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Vielleicht wird unsere Liebe mich heilen. Vielleicht wird sie mich aber auch endgültig zerstören. Alles, was ich weiß, ist: Ich bin bereit, das Risiko einzugehen. Seit drei Jahren versucht Jesse Carter vor allem eins: zu vergessen. Doch die Erinnerungen an diese eine Nacht, in der sie alles verloren hat, verfolgen sie noch immer. Es vergeht keine Sekunde, in der sie nicht daran denkt, nicht davon träumt. Nur selten verlässt sie die schützenden Wände ihres Zuhauses - am liebsten würde sie sich für immer vor der Welt verstecken. All das ändert sich jedoch, als plötzlich Roman "Bane" Protsenko in ihr Leben tritt und ihr scheinbar aus heiterem Himmel einen Job als Barista in seinem Café sowie seine Freundschaft anbietet. Jesse kennt die Gerüchte, die sich um den stadtbekanntem Draufgänger ranken - es heißt, er sei ein Lügner und ein Betrüger, weshalb sie weder Interesse an seinem Angebot hat noch daran, Bane näher kennenzulernen. Doch dieser lässt nicht locker. Stück für Stück beginnt er, Jesses Schutzmauern zu durchbrechen und sie so Stück ins Leben zu holen. Und auch Jesse gelingt es immer mehr, hinter Banes Maske zu blicken. Sie erkennt, dass der Mann, der sich dahinter verbirgt, genauso gebrochen ist wie sie. Dabei ahnt sie nicht, dass der wahre Grund für Banes Annäherung ihr Herz ein für alle Mal zerstören könnte ...

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“Don’t fuck with me. I fuck harder. Comes with the territory of doing it for a living.”

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Bane is sexy, rough, and raw. A bad boy in the true sense of the word. Let's face it, his moral compass is not fully operational. And I love that about him!! Gah, he's sexy AF.

Jesse's been to hell and back. I love the different feel of this book. It's not so much about a sexy guy swooping in and saving a girl. It's more about each character finding themselves as their relationship progresses. They are both truly effected and made better by the other. Character development and an intricate plot are the shining stars of Bane.

Both main characters are equally intriguing. Neither fits a general mold the reader expects. It feels different from the previous books in the series, but is no less engaging. In fact, it's my new FAVORITE. The story packs a HUGE EMOTIONAL punch. It's one the most impactful and had me equally sobbing, cursing, and falling in love.

“Maybe that was the difference between Bane and all the others.

I didn't want him.

I needed him to remind me how to breathe.”

Here's what you really need to know. L.J. Shen pushes boundaries each book is better than the last. It's one of the main reasons I love her books SO MUCH! You have to expect the unexpected. The drama is bigger and the characters are larger than life! It's a fucking emotional, twisted, topsy turvy ride that I want to experience again and again.

Highly Recommended!

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Broken Love Quotes

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Today is the day when my darling VICIOUS is being dethroned. I didn't think it was possible " I was proven wrong.

BANE was the PERFECT blend of what I love in a fictional hero. He was brash, in your face blunt, confident in his skin, sex on two legs, and too alluring for his own good. But under that self-assured and cocky as all demeanor was a man who loved his mother dearly, and someone who was not too stubborn to acknowledge the ONE person that was meant for him.

A chance encounter on a fateful day started a fascination that lasted years. When Bane and Jesse finally met again, all bets were off. The way Bane spoke to her on a visceral level, challenged her and pushed her by just breathing the same air, was all she needed to fight back and return to the living. His personality didn't allow a NO, it was his way or the highway, until he met Jesse. I melted every single time he did something out of character just to make Jesse happy. He could be such an asshole, but then he turned around and did something so sweet " I wanted to swoon right away. He was perfection in my eyes. The perfect blend of a jerk and a smidgen of a sweetheart. On top of that he was funny, sarcastic, giving, but also very shrewd and astute. He was everything I love about a guy. Meeting Jesse didn't change him, she just brought his hidden qualities to the surface.

Jesse was an enigma. She was barely existing, and a shadow of her older self. Her journey was one of revelations, of strength and courage. Just by being around Bane she found the grit to move on, to change the status quo.

I honestly think Jesse and Bane are the author's best work yet.

