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Rock bottom has built way more champions than privilege ever has.

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Tie Dye Patterns

Blaire, an underachieving college student with zero prospects and a ton of issues (hey, being the less-successful twin of a gorgeous supermodel would totally do that to you) needs something from Ty.

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Tie Dye Vans

Mixed Martial artist Ty, a soon-to-be Welterweight champion of the Xtreme Warrior League and the hottest guy in the Bay Area, wants something from Blaire.

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Tie Dye Kit

But Ty has a secret.

And Blaire can barely even handle his truths.

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Tie Dye Crocs

Life is about to throw a few knockout punches at both of them. Can they handle the pain?

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Tie Dye Hoodie

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His name is Tyler "The Zombie" Wilder... but everyone calls him Ty.

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I lost my mind in there and i couldn't stop reading it...

I laughed so much, especially in the half book and i got a little bit emotional at the other half, but i enjoyed every single thing in there...

First of all, i have to say that Blaire hooked me up from the first chapter.

She was so fiesty, she had no filter to what she was saying and that was deliciously adorable...

I couldn't stop laughing!!!

Well, Blaire was boring of her life, her college studies... everything. She had low expectations and not such a good impression of herself. She was counting to her parents and her twin sister to made it through her life and if she wanted to graduate eventually from college she had to write a paperwork about MMA fighters...

And then, her path collides with the sexy, cocky MMA fighter, Tyler Wilder... and their first encounter was a little bit strange...

Her attraction to him was unwelcoming and dangerous... so she tried to supressed it!!!

"Iâ€™m calling you a liar and a bullshitter. All girls like violence. Every woman wants to mate with the victorious warrior. Itâ€™s okay, Blaire. Itâ€™s in your DNA. Donâ€™t feel bad about it.â€• His mouth curves into a devastating smile as he brushes his thumb down my spine."

Ty was one of the best MMA fighters in the town and he was working his ass so hard to earn the title of champion of the Xtreme Warrior League.

He is the hottest guy around and all the women are melting in his presence, but he doesn't care so much about that.

The women manage to earn his attention about an hour and then puff... he is moving to the next target.

But when he first meet Blaire, there's something about her that made her worthy the trying...

"I see you... I see what you don't see about yourself, and it pisses me off that Shane sees it too."

So from that moment, started a game that Ty was pushing and Blaire was running away.

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But her heart was stubling all the time around Ty and as much as her mind trying to persuade her that he was dangerous for her, she just could not resist him.

When they are together is like fire feets gazoline and they burn everything around them. Blaire is discovering a new Ty, a Ty that can be sweet and caring and everything are great between them.

The only shadow above them is that Ty is hidden something from her and when she will discover his secret everything is about to change...

" I kissed him and survived. I kissed him and it was delicious. I kissed him and found out that despite his reputation, and the fears I failed to keep at bay, he was just a boy, kissing a girl, hoping she'd like itâ€”and himâ€”after all."

As i told you above, i really liked Blaire's spirit. I liked the way she was seeing life in generally. The thing that i didn't like was that she was holding back to Ty and i didn't like her stubbornness in some point. I know that she was in shock after the discovering of his secret but she was too stubborn to accept his truth and she did what she used to do all the time, she run away from him...

In this point, i have to say that i adored her Nanna Marty. She was an incredible and very funny woman...

As for Ty??? I loved that guy from the first moment in that parking lot. He was handsome, hot, cocky...

He was a fighter inside the cage and outside...

I liked the fact that he never gave up on Blaire, his "Barbie" and their first moments was very hot and funny.

I also liked his tattoos, especially the last one and its meaning...

I know that the guy had some anger issues, but for me he was perfect.

Can i have him??? I'll take care of him!!! No???

God damn it!!! Okay, Barbie, you won!!!!

But you should know that i didn't like how much you hurt him near to the end.

You should at least had to let him explain you... You gave up so easily on him.... and that made me really, really sad... and angry.

And finally, i have to say some things about Shane.

That guy confused the hell out of me... and i think that i'm still in the same ignorance.

Who the hell he wanted??? Blaire or Izzy???

WTF, man??? I'm possitive that he wanted Blaire...

But still i can not justify his interferences in her relation with Ty all the time!!!

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Really, man, you fucked up the things very bad about those two, and that was sneaky and totally unfair. She didn't want you, man!!! She wanted Ty!!!

That's all from me!!!

