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Kylie Scott returns with the highly anticipated follow-up to international bestseller *Lick*.

Mal Ericson, drummer for the world famous rock band Stage Dive, needs to clean up his image fast-at least for a little while. Having a good girl on his arm should do the job just fine. Mal doesn't plan on this temporary fix becoming permanent, but he didn't count on finding the one right girl.

Anne Rollins never thought she'd ever meet the rock god who plastered her teenage bedroom walls-especially not under these circumstances. Anne has money problems. Big ones. But being paid to play the pretend girlfriend to a wild life-of-the-party drummer couldn't end well. No matter how hot he is. Or could it?

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Donish Henry-Cole (BookItWithDon) says

4 'I love you, Mal' stars!!!!

He spun on his heel to face me, arms out wide. "Life's a song, Anne. Let's play."

After reading Lick I was hooked but while reading 'Lick,' I fell in love with Stage Dive's drummer, Mal. So, when I found out the second book was his story I nearly died of a heart attack and couldn't wait to continue to fall for the hilarious Mal.

In Play, we have Anne. Anna gets ditched by her bitch of a 'friend' leading Anna being roommate less, moneyless and practically homeless. Anna was in a hell of a situation, but that wasn't going to stop her from going to a party she was invited to. And yes, the party was no other than Ev and David Ferris' house party (*I didn't realize how much I missed them until they had little scenes! *sad face**!). Anne, was a fan of Stage Dive and had the biggest crush on of course my boyfriend, Mal (*seriously who doesn't?*). The only thing was that, her attending that party indeed ending up changing her life, forever.

"The point of me telling you my name, even when you already knew it, was so you'd give me yours. That's how these things go."

"You knew I knew?"

"The crazy eyes kinda gave it away."

"Oh."

A moment later, he groaned. "Never mind, this is taking too long. I'll just make one up for you."

"Anne."

"Anne, what?"

"Anne Rollins."

A brilliant grin lit his face. "Anne Rollins. See, that wasn't so tough."

The party changed her life in much more ways than one. The biggest one was the fact that Mal gave Anne a deal, and the deal was for her to be his fake girlfriend and in exchange, he will pay her rents and anything else she needed. Anne was nothing more than baffled that her last long crush wanted her to be his fake girlfriend but Anne wasn't dumb, she knew something was up, and she was willing to take the deal but also try and figure out why Mal wanted her as his fake girlfriend.

“Yes, pumpkin,” said Mal, his face deadly serious. “I am moving in with you.”
I cringed at the horrid nickname but chose to focus on the real concern for now. “When did we talk about this exactly?”
“Actually, you might have left by then. But it doesn’t change the facts.”

Side Note:

Dear Mal,

Anne is a sweetheart and a helper. All her life she's always had to be an adult and take care of her mother and her younger sister. She's strong, independent, witty, worries a lot but also knows how to go with the flow. She's someone I could see myself being friends with in real life (*clearly wouldn't happen because she took my man*). But, what made me adore her was the plain fact that she wasn't a typical whiny heroine and that she stood by Mal's side through their downs. She handled every situation maturely and wasn't petty whenever she was angry or hurt. She said what was on her mind and managed everything as it came.

“Promise me something,” I said.

“Sure.”

I stopped, smiled. “You didn’t even hesitate.”

“You’re pissed about something.” He leaned down, making our conversation private despite the packed room. “What’s wrong?”

“Promise me you won’t sleep with her.” I nodded to the beast in question.”

“I won’t sleep with her,” said Mal.

“And you won’t have sex with her either.”

He rolled his eyes.

“Just to clarify.”

“What’d she do to you, Anne?”

“She insulted me. But it’s fine.” I just needed to know she’d never get near him. Now my soul was at peace. “Carry on with your partying.”

Mal.. my crazy lovable don't take too seriously Mal. He was the highlight in 'Lick' for me and to be completely honest I was going to rate this a '3.5', but Mal (& David) are the reason why it was bumped up to a 4. I felt like the author didn't write this story to its full potential and it gets me a tad bit mad because, it's MAL but looking past that, I still adored the hell out of this story. Mal, made my heart melt and had me rolling on the floor with every crazy thing he said. We get to see Mal's problems get told, and I just want to hold him because when Mal's sad, I'm sad. I'm happy he had someone like Anne by his side. OH! Before I forget! What I loved about Mal in this story was the fact that we got to see his serious & jealous side. I was surprised to see it during this story because I just couldn't see Mal being serious or jealous but both of those sides were sexy.