They were a couple that understood each other without having to spell everything out. Jesse accepted him for what he was, no sugar coating or attempts to change him. She embraced all his flaws, his past as well as his reputation. I adore women that can accept pasts, as sordid as they may be, and move towards the future. Jesse was a shining beacon. A phoenix, who clawed her way out of hell with a little push from the resident hell-raiser. And the end result was PHENOMENAL!!!

“What’s the antonym of hate?” I blurted, drunk on pleasure.
He collapsed to his couch, cupping the joint with his thumb and forefinger and sucking hard.
“Jesse.”

BANE was the perfect conclusion to an otherwise already AMAZING series. It’s bittersweet to see this generation of Sinners come to an end. But I’m stoked and excited to read all about the second generation in the All Saints High series. ...more

5 STARS

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You’re poisoned. Sheltered. Yet, you’re no Snow White. Wanna know why?
“Why?”
“Snow White waited for the prince. You’ll be the one saving yourself in this story.”

Jesse may have been one of my favorite LJ Shen heroines to date. This girl is so broken, yet her spirit shines through even through her shattered pieces. And I absolutely loved that Bane is one of the few people in her life that sees it. He sees beyond the frumpy clothes she tries to hide behind. He sees the fiery woman behind the disguise; a woman with scars but one that will fight with the ferocity of a tiger if ever cornered. Man but I loved their immediate chemistry and dynamic. This is a slow burn, and boy does Shen make you burn. She makes you crave every stolen look, every secret touch, every forbidden erotic moment. GAH. It was so freaking delicious.

He was cracking my heart with every touch, shattering it with every smile, and it didn't make any sense, because how could he break something that was already broken?

Bane is not a nice guy, but he's not quite a bad guy either. This is a man with many layers that are full of depth beyond what his bad boy appearance gives off. I was turning the pages well into the night, ravenous for another layer to be revealed. The tumultuous connection that he has to Jesse had me sitting at the edge of my seat just waiting for the other shoe to drop. You experience him unwillingly and unexpectedly fall for a girl that was supposed to be a tool in his arsenal. She was only supposed to be a pawn but soon began to turn into so much more.

I survived many things, but Roman Protsenko was probably not going to be one of them. Bane was a delicious slow burn full of depth and emotion. It was a story of survival and finding love in the darkest most unexpected corner. It was angsty, sexy, and a page turner from beginning to finish.

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When an L.J. Shen novel hits my kindle I swear it's a holiday because EVERYTHING stops!! This novel was pure MAGIC! Bane and Jesse were perfect together. Just amazing. I laughed, I cried and I honestly never wanted it to end. I loved them so much!

I swear I have been dying for Roman "Bane" Protsenko's story since Scandalous and Jesus Christ this author delivered and then some. When Bane wants something, he will do anything to get it and Jesse Carter has no idea what she's in for. When he makes a deal with her oil tycoon stepfather, she becomes a pawn and a plaything in his path to getting more of his heart's true desire - Power. That is until Jesse digs her claws deep and twists up his whole game like he never saw coming.

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GAHHH!!! BANE is my most favorite L.J. hero to date (I'm sorry Trent.) He is wholeheartedly flawed, edgy and conflicted and a lonely damaged soul at heart. He is a con artist, a thief, self-serving and conniving and an anti-hero to a T. But what he found deep down buried inside a withdrawn, damaged girl became his eventual redemption. Jesse Carter probably has a little piece of my soul. Strong yet damaged, broken yet slowly healing but with a ton of scars. But when Bane comes into her life he comes the balm to those scars. They will always remain but he could help lessen them over time and be the cushion for when they hurt.

What I loved about both Bane and Jesse was the fact that she saw past his reputation and track record and he saw past her tragedy. They were very similar in that they were both running away and hiding parts of themselves they weren't ready to face. But they were each other's respective catalyst to move out of the shadows. He was in fact the first person to see her, to want to fix her and heal her. He was her protector and the man that stood in front of her while she faced the world. He became the first deep breath she took after not living for a long time and her compass bringing her back to the land of the living.