Tyler Wilder was a fuckin' amazing bastard and i think he just earn one place in my favorite book boyfriends list forever...

And Blaire... you are the kind of heroine that i adore in the books...

I think that i needed a little bit more of them... But i'll live!!! ...more

4 Stars!!

After reading 'Sparrow', Mrs. Shen's other book, I was eager to try this one, especially since I've heard is as good as that one. If you are looking for a fighter romance novel, look no further because 'Tyed' was a great, entertaining, sexy fast paced NA/MMA romance with just a little bit of everything for you to be invested in these characters and their story from the very beginning.

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“You’re right to be scared. I would never hit you, Barbie, but I’ll hurt you, alright.”

Tyler or simply Ty is one of the Grind’s superstar, a talented MMA fighter who seems to be trouble from his head to his toes. He is cocky, sexy, tattooed, but Blaire needs to stay focused and not forget that he’s just a distraction. Ty wants Blaire and he wants more than one hot night between the sheets, so he’s determined to win her over and go on a date with him, even if Blaire says she just wants an interview. While Blaire tries to lie herself about her attraction towards the sexy MMA fighter, Ty tries to make Blaire admit as smitten with him as much as he is with her.

“His lips find mine, brushing my mouth, leaving warm tingles wherever they touch. He’s testing the waters. No tongue. No rage, just pure, surprising gentleness.”

For a debut, 'Tyed' was really a great read! Told entirely from Blaire’s POV, the story was gripping from the start, was well paced and pretty entertaining. Our heroine was very easy to like from the start. Her voice was simply delightful at times, so being in her head was fun. She was easy to connect with and she had a fantastic personality. Her inner dialogue and her wittiness put a big smile on my face and overall I found her character to be well developed and quite endearing.

"I crave you. I want all of you, every single inch of you. And call it an only-child syndrome, but I. DO. NOT. FUCKING. SHARE.”

Ty was cocky and at times a little asshole, but as the story unfolded he became more endearing with each and every chapter. His possessiveness and his dirty talking were hot and I have to say I liked how hardworking he was and also his determination when it came to Blaire. I enjoyed the playful banter between these two and I loved their palpable connection. The steam aspect was as good as the other aspects. The sexy scenes were not very explicit, but they were pretty great. However I wouldn’t have minded the story to be steamier.

What I didn’t like too much was how Blaire handled some things as the story progressed. She just frustrated me and her decisions at times created more drama than it was necessary. I can’t say it was overwhelming, but still!

Overall, a great fighter romance! ...more

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Tie Down Straps

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That's how she meets Tyler ~Tyler Wylder. Broody, violent MMA fighter, who makes her feel not

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only fear but desire.

I instantly connected with Blaire. Her goofiness and witty remarks made me laugh. If you, like me are a fan of quirky, albeit a little bit crazy and full of shit, sorry I mean sass heroines Tyed is an absolute must read. Blaire is just one of those girls without filter and boundaries whose inner monologues make reader chuckle like a hyena. Her silliness is just so cute! And even though she can act very careless and stupid, it's hard to stay angry at her. If I had to compare her to some of the other heroines from New Adult novels I've read, I would say she reminded me of Elle Casey's characters "silly, hot tempered yet adorable and witty.

Ty, on the other hand was a hard nut to crack. Sadly, we don't get to read from his P.O.V and I badly wanted to see what was inside his head. On the bright side, he definitely made me swoon. How could he not? With his hot body, tattoos and perfect amount of alpha pheromones, Ty is not a hero I was able to ignore. For a great part of the book, I found myself trying to figure him out as well as his secrets, but I couldn't do that, the revelation shocked me. I was very surprised which a plus since romance novels rarely do that to me anymore.

There were few things, I didn't like though. I didn't hate them, not entirely, I was just disappointed they turned out like they did. First of all, I kind of wished the sex was hotter. It was not bad, just not overly explicit. I missed that. I was also upset with how Blaire handled some things. I hoped she would be more mature in some areas. She disappointed me greatly.

Despite those issues, Tyed turned out to be entertaining, fast-paced read. Something worth recommending to those ladies who find MMA fighters sexy as hell, enjoy some light-hearted, silly situations and are not opposed to cheeky heroines.

Overall, L.J. Shan's debut novel is definitely noteworthy. I will looking forward to her next releases.