**The slow curl of his lips made something hot and delicious unfurl deep in my stomach.
“Pumpkin, I’m always serious when it comes to you. Even when I’m messing around, I’m still serious as shit. Whatever you need, whatever I have to do. It’s been that way since we met. Haven’t you noticed yet? We’re fucking destined or something. I can’t help myself. It’s pathetic, really.”**

Now let's talk about Mal & Anne together!?!? They had me smiling and laughing the whole book. They balance each other out in every way and that's why they just meshed together. Anne was everything Mal wasn't, and Mal was everything Anne needed. I LOVE the fact that Anne was able to change Mal's moods and have him going crazy for her, and I LOVE how Mal allowed Anne to live life and loosen up. What they needed all their lives were each other. What they had was inspiring and heart warming AND hilarious.

“I FUCKING LOVE YOU, ANNE.”

“Yeah, okay. Shut up now.” David tried to slap a hand over Mal’s mouth.

“AAAAAAAANNNNNE!” My name was a long, drawn-out howling kind of noise, muffled at the last when David managed to cover his mouth. Muted grunts and snarling came next.

“God damn it,” swore David. “He just fucking bit me.”

“My love shall not be silenced!”

Oh my god. Oh my god. Can we talk about David for a second????? Whatever I'm going to anyways! I promise on everything I did not expect to miss David and Ev until they showed up in the story. He and Ev play a good amount of role in the story, and I'm so happy they do. I knew they'd appear in it but I thought it would be 'hi' & 'bye' type appearance but NOPE, they were in a lot of scenes being cuter than life itself. You even get to STILL see how much they are in love and how much David truly loves Ev (*fuck it, I'm rereading 'Lick'*).

“Love you, baby.” David kissed her back. “Love you too.” He whispered something in her ear. Something that made her giggle.

“We can’t—my parents are here. Later.”

David’s mouth turned downward.

That's another reason why I was going to rate this story a '3.5' because my mind kept switching to wishing it was Ev & David's story (I know I felt like I was cheating on Mal but David is still my husband so...). I LOVE how David was still a bad ass and Ev was still a darling. David appears a lot in this story because of course he's David, and he can do what he wants - he's Mal's best friend and just like Mal was there for David in 'Lick', David was there for Mal even though David wanted to punch Mal a few times. Their bromance is probably the cutest thing I've ever read, and I say that confidently. Mal, felt lonely because his best friend was married but no matter what, David was there for him even at his darkest times.

I pulled out my phone then hesitated. Ev had pissed me off, holding me up, but these people were also his family. They deserved to know he was still in one piece.

Anne: He's at the practice hall

Ev: Thank you

David Ferris strode in not fifteen minutes later. He nodded to me, then picked up a guitar and plugged it in. As the first strains of noise rang out Mal opened one eye and saw David standing opposite him. Nothing was said. Time moved by, both sluggish and swift at once. The two of them played for hours.

All in all, this was a fast read for me since I can't get enough of Mal and his humor. I'll probably end up rereading this in a few weeks and end up giving it '5' stars to be completely honest with you. Even though I've only read 2/4 of the books in this series, I am HIGHLY recommending everyone to read it! This book will have you laughing your head off at every single page, and I promise you that. Give it a try and thank me later (**no but seriously, thank me later because I know you will**) ;)

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Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – Play (Stage Dive #2)

Author – Kylie Scott

Publication Date – March 25, 2014

Type – No Cliffhanger Series

Genre – Romance/Humor

Rating – 5 out of 5 Stars

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Review

First things first....OMG OMG OMG.....I WANT MALCOLM!!