Bane was everything and honestly the best novel L.J. has written to date. It was hot, angsty, forbidden, filled with spitfire banter, witty one-liners, kickass metaphors and laugh out loud sarcastic AF humor. Shen pretty much solidified her role as HBIC because this book is FIRE! This novel was equally heartbreaking, uplifting, monumental and dare I say LJ's best work to date without a doubt. Bravo! 6 Amazing stars!! ~Ratula ...more

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state of shock, not just because you can't imagine reading any other book for the rest of your life, but because you've finally found the one. The one book you will remember forever, the one that will haunt you forever. It's this one. And I'm so obsessively in love with it, I will never get over it. I devoured this in one sitting. And then I had to re-read again just to make sure I didn't dream. Sometimes in your life there are books that you come across that take you by surprise. It puts you in a state of shock, not just because you can't imagine reading any other book for the rest of your life, but because you've finally found the one. The one book you will remember forever, the one that will haunt you forever. It's this one. And I'm so obsessively in love with it, I will never get over it. I devoured this in one sitting. And then I had to re-read again just to make sure I didn't dream the whole thing up.

I've been a loyal follower (stalker) of this author since her very first book and was there with her all through the Sinners of Saint. I've watched her grow with each new Sinner, watched her dominate the community with her words and her covers. And add to that, she's the humblest person I know, always trying to give her readers her best, not knowing even her shopping list would deliver.

Now, this book. Bane. I can't tell you how long I've waited for this baby to land on my kindle. And as soon as I opened up the prologue, my jaw dropped. I started sweating, my eyes were already welling up and I couldn't believe what I was reading. This author starts the book off with a definitive BANG! If you had any doubts on if you could get into this book, get that outta your head now. Because she will literally reach through the screen and hypnotise you with her words. It'll leave you panting for more, devouring each word with every eager breath and that was only the prologue! It's THAT GOOD! This book is ANGST DEFINED! The author warned us it would be, but I wasn't expecting it at that level. It destroyed me, it was on a whole other level & my heart couldn't handle it.

The hero in this situation, Bane, he's an egotistical asshole who has every right to be cocky. He's a "rebel without a cause", criminal mastermind, sex on wheels and goddamn savage. I mean, when you live in Todos Santos, that's kinda what you expect. If you've kept up with the series, our hero is younger than our Hothole's and is seen as Baron "Vicious" Spencer's heir to the asshole throne. He's your typical bad boy with a twist. He actually has no feelings for anything and actually really doesn't care. Until fate makes sure his life crosses path with Jesse Carter. I'm so in love with Bane. Every word, every inhale of smoke, every smirk & scowl, it's like new life being blown into me. He's the perfect asshole. He needs a slap to the head a few times but all the heroes this author writes does. Doesn't mean that every time he's being a dick, I don't wanna mount him like a horse and ride him in the sunset. And it gets even worse when he's being tolerable and nice. Ugh. I sound crazy but he confuses me so much, even though I love him.

Jesse Carter. I've never fallen so in love with a heroine before. I am in absolute awe at her strength, her bravery, her perseverance and her sass. To have been through what that girl went through and still come out swinging, she has earned my respect, admiration and love. My heart ached for her, I cried for her, I loved for her, I fought for her & I died for her. Not only is she a stunner on the outside with her pale white skin and her luscious dark hair, she's just as gorgeous on the inside. It may be a little cracked and broken inside but it's beautiful nonetheless. She is a princess who doesn't need saving,

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she's no damsel in distress. And while Bane brought her back to life, it doesn't mean she's weak. She's been dealt a shit hand in life but she didn't let it define her and that's what I love. She got her justice, she got her revenge and in the end, she even got the guy.

Hands down, this is the best work ever done by this author and she'll probably go down in history for it. This book will always have a special place in my heart and I'm thankful to the author for giving us her words, for writing Bane and Jesse's story and showing us a love so rich, so strong & sassy, it'll take on anyone who dares to defy it. Definitely a MUST READ! ...more

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At twenty-five ~Bane~™ aka Roman Protsenko, has no qualms when it comes to admitting what he is or where he~™s come from, and what~™s he~™s done to get to where he is today. A Russian immigrant living in one of the most affluent towns in the States a bad boy from the wrong side of the tracks. The naked surfer, habitual pothead, con, liar, a fraud are the many faces Bane wears. I was the outsider. The mortal idiot who mixed with the blue-blooded royals of Todos Santos.

~Jesse Carter~™ aka Snow White. Reading nineteen year old Jesse's story in the 'Prologue' will gut you, bring you to your knees, a cloak of sadness enveloped me as I read her words, the darkness, the loneliness that shrouded her, your heart will break into tiny smithereens. She never leaves her

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bedroom, she's alone in the real sense of the word, no friends, no loving doting mother, a stepfather with secrets, her only true friend is an elderly lady that has alzheimer's decease.

