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BOOK SEVEN IN THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING RANDOM SERIES:

I guzzled another flute of Champagne and froze, the liquid in my throat, waiting to be swallowed.

Tyler was here.

We'd met a few times before, in passing. He was the substitute bass player for the band; I was the lead guitar player's girlfriend's best friend. In that weird sort of social circle thing where Venn diagrams get laid over different groups, Tyler and I were bound to be in the crossover once in a while.

He looked so hot. Short brown hair. A few days of beard. Bright green eyes that were more guarded than a Russian mobster's. He was sleeved, the colorful tattoos a tapestry, but every time I met him I couldn't quite see them. We only saw each other in dark concert halls, or tonight, under the stars.

He gave Sam a rare smile and a hearty handshake, forearm muscles bulging. I wondered what it would be like to have those hands on me. My fingers tracing those tats. Listening to him tell me the story of his body while he forgave mine.

Forgave it for failing me.

I shook my head fast to banish the thoughts that drew me into places so dark they became black holes of the soul. The gravity of trauma had a way of sucking all the good into it, and tonight I wasn't going to let that happen. The opposite, in fact.

Tonight I was going to sleep with Tyler.

He didn't know it yet, but that was okay. He would. Soon.

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Random on Tour: Los Angeles is the 7th book in the New York Times bestselling Random series, the ongoing story of the up-and-coming rock band, Random Acts of Crazy. When the band's bass player, Joe Ross, gets injured in an unfortunate sex act that gains nationwide coverage, it's tatted-up Tyler (aka "Frown") to the rescue for their first big concert.

There's only one problem: the morning of his flight to L.A. he wakes up to find someone's stolen all his money, his bass, his ID, and his pride. When he shows up at Maggie's doorstep to ask her to drive him from their hometown of St. Louis all the way to L.A., these two damaged people learn quickly that being independent doesn't always mean being free...

Warning: This book deals with the very difficult topic of sexual assault and rape, and I've taken great care to address this with the sensitivity and respect it deserves.

None of the scenes in the book contain sexual violence, though the characters do tell their stories of past sexual violence. None of those descriptions is graphic or gratuitous. This book is about hope and healing, but the characters do have past trauma that they discuss.

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Melissa says

One of my faves this year, hands down!

EvilAntie Jan says

Riveting and Gut Wrenching

We are all survivors. Here we meet two victims who become survivors and ultimately become winners - for true love and self fulfillment win. This was heart wrenching and at time painful to read-only yet the salvation and joy brings both the readers and characters to an incredible victory of the heart.

Sylvie says

The band has been called to LA to open for another band. But, there are issues getting everyone there. Tyler (Frown) and Maggie end up on a road trip that brings them closer together and allows both of them to handle some demons.

This book had some very volatile topic matter on it. I think the author handled it quite well and with sensitivity. The characters were given the time to think and explore what they needed to and come to their own conclusions and decisions.

Christina Montminy says

As I was reading this book I thought I'd read it before but I can't find a review of it in my file & I know I would've done one for this book. As well as all the hilarious shenanigans in this series Julia Kent always puts something deeper in her books & this one's no different. Maggie is trying to get her life back, she wants to be whole again after a brutal attack 7 yrs ago. She wants to try again with backup band member Tyler(aka...Frown) but for some reason he keeps pushing her away. Tyler has had a rough upbringing with an alcoholic father, dead mother & now a junkie brother. When his big chance comes his brother tries to destroy it by rolling him for everything while he slept, but he's not going down without a fight. He goes to Maggie for help, a ride cross country to California where the band is about to open for a huge band. What happens along the way is hilarious, sad & down right heartbreak but what starts between these two as unsure friends turns into the real thing. Definite recommend.

Aileen Marie says

This was my all time favorite one of this series so far.

Nurse Lisa In Ohio (PRN Book Reviews) says

holy wow! loved it! 4.5 *'s!

Kek219 says

This story wrecked me and I loved it.

While I strongly recommend reading the Random Acts series since the story is set in the same universe, it can be read as a stand-alone. Both of the main characters, Maggie and Tyler, have traumatic pasts which color how they deal with each other and those around them. Through a series of events, Maggie ends up driving Tyler from Missouri to California. Needless to say all those hours together, as well as a shared bad candy incident, lead to revelations both expected and unexpected.

I've read everything Ms. Kent has published and 'Random on Tour: Los Angeles' is hands down my favorite. Don't miss it.

I received an advanced copy of the anthology that included this story for an honest review

Amy says

This is Maggie and Tyler's (Frown's) story. They both have troubled pasts. She has a supportive and loving family, went to college and was gang-raped. He has no supportive family, dad is a criminal/drunk in and out of jail, his younger brother is a junkie willing to steal from his family for his next fix. He comes from the streets, trusts none and talks as little as possible, he feels words get him in trouble. He needs to get out of LA for the random acts of crazy concert in 2 days without ID, his brother stole all his stuff including his wallet, he can't fly, take a train or rent a car. Carla convinces Maggie to help Tyler and drive him across the country in 2 days. They have lots of time to talk and heal and visit many rest stops after eating tainted gummy bears. This story is well written with respect to those that have experienced sexual abuse with a side of tasteful humor. I read this when it was released in the Sweet Seduction box set, reread to write review. I love reading this author's books, have read all of them. They are well written and full of emotional and humorous moments.