*whew...OK....now that's out of my system – I can continue on with my review – what a fucking fantastic book...we had EVERYTHING all wrapped up in a cute story....we had an abundance of humor, a strong heroine, a fucked up hero, a love triangle, a life changing incident, black-eye, broken bed, crazy eyes....all of these pulled at every emotion in me....but the one emotion I treasure the most is the laughing!!

Malcolm stole the show in this book....I hate to compare authors....but this one really reminded me of a

character in Tara Sivec's books – he was my favorite there.....and Malcolm is my favorite in this series. I really don't know how you are going to top him Ms. Scott....but then again after reading Lick – David was my favorite...so you might just surprise me yet!

I have to share with you a post from our BR thread – because Wendy swears it sums up the book -

This is one fucking fantastic book - Even better than Lick - Hands down Malcolm is my favorite in the Stage Dive Band members....you never know if he is serious or joking around.

I kinda thought the reason why he wanted Anne to be his pretend girlfriend was because of someone in his family wanting him to settle down....but for the book being so funny throughout...this is making my eyes water thinking about how sensitive and caring Malcolm really is.

Yeah - I got pissed at him when he forgot about Anne and was up on that skank...but then I loved how he dealt with Reese. Yes, he saw how Anne was being taken advantage of by her "so called" friends and Malcolm built up her self-esteem in order for her to create boundaries with others.

These two are most adorable couple and Anne wins hands-down the feisty, comical uber strong character. She knew from the beginning what she was getting in to and she didn't let that bring her down. She thought she would be left high and dry when the band went on tour...but still she gave it shot - putting her "future hurt heart" on the back-burner and lived in the "now".

I absolutely love this author....I love her style of writing - it's like she has the characters speaking directly to you - instead of telling a story line by line...I feel like I am part of their conversation.

Re-Cap

Everyone is worried about Malcom.....Annie just had her "so called" friend leave her high and dry without a penny.

Annie is forced to go to a party with her next door neighbor who is friends with Ev (from Lick) and the members of Stage Dive. There, she goes to take a call from her crush "Reese" (the man whore) and Malcolm who is hiding in the shadows hears the full conversation. He banters with her to the point of getting her so frustrated with him that she tells him directly where to go (even though she has lusted after his

posters since her teenage years).

The next day Malcolm shows up at her apartment all moved in with a great plan. She pretends to be his girlfriend and he will pay off her rent. Annie knows this is a bad idea given her lusty feelings toward Mal but agrees thinking it may just be what will set Reese off to finally settle down.

Annie gets more than she bargained for spending time with Mal – he makes her laugh, he makes her angry and he makes her live again.

I have to stop here...because there is no way that I am giving away the book...you will just have to read it for yourself – you will not be disappointed!

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SamJ ★Needs a HEA★ says

I loved Book one Lick.

And I loved this book! Even more!

Mal was so much more than he promised in Lick!

Mal and Anne meet at a party, Mal decided he liked Anne, and that he needs Anne (for reasons of his own) and Anne needs him. So he moves in and convinced Anne to be a pretend Girlfriend.

"You moved in with me somehow".....

"I know what you're gonna say, it's sooner than I thought too. But Davie threw me out today so I figured, why wait?"

I just blinked, the rest of me being too frozen to respond.

"Okay. Long story short, I accidentally saw Ev naked" He held up both hands protesting his innocence. "It was only side boob, I swear...But you know what he's like with her....Not my fault she was topless. Anyway, Davie went ballistic.....Harsh words were said. We may have even wrestled slightly. But I forgive him. Love makes you psycho, right?"

.....

"So you moved in with me?"

.....

"Anne, come on. We talked about this last night. If you were gonna have a problem with me moving in,

that was the time to bring it up, not now."

And that sets the tone for the book! Mal is a beautifully written character! His humour, his playful nature, his childlike vulnerability that comes through sometimes, his manic energy - all hiding something, a pain you occasionally get glimpses of!

And Anne was a great character too. She saw down to the real Mal, behind the famous drummer.

Together they were perfection, the chemistry, the banter between them was great.

And seeing more of the rest of the band, and how close they all are and support each other was beautiful!

It was a funny, sexy, at times a little sad, but hugely enjoyable read, that somehow manages to pass the brilliance of book one!