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The first 45% were very fast paced, mainly due to Blaire's hysterical narrative, her thoughts and dialogue. She was like an avalanche--simply unstoppable. For many readers this won't be an issue but it was for me: both MCs came off as very young and somewhat immature. Considering their age (23 and 26), one would assume it's an adult romance but the story had a very NA feel and my opinion got validated once they hit the sheets. Her reaction to the impending intercourse "I'm scared" killed the mood for me. She's a shining example why I prefer my heroines to be self-assured, experienced female leads. I want them to embrace their desire, to be straightforward about what they want and they shall take it with gusto because I find that sexy. Blaire was insecure, a little grey mouse in sexual matters and the whole scene fell flat for me. The scene not being overly explicit wasn't the issue for me; but the execution lacked big time. It was a far cry from being hot, sexy or sensual. Fact was, it was awkward and

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lacked passion. Plus, the alleged bad boy cage fighter was way too lame as a lover, at least to me. Overall, the smexy times were a letdown. As an afterthought: Wouldn't you expect a cage fighter to be a great dirty talker? No great dirty talk here, though.

Once I hit the second half, the story lost its pace big time and got tangled up in idiotic actions, mainly thanks to the dumb female lead.

His text says

(view spoiler)[Don't do this to us.

It was sent way past midnight, a few hours after he was done fighting, and it clearly suggests there was no after-party on his agenda.

Not that I care. We're done.

"I had every fucking right. It's my past, not my present, not my future. Besides, I remember pretty clearly I did promise to share my past with you at some point, when I was ready, not when your little BFF decided to throw another bash-fest for me."

(and)

You always kept running away every time things didn't fit into your perfect existence and listened to Shane instead of running things past me. (hide spoiler)] But you know what? I don't remember giving you shit about it, Barbie."

What drove me nuts

I know that Ty made mistakes but what the so-called heroine did was once again beyond stupid. So. What is it with heroines portrayed as self-righteous, ignorant dumb twats? How come they can't ask direct questions? How come they rather assume things that might probably not be true? Or, if they might be true, why the fuck can't they address their issues like grown ups? WHY? How come she said (view spoiler)['We're done' even though she didn't even bother explaining her issues to the alleged culprit? She can't even break up being face to face with him, for Pete's sake! (hide spoiler)]

I feel his pain pouring down on the floor in waves.

Other quibbles

There wasn't much of a story going on, actually, and there wasn't any in-depth characterization either. The cage fights were extremely short and anything but thrilling. And last but not least there was no believable resolution. It was rushed and bam. They were (view spoiler)[back together. HEA. (hide spoiler)] End of story. I was like, are you kidding me? That is all? After all this drama it was ludicrous to get such an overly lame conclusion.

Also, I hated the inner goddess shit in Fifty, so I can't say that I was enamored with Blaire's Heart, Brain and Hormones and

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Heart's throbs are piercing my ears, Brain swirls in a pool of sticky goo, and Hormones are dry-humping Ty's leg.

Seriously. That's not even worthy of teenager speech, let alone when it comes out of the mouth mind of a 23-year-old adult.

(view spoiler)[Hipster hot. He's got messy, light brown hair, a dashing face and dreamboat blue eyes. (â€¦)]

But I can't get myself to get even remotely excited about the idea of working closely with him when I am still so totally and completely hooked on Ty.

Right. You dumped him, remember? (hide spoiler)]

The hero calling the heroine Barbie irritated me greatly.

Tyed is riddled with out-of-this-world gorgeous people, except Ty's mother. Then again, Blaire clearly realized that his mother must have been beautiful too as a young woman when she showed her the dimples. It's just tragic that fast food and hard living ruined her beauty. I quote, Ty even out-hotted Brad Pitt and Charlie Hunnam. His pretty face was one of the main features of the entire story. And, of course, the heroine was incredibly pretty too, she just hadn't realized it yet. It's always good when people remind us of how stunning we are, though. That helps us to make us feel better.

Cam pushes through the masses, leading the way to the press area, which is literally only fifteen feet from the ring. I can barely hear myself think, which is great, because thinking is not my strong point at the moment.

How about never?

Bottom line, why is it that authors still use that stupid trope (lack of communication, miscommunication and ASSUMPTIONS) to create stilted and unnecessary drama? For fuck's sake, normal women with a normal IQ do have common sense, don't they? Make.Use.Of.It. I gotta say I refuse to reward that kind of storytelling with additional stars because it Annoys.The.Living.Daylights.Out.Of.Me. As it is, I have no patience whatsoever for childish and ludicrous drama that could be avoided with a simple conversation.

