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Sometimes love is more than tragedy or bliss.

Ambitious 22-year-old Lexie Waters is intent on taking the advertising world by storm. When she's offered the soon to be open position she's been vying for at a swanky advertising agency, there's only one last summer separating her from dreams of corporate success. Still bitter from catching her boyfriend cheating, she heads out for a night of fun to see her favorite band, Devil's Garden, but fun turns into utter embarrassment when she insults the enticingly confident lead singer, Van Sinclair. Van is intrigued by Lexie's ability to resist his charm and secretly obtains her cell number. Shocked but eager to get to know this captivating rocker, Lexie accepts Van's invitation to see his next show, which requires an overnight stay. The overwhelming feelings that follow take them both by surprise, and with two months left before starting her sought after new position, Lexie joins the tour. As she's catapulted into the world of groupies and wild parties, she questions Van's commitment to her. So what happens at summer's end when time runs out?

## **Blissful Tragedy Details**

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# **From Reader Review Blissful Tragedy for online ebook**

**Lustful Literature says**

**\*\*JOSIE'S REVIEW\*\***

**\*3.5 Stars\***

So I really, really love me some Rock Star books (I mean hello Rock Star) and I thought ohhh this is going to be good. If you are into insta-love, and romance than this is your book. The story is well written and flows nicely but it was a different read from the Rock Stars books I have read in the past. It focused more on the couple and not the ugly of stardom.

Lexie Waters recently graduated from Lakeview University with a business degree. She has landed her dream job in an advertising company that starts after the summer. Lexie is also recovering from a broken heart after catching her boyfriend, Jesse cheating on her. She goes with her sister Sydney and her best friend Brooke to Devil Garden's concert in her school. After meeting Van Sinclair back stage and having a genuine heart to heart talk, they both walk away knowing there is special about each other.

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**"I'm not mad, I'm flattered....and technically its morning."**

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Lexie agrees to spend the summer touring with Van and his band. She becomes friends with one of the bandmates Marcus and his wife Jenna. Jenna helps Lexie deal with the ups and downs of being in a relationship with a rock star. These two girls are fun to read about. They take the time to get to know one another and help each other while standing on the side lines. Of course things are not easy being on the road, including watching groupies throw themselves at Van. Lexie struggles with her insecurities and trust issues due to her past relationship. So this is where I thought I really wanted to hurt her, at times I felt she was immature and was not as giving as Van was on their relationship.

I loved Van he knew what he wanted, and that was Lexie. Van was so understanding, caring, loving and attentive to all her needs. He put his time with Lexie first and did not always give into the rock star life. He knows what Lexie has gone through and he made sure she knew what he wanted.

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**"I want you and only you and I want you all to myself. That's how I feel and exactly what I want."**

Of course there are bumps along the road for the couple. It is hard to put your girlfriend first when your band is the only family you know. I really was hoping this couple would not break up and they could balance their relationship, even under public scrutiny.

**"It looks like I won't be able to make it to Savannah. Lexie are you there? Please say something? I**

**promise I'll make it up to you. If it was only me I would blow it off, but I can't let the guys down. They depend on me."**

**"Well guess what? You let me down instead. I left my family, my friends, my life to travel with you for months. I would drop anything for you, I'd do anything, and you can't even keep your word to be here for me the one time I ask? If I can't count on you what do we have?"**

We watch this couple fight to stay together, and when the summer ends Lexie is left with having to choose between her heart and her dream job. Lexie is a strong person and this decision weighed heavy on her because she worked so hard to get this far in life. The couple has to decide what is the best for them, and try to make things work. Neither one is willing to walk away from the other. Now you have to ask yourself, will Lexie give up her dream or will she follow heart? Will Van want to have a long distance relationship or is he willing to let her leave her dream and watch from the side lines? I will tell you I was not sure what to expect at this point because Lexie worked hard to get this position, just as she fought for her and Van. You read how hard it is for her to come to the right decision for her. I felt a pang in my chest because either way you put it she knew she had to give something she loves up.

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## **Tracy Wilkin says**

Blissful Tragedy is a book by Amy L Gale. This is the first book I have read by this author, and as always, the excitement of something new is high.

