is worth it to just get the other one out of their system. Emilia isnâ€™t willing to fall for her tormentor, and Vicious wonâ€™t allow himself to have feelings for the one girl who is off limits for him. And the chemistry is honestly off the charts.

Friends, Iâ€™m just going to say it; the sex in this book is 11/10. Seriously, I immediately had to take a cold shower after, because the angst almost killed me during this reading experience. Like, the sexual tension in this is so damn extreme and some of the best Iâ€™ve read in a very long while. It feels like

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the slowest burn of all time, even though I don't think I'd necessarily classify it as a slow burn. I don't know, it's a really weird reading experience, but so damn gratifying. The dirty talk was expertly done, too, and totally leg crossing inducing if you get what I'm saying.

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Overall, I just loved this completely. I will say that if you don't like possessive partners then you probably won't like Vicious, but if you do enjoy that kind of thing then I completely implore you to pick this one up immediately, because I thought the trope was really well done. Like, I recommend this with every fiber of my being if you like hate to love romances. And all my friends promise me that Ruckus is even better, so I cannot wait to continue on with this series!

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4 Stars

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Contrary to some opinions that he did not redeem himself completely, I think he redeemed himself just fine. You see, a jerk is a jerk. He is who he is. Period. You know that saying...

Because frankly, books where a cold and ruthless hero suddenly becomes smitten with the heroine turning the good book into the complete mushy-mushy, rainbow-and-unicorns cheese fest annoy me as hell.

Thankfully, that didnâ€™t happen here. For me, there was just enough grovel without going over the top. Therefore, five stars for The Asshole.

Now the heroine...

I donâ€™t have much to say about her. I wasnâ€™t too impressed to tell you the truth. She was likable, I guess. She had some great traits (artistic nature, quirky sense of fashion, sassy mouth) but her thoughts and actions sometimes drove me nuts. In my opinion, her character lacks some complexity and depth.

The book kept me interested, though one thing put me off giving this novel a five-star rating: the plot. It was a bit 'shaky'. The whole four friends own and rule the high school and the whole damn town with â€œYoko Onoâ€• thrown into the middle seemed kind of ridiculous.