****Review request of author, L.J. Shen****

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Tie Dye Designs

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Ty is a Mixed Martial Art fighter and a soon-to-be Welterweight champion of the Xtreme Warrior League. Calling him hot would be an understatement so here's how Blaire describes him the first time she sees him in the parking lot of the gym:

Hot Parking-Lot Dude is so sizzling, calling him beautiful would be an insult of the century. He's lucky his nose is slightly crooked, like it's been hit one too many times, because otherwise, he'd be sickeningly pretty. What the hell is he, anyway? Latino? Asian? Mixed Caucasian? He looks like he's been photoshopped by a bunch of horny teenagers. He has pouty, perfectly shaped lips, slanted Asian eyes and a chiseled Brad Pitt-like bone structure girls shit themselves over.

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And did I mention the tattoos? :P

He's also a total manwhore and takes advantage of his status and fame that brings the girls crawling to him ;)

She wants an interview from him...he wants a date.

He takes her to his house for the interview...she finds out that his garden fence is covered in panties and bras and love letters from girl fans.

She doesn't want to be another notch on his bedpost...he just wants her in his life.

So who is going to win? Brain or Hormones?

I really liked this novel. I loved the story and the main female character. Even if I didn't feel as connected to Ty as I would have wanted (maybe it was the first person type of writing) and I didn't get an Epilogue it was still a good read that I totally recommend.

If you like NA and love a good story with a hot tattooed fighter this book is definitely for you and you can preorder it [HERE!](#)

That being said I can't wait for Izzy (Blaire's sister) and Shane's (Blaire's best friend) story because this one I think is going to be just as awesome...if not more :D

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"What are you doing to me, Blaire?"

"I'm not sure, but you did it first to me."

Ty is one of the Grind's superstar, up for a shot to be the Welterweight champion of the Xtreme Warrior League. He is cocky and is all trouble, he has a chip on his shoulder and doesn't take kindly to Blaire who happens to drive him wild with mouth and questions. Her ability to challenge him only intensifies the mental foreplay they got going on, to the point where Ty finds himself doing something he's never done before...date. But Blaire stubbornness matches his own, he has to make her admit that she wants him just as much as he wants her.

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Blaire has one hell of a fight going on inside her, pulled in all directions; between brain, hormones and heart. Blaire is the first girl that made him want to be a better man, be a man worth her smile, body and mind.

"Guess you had me at 'I won't hit you, but I'll hurt you'."

"You had me at 'Keep walking, cowboy,'" he rasps.

She knows Ty is keeping something from her, and the hot/cold treatment he keeps throwing at her doesn't help keep her fears at bay. But when faced with the truths of the past, is the hope for a better future enough to accept the decisions that made him the man he is today???

Tyed is a sexy-MMA-second chance at life kind of read. I had a very interesting relationship with Tyed,

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while I really enjoyed most of Ty and Blaires story, there were a few times I wanted to throttle Blaire and her BFF. Blaire was strong when she wanted to be but was in a way judgmental, only coming to the right conclusion after her long talks with herself. I didn't really get what the deal was with her BFF, his words, motives and actions kind of contradicted each other.

Now for Ty, he was cocky, a bit of an asshole, so it's really no wonder why I liked him. He was strong with an underlying fragility, so it's no wonder that I would be pissed on his behalf. Loved the mental foreplay he would dish out, their playful banter about music, his nickname for her and his sweetness that rivaled his outward persona. This standalone dual POV read is definitely something I would recommend, especially to my friends who loves a lover and a fighter.

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Tie Dye Background

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Blaire is a good girl just trying to finish her college degree. She has spent her life in the shadow of her twin sister Izzy. Izzy is a supermodel and seems to do no wrong in the eyes of their parents. Blaire, on the other hand, hasn't been able to finish anything. She is currently stuck in a rut and unable to feel passionate about anything. She finds medial comfort in her best friend Shane but overall, she is just waiting for something. Although, she really doesn't know what that something is.

"What am I doing with my life?"

"I want to feel as passionate about something as they do."

"I want to feel fulfilled and alive like them."-Blaire

When her journalism teacher gives her an unconventional assignment, that something will walk straight into her arms. All she has to do is interview some MMA fighters and write paper on her findings. No problem, right?

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Ty is an MMA fighter. He is rough, tough, and full of tattoos.