Breathless is what Lexi feels while gazing up at Van Sinclair singing on stage at a Devil's Garden concert. She is attending with her sister, Sydney and her best friend, Brooke. They all have passes to get backstage after the concert. Once she lays eyes on him up close, in the flesh, she immediately blurts out that she is not a groupie and she won't sleep with him. She thinks she has totally blown their first meeting, but she seems to intrigue Van, so they go for a walk to get to know one another. Meeting him is an experience she will never forget, and she cannot stop thinking about him. He somehow manages to get her number and daves his to her phone, and textes her as she is drifting off to sleep.

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Van sends her a ticket to his next show and tells her he wants to spend some time on the beach to get to know her more. The standard of this book is extremely high, the characters are easy to follow, the story an addictive one. I am really excited to get to know them more. This build up is incredibly alluring and ultimately intoxicating.

Their first kiss on the beach is sultry, with a promise of things to come. The kiss is so potent, it leaves Lexie weak in the knees. She tries to keep it light, thinking that an inevitable broken heart is in her future. Lexie doesn't have faith that their fledgling relationship can progress into something meaningful, as Van is always on the road and infidelity is a very real risk. She does not want him to use, then lose her. (Borrowed that line).

When Van invites Lexie to tour with him for a few months before she starts work, she is wary. But her excitement and craving to be with him far outweighs any hesitation she may have. Life on a tour bus is..... cozy. But behind the scenes with the band at concerts is ethereal. It is an amazing experience that Lexie will cherish always. Van is Rock God personified. His allure and hotness is magnified when he is onstage. ?Lexie has a hard time containing herself. Sexiness just oozes off him and she simply cannot get enough. Lexie worried about the meet and greet with fans after each concert. Can reassures her she is his only. The

fans are just that, fans.

The author's depiction of these characters is brilliant. It is honest, no holds barred thrilling and believable. It feels just like I would imagine it is to be in the thick of the world of rock stars and celebrity life. But the fairytale is not without it's villains. Between a clingy ex and crazy groupies, Lexie and Van's road to bliss is bumpy and full of roadblocks. Lexie loses the plot and goes animal when she catches Van in a compromising position on the bus after a gig. She questions whether she made the right decision in going on tour, whether she can handle the constant temptation being thrown at Van, or whether she can trust him. But when she asks herself if she can walk away, she has her answer. After Van promises that nothing happened with the groupie and would never cheat on her, she knows that she cannot be without him and lays that experience to rest. "You're different. Everything with you is different. If anything ever happened, I wouldn't be devastated. I'd be ecstatic to spend forever with you."

The chemistry between Van and Lexie is lascivious. You can practically feel the intense longing they feel for each other in the air you are breathing. Like you share that air with them. Reading their story is simply a divine experience.

"I'm dying to go where no woman's ever been before."

"It wouldn't be the first time you've done that." He lifts my chin and sucks on my bottom lip, taking my hand and leading me forward

Their loving is frenzied, drunk on passion as they constantly explore one another. Their rapture with each other only increasing, sizzling off the pages in ecstasy. Van and Lexie head to Van's house for a break from touring, and Lexie falls in love even more. Van's house is a picture. It is isolated, roomy and there is nobody but them. She especially loved the porch swing. Curling up with Van and a coffee is Lexie's idea of bliss.

"Make your decision, but remember, whichever bed you make is the one you have to lie in."

Now it's time for Van to face the firing squad. Lexie's parents. It goes surprisingly well, with Van holding his own. Lexie's parents can see the love they have for each other, as well as the determination to be together, so accept Van into their daughter's life.

Serenades and sexiness is Van Sinclair. He creates such an unquenchable thirst in Lexie, that she is hopeless without him. Then she pulls a Yoko. The band has an almighty row over Van's decision to honour his promise to Lexie and in doing so, missing out on the performance that could launch their career sooner than expected. But all ends well and band decisions in the future will be discussed with everyone. Juggling both their careers and their lives together is proving difficult.