ValerieC says

This book title has been entered as:

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on Amazon and on the author's web site. Goodreads has it numbered as Book 6 because 'Randomly Ever After' is a novella of about 50 pages and so it is not counted as a primary book and was thus numbered as Book #4.5.

I read this before in a previously published anthology or one of those 1001 Nights books (I forget which, and don't want to take the trouble to research it right now). Anyway, be advised so you don't buy it twice since whoever listed this book (incorrectly) didn't let people know that this is re-published. Also, the author didn't mention it even though she sends out emails promoting her books. Boo... one star off.

This is a fun story about one of the band member's girlfriend's girlfriend, and how she helps substitute bass player Frown get to Los Angeles for a concert after he was robbed of all his money and property.

Aunt Bee says

UN-FREAKIN-BELIEVABLE

Julia is a genius.

She takes a serious topic and weaves a beautiful love story, interspersed with band member crazy, a road trip that's the shit and two broken people who find courage to build a foundation of lasting love.

1 click for yourself and 1 click a gift to a friend.

Julia thank you for a beautiful story and the humor that caught me off guard. I was holding back so hard I was wheezing like a cartoon character laugh.

Lord have mercy, my neighbors must think I'm as crazy as loon. That will remind me never to get caught on my front porch reading one of your books again.

circumspect4 says

I feel in love with Julia Kent's Random Acts Series from book 1, Random Acts of Crazy. She writes with such humor and compassion. I was reading this book while waiting for an appointment and I was hysterically laughing out loud and people were probably thinking I was definitely there to see a shrink. Okay, drum roll please.....

My review:

This is Maggie's and Tyler' story, written as Julia Kent does, with such amazing humor, passion, and makes you feel like you are apart of the story. Although, Maggie and Tyler came from different upbringings, they still have a past of trauma. Fate brings them together and they discover each others inner demons. Understanding, compassion and love is the only way both of them can overcome their pasts, but can Tyler really help Maggie or just hurt her more? You'll have to read the book to find out!!

Also, making an appearance in this book, Mavis the Chicken!!!, killer gummy bears, and Mr. Fluffer, the gerbil, all of which can only be connected to Darla, Joe & Trevor!!!

I absolutely loved this book and a great addition to the series!!!

Andrea says

Really enjoyed it

Loved this story about Maggie and Frown! It was great and funny but deep! I enjoyed it!! Their journey was hilarious!

Kristy Dean says

LOVED it. This is still in the same Random Acts Of Crazy theme and writing. I love how Julia Kent writes. I was given this as an arc for an honest review. All I have to say is that, "Julia Kent has done it again". She takes a hard topic to talk about and finds a way to bring love back to a person(s). Even when someone's past or present could be tough to deal with, she finds that one way to show everyone that there is someone(s) that is there for you. She allows a person to see pass the walls and start to build a better life. I cant wait for more from the Random Acts of Crazy crew.

Overview. Maggie has struggled for the last 7 years to over come being gang raped. She has now decided that she is ready to move forward and hopes Tyler aka "Frown" the fill in bass player for Joe on the Random Acts Of Crazy tour. But Tyler has his own past and present that he needs to overcome. The two are force to be in a car together, for two days of crazy road events, to get Tyler to LA for the tour. What will happen in two days, you must read and laugh your way to the bands tour in LA.

R.B. Austin says

"Random on Tour: Los Angeles" received 4 stars.

Sigh-worthy story. Heart-melting characters. Maggie and Tyler forever.

The novel gained *STARS* for these items:

* gained for: "The book caught my interest in first five pages."

* gained for: "I thought about the book when I was forced to set it down and re-enter society."

* gained for: "There were no info dumps, poor writing, or copy edit mistakes that jerked me out of the story."

* gained for: "I was sad when the book ended. I want more!"

The novel failed to gain stars for these items:

NO STAR gained for: "That's it. I'm hooked on this author I will automatically buy anything s/he writes."

Sandi Ramirez says

Tyler and Maggie's story I know had to be hard for Julia Kent to write but for me it is one that touched me the deepest. Who would have thought that deep down inside Frown (Tyler) would be this amazing tender young man who could reach out and heal Maggie from the horrible rape she went thru years before,

This book is not all about healing we get to know Maggie and Tyler on a whole other level and with all of Julia Kent books there are touches of humor in this one as well, just not as much as in most of her books. This is one of her must read books. In fact this is the second time I read it. I read it in the Sweet Seduction Boxed Set and again as it was released as a stand alone book. I have to have each of her books so I can go back and read them time and time again, THEY are SO Re-READABLE!