"Final verdict? Ugliest tattoo to ever be inked on human flesh, but Ty somehow pulls it off without looking like a serial killer. The guy as such an attraction to death that I'm surprised he is still alive."

"Figures. Sucks to be him, or anyone else with a dick in this room, for that matter. Talk about alpha-male dominance."-Blaire

When Blaire steps foot into his gym, their initial meeting includes some verbal head butting and then the sexual tension begins. Blaire begins to immerse herself in the MMA world. As a non-sports loving individual, Blaire has a lot to learn. For the sake of research, she begins to train with the athletes. It doesn't take Ty long to make his first move on Blaire.

Initially, Blaire is hesitant to spend time with Ty. She knows that he is bad news. However, in order to complete her paper she must get that one interview. Ty uses the interview as bait to get her to agree on one date with him.

"I'm positive that if I'd let my guard down, he will crush me. Just like he does in the ring."-Blaire

As Blaire and Ty begin to connect, it is evident that these two were made for each other. Ty is so tender with Blaire. Their connection was sweet, passionate, and so endearing. I truly enjoyed every moment of these two together! However, the road to romance is full of roadblocks. Ty is harboring secrets and Blaire is very self-conscious of his previous attachment to woman. Additionally, Shane seems to be showing interest in Blaire OR is he just harboring feelings that he doesn't know how to control? When Izzy returns home from jet setting, the conflicts seem to be never-ending. Can Ty and Blaire make things work between them?

What is so refreshing about this read is the funny dialogue between the characters and Blaire's internal monologue! I couldn't stop smiling with all of the pop references and the imagery that the writing evoked. I was quite fond of all of the secondary characters as well. Blaire's grandmother was a show stopper with her unwavering support for her granddaughter.

"Nanny Marty always tells me I'm a lot like her. Independent, stubborn and fundamentally bat shit crazy."

Additionally, I cannot fail to mention the interest that I have in exploring Ty's friends from the gym. Who

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Blaire Stern has an assignment she is sure she will fail. She is stuck in an unhappy life, bartending part time, and doesn't know which way to go in life. She has a perfect supermodel twin sister that travels the world, while she is in college trying to please her parents. And now with this assign

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"What are you doing to me, Blaire?"

"I'm not sure, but you did it first to me."

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Blaire Stern has an assignment she is sure she will fail. She is stuck in an unhappy life, bartending part time, and doesn't know which way to go in life. She has a perfect supermodel twin sister that travels the world, while she is in college trying to please her parents. And now with this assignment that she has no knowledge about, she knows she is bound to fail. The topic she got is MMA, "Mixed Martial Arts". Blaire is to write a report on this subject but doesn't even have a clue what it means. Thanks to her best friend Shane, he points her the gym she can go to do interview a few people.

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"I see you. I see what you don't see about yourself."

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This is where Blaire meets Ty "The Zombie" Wilder, the star MMA fighter. All she went in for was to get

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an interview, but he wanted more, he wanted a date. Blaire hoped her heart wouldn't get involved with how strong their attraction is. Blaire quickly learns of his manwhore ways, and wanted to steer clear of him. But Ty didn't make it easy for her, especially when he seemed to be everywhere. Her Brain and her Hormones are at odds with what she should do. How could she possibly resist the sexy man of hotness? She couldn't, so she finally gave in.

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'I kissed him and survived. I kissed him and it was delicious. I kissed him and found out that despite his reputation, and the fears I failed to keep at bay, he was just a boy, kissing a girl, hoping she'd like it.---and him---after all.'

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This was a great debut read by L.J. Shen. I instantly liked Blaire, especially her inner monologue that had me chuckling quite a few times at her silly banter. I also really liked Ty, like a lot. He was super hawt and had a good amount of alpha to him. Did I mention that he has tattoos?? Well, he does *melts*. I was very intrigued by him, so on more than one occasion I desperately wanted his P.O.V. We didn't get it unfortunately, since this was told completely in Blaire's P.O.V. There was just something about him that was mysterious, and then when we find out he was hiding a secret, I am going crazy with curiosity. In the last part of the book, I was quite upset with how Blaire handled the situation about the secret. I thought she would have reacted differently. I was happy with how things ended for them, though. Overall, I enjoyed the writing style, and the story. It wasn't bad for a debut. I would have liked an epilogue and a bit more steam, but still it was really good. Can't wait to see what else this author releases.

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