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What a fantastically epic book! The intensity was there from the very start, and just kept increasing until the blistering end. I had a feeling I was in for a treat with this story. Let me just say that this book went so far beyond my hopes and expectations, I just do not know how to describe it. I could not put it down. The kindle becoming an extension of my arm.

Amy L gale cast a spell on me. Blissfully Tragedy, a true treasure. This book had more than it all. Romance by the tonne, drama bountiful, ecstasy aplenty, and so much more than I can possibly mention in this review. I am just blissfully joyous that I found Amy L Gale. And now, I am blissfully awaiting her next marvel.

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## Sophie Koufes says

Blissful Tragedy is a rock star romance with a Romeo & Juliet ambience. This rock and roll romance captures the essence of life on the road. Lexie & Van have undeniable chemistry with intense love. Character's are engaging & keep you entertained. A novel brimming with sexy, sassy, dreamers, blended

with innocence all rolled into one stormy read.

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## **Ralph Sesma says**

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Van and Lexie made this book a wonderful story that I really enjoyed I loved the ending that was so sweet!

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## **Swoon Worthy says**

### ***Angela's 4 Star Review***

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I loved Van he's not your typical rock god, he was sweet, caring, and a down to earth guy. Lexie at times I wanted to scream at her for her ways, at times she was selfish always putting herself first and a bit whiny.

When she finally decided to let her guard down, her softer side appeared and she became the girl you could fall in love with.

Blissful Tragedy is the debut novel for Amy L Gale, I think she did an excellent job. The story has passion, love, turmoil, and also thrown in some sexy rock gods. If your looking for a sweet fun read I would definitely check this one out, another plus it's a stand alone no awful cliffhangers.

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## **Clara Harding says**

Blissful Tragedy is the first Novel from the Break Out Author Amy L. Gale and she has truly hit the ball out of the park with this one. Right from the start the tale of Lexie and Van swept me up and without me even realising it I had read for 8 hours straight, going along with their roller-coaster of a story which has me rooting for their relationship right from the start!

Lexie is a brilliant, well thought character that I am sure a lot of young women can emulate with. She has just walked away from her cheating ex, who she gave everything to and got nothing in return other than false promises and excuses, his ultimate betrayal leads to her finding him in bed with another woman. Wounded but not broken she now has the Summer to herself and is going to favourite Rock Band - Devil's Garden, in concert. Her best friend, Brooke is her rock and is pushing her to get past her cheating ex who has let her heart in tatters but even though he is arrogant enough to think she cannot do any better than him - he is in for one Hell of a Surprise. Lexi cannot believe she has scored back stage passes to the concert, a gift from her sister, Sydney who is going to be married in a few months. As the trio (Lexi, Brooke and Sydney) go to the concert to have a good time, little does she know that opening her mouth before thinking what she's saying, is going to open up a world of possibilities with the one man she never thought it possible to catch his eye.

Enter the Sex God Front Man of the band known as Devil's Garden - Van Sinclair. Van is one fine specimen of a man with the drop dead sexy body which drives women wild! He has the hardest.....abs going and one hell of a manhood that plenty of a woman has shared during his many one night stands, for him Love doesn't exist because beneath his charm, charisma, confidence and love 'em and leave 'em attitude lies a man who is wounded, a man who doesn't let people in because he feels they only want him for his fame, his looks, his status. When he meets Lexi at a backstage event he is instantly drawn to her, but she makes it clear she wants nothing from him - who is this woman? From that moment on Van sets out to do what he always said he wouldn't - Fall in Love. But will it all end in heartbreak?

With Lexi's New Job looming and the Tour ending just what does the future hold for them - that is the Million Dollar Question - But just who is going to give?

I really enjoyed this book and if this is how good Amy L.Gale is at writing in her first book, I truly look forward to see just exactly what is to come next and into the distant future. Her attention to detail is brilliant and the sex scenes are realistic, unlike others within this Genre. An all round 5 star book that will heat up your evenings and hook you leaving you wanting more. This is a stand alone novel but there is room for so much character development and you can easily see how this could turn into a series.....There are so many scenarios I would love to read about the future of the different characters, the extension of certain plot lines and just where certain people end up.