But we need to go back, back before Jesse even became a business deal struck between Bane and her stepfather Darren, back when Bane didn't even know who she was, one glimpse and he wanted her even then. The first time Bane sees Jesse, it was her tattoo on her back that caught his eye. My Whole Life Has Been Pledged to This Meeting with You. - The Pushkin Tattoo She was on the beach with her boyfriend Emery. It was years ago on the beach, but I remember how carnal the need to conquer her had been. Before her life was turned upside down and her fate rewrote itself with her blood.

I wanted her before.
Before she became business.
Before the truth caged her in.
Before the secrets gushed out.

This is like no other book this author has delivered us before, she's gone out all guns blazing to bring us a darker, grittier, heartbreaking book that will slay us to the core. Bane will over ride your senses, he'll obliterate your heart, and our heroine Jesse will steal your breath away. You will bleed alongside her as life throws her curve ball after curveball like a Phoenix rising she'll bring you to your knees with her strength. The princess sword was bloody. But she refused to tuck it back in. She wanted to leave a trail of their misery behind her, so they could always find her.

"Everyone in town heard a version or two of my story.
I was the town's slut. Jezebel.
The whore of Babylon.
I'd asked for it, so they'd given it to me.
I don't date.
I don't do boys.
I'm The Untouchable."

What a crazy ride this one was, twists and turns of deceit, heartbreak, a slow burn, that crept up on my out of nowhere. I have never swooned so much over a fictional character than I did over Bane, the man just oozed sexual appeal through the written word. And I don't think we could've gotten a better match for him other than Jesse, she was perfect for him. This book plucked so many emotions out of me, sad, love, laughter, swooning, the feels were endless and just kept coming chapter by chapter.

We're the outliers.
The rejects

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We're free.

Bane could entice the knickers off a nun he's that hot.!!

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Books in Sinner of Saint series are stand-alones:

Book 0.5: Defy

Book 1: Vicious

Book 2: Ruckus

Book 3: Scandalous

Book 4: Bane

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Everytime L. J. Shen announces a new novel, I get ridiculously excited. Why? Besides the fact that I know I'm going to love it, I know what awaits me inside each of her books. There's always an incredible story with a beautiful romance, hot sex, and characters that will stay with me forever.

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"They'd given me a nickname, and I'd become it, lived it, breathed it." Perfectly imperfect characters are my favorite, and Roman "Bane" Protsenko fits right into that category. He may have a bad boy reputation, but deep down he is a good person. The heroine, Jesse, recognizes this right away, and it endeared her to me from the beginning. Plenty of people would have been judgemental of Bane, but she just saw him for who he was to her.

Jesse Carter suffered not one but three traumatic events in her young life. To top it off, she was gifted with a horrible mother that cares only about herself to the point where she shamed Jesse for being raped and did her best to sweep it under the rug to avoid gossip. Bane comes into Jesse's life in a fucked up way, but it winds up being the best thing that ever happened to her.

Her slumped shoulders looked like broken wings; her overcast eyes were where your soul went to fucking die."

Bane sparked something in Jesse that that grew until it burned bright enough to drown out the darkness that surrounded her, but what I loved about this story is that Jesse took charge and was largely responsible for her happy ending. Bane supported Jesse, loved her, and helped her, but he didn't save her. She did that herself.

"The princess saves herself in this fairytale."

The same thing goes for Bane. Jesse made him see that he was worth more than a quick fuck for some cash. He wasn't like his father, and he didn't need to pay for his sins. Ultimately though, Bane himself made the decision to change his life and become someone greater than he thought he deserved to be.

"My heart felt like two pieces locking back together into something whole."

Did my most anticipated read of 2018 live up to my expectations? Hell yes! Leigh always does! She's my favorite contemporary romance author for a reason. Her writing is exquisite, and I fall harder for her everytime I read more of it. She manages to captivate me with even the simplest descriptions of ordinary things. The story's she creates give me all the feels, surpass my expectations, and always leave me wanting to read more from her.

If you haven't read an L. J. Shen novel before, do it! She's amazing! If you've read and enjoyed the other books in this series, then don't hesitate to pick up this one. When you're done, we can fangirl together! ðŸ™€ Finally, if you've already read Bane and the rest of the guys, put the All Saints High spin-off series on your tbr! The kids are supposed to be even wilder than their parents. I can't wait to find out!