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## **Janee says**

### **Needs a break from time to time**

A good story. It reads to quick from event to the next without any indication that it on to the next day, or place.

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## Chris says

I loved the chemistry between the characters and it made me want to take off and go on tour with a band. Very well written. Being with a rocker isn't all it's cracked up to be, but what is? If you love hot rockers and fantasize about what it would be like to be with one, this book is for you.

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## Staphysagria says

OMG. I'm glad I made it to the end. In the beginning the dialogues were rather stilted, it gave the impression the characters were reading them off a script. The dialogues became more authentic at around 40 % of the book.

The last straw for me to almost quit reading was after having read loads of cursive inner monologue of our female lead professing her deep and all consuming love for her "gallant rock god" (quote) only to cause a dramatic scene the moment he has to decide between a one time chance for a prestigious gig for his band and the obligation to turn up as her arm candy for her sister's wedding.

I read to the end just to find out how she managed to dig herself out of that hole again. And again it was her miraculous boyfriend who quit his mates for her.

Sorry, but the whole affair reminded me of teenage dreams about Prince charming. And the male MC was as realistic as the proverbial Prince on the white steed.

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Can two people who are complete opposites and come from a different world, make an impossible relationship work?

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I loved Van he's not your typical rock god, he was sweet, caring, and a down to earth guy. Lexie at times I wanted to scream at her for her ways, at times she was selfish always putting herself first and a bit whiny. When she finally decided to let her guard down, her softer side appeared and she became the girl you could fall in love with.

Blissful Tragedy is the debut novel for Amy L Gale, I think she did an excellent job. The story has passion, love, turmoil, and also thrown in some sexy rock gods. If your looking for a sweet fun read I would definitely check this one out, another plus it's a stand alone no awful cliffhangers.

*"My world changed the moment I met you. I never knew what was missing. Everything's better when you're here and nothing's right without you. I never feel as good as I do when you're by my side or as bad as I do when you're away from me."*

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## **Shanoff Reads says**

I was provided a copy of this book by the author through Crazy Daisy Book Whore's blog on Facebook for an honest review.

Okay I had to give this book three stars because it just lacked a whole lot. The idea and story were pretty good but there were too many cons for me to make a real connection with this book. I will start off with the things that did not click for me.

I found myself really hating the female lead Lexie. She is a little to whiny, selfish, self absorbed and sometimes an outright childish bitch. I did like somethings about her like who she was when she was around Van, but sometimes they were a little suffocation when they were together. I liked that she had a very strong will to use her degree and try to make her career work before dropping her life for a man she just met. Having said that I hated the way her career played out. It just didn't work for me and neither did the way she acted at work. Another thing that did not work for me was the pace of the book. It seemed to dwell on insignificant things rather than where the story would eventually head. It jumped from one thing to the next pretty fast and the only real thing that went in depth was...well I will get into that during the pros ;).

Van Sinclair is the epitome of rocker when we are first introduced but then his rocker persona quickly shifts from manwhore to love sick puppy. Which don't get me wrong is nice when it is executed properly, but after a first meet he is hooked. It never really elaborated on why he was so drawn to her other than he wanted what he couldn't have.

Okay okay okay...enough of the cons because those just drag me down and I really hate to harp on things...now time for the pros.

The sexual chemistry between Van and Lexie as awesome. I loved the sex scenes as they were very believable and were written pretty well. I do think a little more description wouldn't hurt them, but they are pretty steamy the way they are. There are quite a bit of steamy sex scenes between them. I do love the devotion that Van shows toward Lexie and the one she shows towards him when her head isn't shoved up her ass. I liked that Van was very protective of her and wanted to keep her safe. I also loved the friendship

between Jenna and Lexie and how it grew throughout the story. I did like the fact that Devil's Garden band wasn't your typical drug, sex and alcohol band and the members seemed to be okay. I am definitely a fan of the way it ended.

If you like rocker romance then this book is right up your alley. I just didn't connect with it, but that doesn't mean that you won't. I looked at some other reviews of people that really raved and loved it, but it just wasn't for me.

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**Coralee Corrigan says**

Amazing read .cant wait for the next book .

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