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I was hesitant for a long while to read this book but then I decided that I needed closure for this series so I read BANE.

My ratings of the books in this series is as follows :

Vicious: 5 because I couldn't give 10 or more stars!

Defy: 3 stars

Ruckus: 2,5 stars

Scandalous: 2 stars

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1. The hero and the heroine end up being related to one another in a weird way. (view spoiler)[Her father f*cked his mother for a while and he became a kind of step-dad for him. As they were not married, he was not an official dad, but in theory he played the role of the step-dad for a while. So, her father was a step-dad for him for a while. (hide spoiler)]
2. The hero's mother f*cked the guy who her son's ex-girlfriend was in love with. (Trent in Book 3, Scandalous).
3. (view spoiler)[In this book, the hero's mum f*cks her son's best friend and in the end, she marries him (a guy who is a bit younger than her son - not judging, just saying). (hide spoiler)]
4. (view spoiler)[One of the rapists of the heroine sometimes came to their house to f*ck her mother (definitely judging and cursing). (hide spoiler)]

Do you see what I mean? So very complicated web of relations!

Not only the relationships but also the characters are very interesting!

First of all, our hero BANE is very colorful. He is a real piece of work!

1. He is a man-whore hero (literally " as he whores himself to women for money. He also had sex with men when he was hard on cash). There were times when he let guys suck his d*ck just to see if he likes it.
2. He is a tattooed bad boy hero, who is a liar, a con, a stoner and a drug dealer.
3. He is a shameless hero who likes public sex and surfing naked.

Our heroine JESSE is a victim of rape & assault

1. She was raped when she was a child and a virgin.
2. She was assaulted, beaten and gang-raped.

3. Her rapist boyfriend made a sex tape.

4. She was bullied, degraded and became a cast out at school after "The incident". Because she wasn't allowed to sue the rapists, she was known as the town slut who was involved in an orgy.

5. After school, she starts to live like a recluse, she doesn't allow anyone to touch her, she doesn't go out of the house much. She has no friends, no job etc.

One day, Jesse's step-father Darren makes an arrangement with BANE so that he helps her get out of her shell and it spirals out from then on!

Things I hated about the book:

1. The hero: He was literally an exaggeration of a bad boy. I didn't hate Bane, I just hated how Ms Shen exaggerated the "bad-boy" concept in this book!

As we loved Vicious despite his evil side, the writer must have thought, "The worse the better". Nope, this was too much!

2. The way sex starts and develops between the hero & the heroine

As a victim of rape, she wanted to stay untouched for a long while. Now she wants Bane and begs for it. And the first time she wants to have it with him, she wants it too hard. She doesn't want gentle, she doesn't want mercy and she wants him to maul her. That was weird!

All sex scenes between the hero & the heroine later on were awful in my opinion; they were all devoid of emotions but heavy on pounding!

Oh oh, one more thing: When they start having sex, they do it bare and she doesn't even ask for a health report, never thinking about the STDs he might have.

3. I also hated the way it was emphasized in the book that Bane & Jesse were a good match because both were tainted.

Unlike Ms Shen, I do not think that a girl who has been raped more than once and more than one

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person deserves a man-whore or someone worse. She still deserves a decent person because what she went through doesn't taint her, it doesn't make her any less good. She is not worthless, she is still precious "as precious as her heart goes."

Here, she is matched with a guy who is the worst of the worst: A con, a liar, a stoner, a drug dealer and a man-whore who has sex with women (and men if necessary) for money. I didn't like this match because of its implication that he was the kind of guy who would accept her.

Well, there are a few things that are good about Bane, of course; he is not a bad person but he has chosen bad ways to survive whereas Jesse went through horrible things that were not by her choice. However, this difference is not emphasized; instead, their being a good match is emphasized!

But Bane didn't care.

He screwed for a living, for God's sake.

No wonder he was the only one here to accept me.

I would have preferred a hero who was a decent person and who thought Jesse was a precious woman he wanted to be with no matter what she went through because they were all out of her will.

Well, for your information and for what it is worth, BANE doesn't sleep with anyone else after he falls for Jesse and he quits his job.

The things I liked in the book:

1. I am happy that the evil was punished in one way or the other in the end.
2. □ ?
3. □ ?
4. □ ?
5. □ ?

I will fill in the blanks when I can think of any other things I liked about it.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

Everything was way too predictable from the very beginning, we just wait for Jesse to remember what we already guess.

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The book gets better only in the last quarter. Until then, it is slow and dragging. Maybe because I couldn't relate to the characters, I felt bored most of the time.

In the last quarter, after she remembers, things get interesting and there is some action.

I was only invested in the story to see if the rapists would get what they deserved or not. Otherwise, I would have dropped the book in the middle.

Well, I would have preferred something harsher like castration or something else for the rapists but well, what we got is better than nothing at least!

There is an epilogue about a year later with a HEA. I also read the extended epilogue that I got by e-mail.

Do I recommend the book?

Although I have given it 3 stars out of 5, I would not recommend this book to anyone. I just read it for the silly hope of maybe finding something to like in it because this was something from the writer of Vicious – a book that I adored. However, after trying 6 books of this writer, I now understand that (better late than never), it was a one time deal because no other books of this writer did it for me.

Now I can easily say that I have given this writer more than enough chances for the sake of Vicious and that was the last chance.

P.S. In this book, Bane is compared to Vicious and said to be Vicious's heir or something like that. Ha ha, I say "Bullsh*t!" and LMAO!

However, there is something interesting I should say:

I liked Bane more than Dean and Trent. Actually, I hated Dean & Trent but I obviously didn't hate Bane. I just didn't like him enough.

Well, just putting that information here if it helps...

SOME QUOTATIONS FROM THE BOOK:

Some impressive moments:

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I was quiet.
I was nice.
I was different.
I was evil.
No one knew.
No one suspected.
Still waters run deep.
My only regret is that you drowned in my sins.

“You need to leave me with something!” she called out.
“I am,” I said, yanking the door open. “I’m leaving you with the consequences of your actions.”

“Jesse, I am going to ask you for something very important now. Don’t forgive me.”

Ever been punched in the face? I had. Plenty of times. The first few seconds, you’re disoriented. Not really sure what time of the day it is. Where you are. That’s what Jesse smelled like. Like a punch in the fucking face.

“Dad was right about one thing, Roman. The princess saves herself in this fairytale.”

“What’s the antonym of hate?” I blurted, drunk on pleasure.
He collapsed to his couch, cupping the joint with his thumb and forefinger and sucking hard.
“Jesse.”

Something funny:

“Hmm. Pity party. Thanks for the invite, Jesse, but I’m busy tonight.”
“You’re an asshole.” I sighed.
“Tell me something I don’t know.”
“Sean Connery wore a toupee in all his James Bond movies,” I said.

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"Where have you been all my life?" Told in dual POV, Bane offers a complex plot with raw beauty in every moment. The lyrical writing of Ms. Shen never fails to amaze me. The secondary characters enhance the story greatly as their love and disdain for the main characters infiltrates every fragment of the plot. Both Bane and Jesse are perfectly matched and despite their differences and history, the journey they take together is one that I will never forget.

Overall, I highly recommend Bane to anyone who enjoys a charming anti-hero who falls in love with the most unlikely heroines. L.J. Shen has and always will be a go-to author for me. Her commitment to her characters and the world in which they live emanates so completely that I feel as though I have been transported to another world. A world in which I never want to leave. When Ms. Shen is writing, my Kindle and I are ready to read!!!!

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Jesse Carter is over boys. After a rocky two years that turned her life upside down, she’s content with having a very private and lonely life. But her quiet life is about to get really loud when the resident bad boy enters the picture. How far will Bane go to get Jesse back to being normal? What happens when two people who were never meant to be more, becomes more to each other.

“He was cracking my heart with every touch, shattering it with every smile, and it didn’t make any sense because how could he break something that was already broken?”

They say that there are certain people who come into your life for a reason. I think that this was

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absolutely true in this case for Bane and Jess. There was so much tragedy and heartache that these two went through not only separately, but together. Bane was everything that you couldâ€™ve wanted in a friend, a son, and a lover. He was loyal, loving, and protective and it showed in every action he did.

This book broke my expectations on another level. I knew it was going to be good because letâ€™s be real right now: this author can write! What I wasnâ€™t expecting was to fall so deeply and madly in love with these characters. Theyâ€™ve imprinted their lives into my soul and Iâ€™m so happy I got the chance to witness the love, sacrifices and hurt in order for them to reach their true destination. HAPPINESS.

I will never forget this book or these characters and that is something I donâ€™t say lightly.

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Broken Lover Yes I Made You

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Such an unexpectedly emotional read. I loved it, and I’m so happy this author didn’t pull any punches with the finale to this series. She kept it real and raw. So good.

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New Sinner.

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“I don’t think you understand, Snowflake. You don’t have any say in this shit. I’m going to help you whether you want my help or not. And I’m willing to punch every face in Todos Santos if it makes you feel safer, my own included...”

Okay, I need to warn you that this story deals with rape and an innocent rape victim who has chosen to disappear inside herself and away from other people instead of fighting back and punishing her attackers. The attackers are still free in Todos Santos. They are successful, happy, guilty-free while Jesse is treated like she is the town’s whore.

She does not want to live. She does not want to love.

“You can’t be afraid of love, my dear. It’s like being afraid of death. It is inevitable.”

Until one day a catalyst appears out of the blue. Bane will be offered money by her stepfather in order to bring her back to life. Bane is used to sell his body for money and favours, so he will take this challenge.

“What would it take for you to have coffee with me?” He breathed hard, picking up where we’d left off. Last time, I told him he’d need to save my life.

I guess he just had.

“For you to tell me why you want to do this.”

“I need to fix you,” he said, his greens on my blues.

To. Fix. You.

Jesse will bounce back and Bane will lose his heart in the process.

“If you get into this girl’s life, you cannot leave without a trace. You know that. Right,

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Roman?â€•

For the first time after her rape, Jesse will be the one who initiates things with a boy - although Bane resists, maybe for the first time in his slutty life.

â€œKiss me.â€•

â€œNo.â€•

â€œWhy?â€•

â€œI told you why. You deserve better than a bastard like me.â€•

â€œBut youâ€™re my bastard.â€•

I tsked. â€œIâ€™m everyoneâ€™s bastard, Jesse, and therein lies the problem.â€•

But more dirty secrets will be revealed. Jesse has been abused again before. When she remembers and when she finds out that moreover Bane has been playing her, it will be Jesse's turn to save herself.

â€œYouâ€™re poisoned. Sheltered. Yet, youâ€™re no Snow White. Wanna know why?â€•

â€œWhy?â€•

â€œSnow White waited for the prince. Youâ€™ll be the one saving yourself in this story.â€•

It is time for Bane to do some serious grovelling. And to take back his place in Jesse's life.

â€œThe queen is the most powerful piece,â€• he hissed. â€œDonâ€™t let the pawns bring you down.â€•

I wanted to ask him if he was my king.

Because I knew how to play chess very well.

But the answer was crystal clear to me.

Roman â€˜Baneâ€™ Protsenko was my knight. The piece of the chess game that needed to be moved sooner than the pawns, the bishops, and the queens.

This book is a complete standalone. Vicious makes a cameo appearance, but he does not have an important role besides introducing Bane to Jesse's stepfather.

The author can definitely write about the most mouth-watering bastards who will redeem themselves at the end and kneel for their women.

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I was captivated for the very start. Having met Bane previously, I was fascinated with his transformation. He was dark and gritty and ruthless and yet when it came to Jesse, he saw something more than he'd ever realized. He was never going to be the good guy next door, but maybe that was exactly what Jesse needed. Watching their relationship play out kept me fervently flipping the pages with a large dose of angst taking up residence in my throat.

If you're new to LJ Shen, this is a perfect starting point. This standalone is a prime example of Ms. Shen's talent and it will introduce you to the other characters those of us die hard Shen fans have grown obsessed with.

I voluntarily read an ARC of this book. ...more

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Jesse, she broke my heart. She went through so much pain in her life and was still dealing with that when this book opened up. She could have given up on life and I would have completely understood. But then Bane was there to give her the kick in the ass that she needed to get out and live her life again. I loved that he wasn't easy on her, he understood her worries and helped her as much as he could but he wouldn't let her hide. Seeing him bring out that tough side Jesse kept hidden was the best part of this story and why I loved it.

Once Jesse started to open up more we got to see a completely different side to her. That new side also brought amazing banter between her and Bane that I loved. I felt like it really showed that their connection was more than him wanting to fix her. Because in the end he gave her the tools but she was the one that fixed herself.

Bottom line, this is now one of my favorite LJ Shen books and a book I highly recommend reading. I would say it could be read as a standalone since there are only a few small cameo's from previous characters but nothing that would confuse you or spoil anything.

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