Emma Chase says

Can't decide if David or Mal is my favorite!!! Loved :))

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

***TANYA* says**

Mal was a hoot!!! I'm totally digging this series now.

***kawehi.reviews says**

A couple of my favorite quotes:

Mal- "*Hello, Anne's clitoris. It's me, Malcom, your lord and master.*"

- "*Oh, god, no.*" *I covered my face with my hands. "Please don't."* - Anne

Mal- "*Shh. This is a private conversation...*

*You're beautiful, Anne's pussy. Just beautiful. And I'm not mean like her. I'm on your side and I love you very much because you feel f#cking amazing wrapped around my d*ck."*

"You're a friend of Ev's and Lauren's. We talked. I tackled you. We rolled around on the floor together. It was a real bonding experience." - Mal

"Yeah. He's kind of a puppy on steroids. Doesn't even know his own strength." - Ev referring to when Mal tackled Anne to the floor. Describes him to a tee don't you think?

I Love you Mal!!♥♥

He's so funny when he nicknamed Evelyn, David's wife, "Childbride"! lol

Lisa says

You can read my full review at [Sinfully Sexy](#).

5 "Mal Loves Anne's Clitoris" Stars!

“Hello, Anne’s clitoris. It’s me, Malcolm, your lord and master.”

“Oh, god, no.” I covered my face with my hands. “Please don’t.”

“Shh. This is a private conversation.” He brushed hot feverish kisses up and down the lips of my sex. My stomach tensed so hard it hurt. “Look at you all pretty, pink and excited. Don’t worry, I’ll look after you.”

“If you don’t stop talking to my vagina I’m going to kill you.”

And...**BAM!** The above essentially sets the tone for what you are in for when it comes to *Play*, book two in Kylie Scott's Stage Dive series. What a fantastically funny, sexy and sweet ride Mal and Anne's story turned out to be. I loved every word and this book definitely solidified the fact that I am now whole-heartedly a fan-girl of this author. This series is turning out to be one of the best rock-star series yet!

Twenty-three year old Anne Rollins is in a huge predicament. Her bitch of a roommate has left her high and dry leaving her with some serious money issues. Anne has no idea how she will now be able to afford to pay rent and to also help her younger sister with college. When her neighbor from next door forces her to attend a party instead of allowing Anne to wallow in her misfortune, Anne has no idea that she will meet her teenage idol crush nor does she expect that her quiet and somewhat boring existence will be swallowed whole by a larger-than-life rock-star drummer with a crazy proposition.

“Every part of him was sublime, body and soul. The good and the bad and the difficult.”

“I’d sell something important to see his bare ass. My books, my e-reader, my soul, whatever was necessary.”

Mal Ericson is the drummer for the band Stage Dive. He’s confident. He’s loud. He’s fun. **He is wild and most definitely a lovable but exhausting whirlwind.** Circumstances beyond his control have him attempting to clean up his lothario ways. He needs to stay away from his groupies and quick lays and find himself a good girl. This temporary solution is one that he is determined to follow through with despite his raging libido. But what happens when his “good girl” becomes the “right girl”?

“You come across as this happy go lucky type dude most of the time, but you are in fact a man of many layers. You’re kind of complicated.”

Mal, being the crazy and energetic firecracker that he is, moves himself into Anne’s apartment and convinces the lovely Anne to let him stay essentially helping her out with rent and her money issues. In exchange, Anne is to pretend to be his girlfriend. Anne has no real defenses up against the determined sexy drummer that is able to charm the panties off any female...and perhaps many males, too. Anne agrees to the “arrangement” and the pair set up some boundaries which they soon find themselves ignoring all together.

Anne quickly discovers that Mal may be the life of every party and is always one to quickly diffuse a tense situation with his quirky humor, but when it comes to his own issues he is as closed-off as they come. Mal has his secrets and Anne does not want to push too much as she is not one to be a completely open book either. Can they learn to trust one another enough to lay it all out on the table? Will Mal and his life of fame simply be too much for Anne to take?

Kylie Scott did everything right with this book (and with this book’s predecessor, *Lick*), in my opinion. I am not the biggest fan of over-the-top angst and bullshit that is present in so many books now-a-days so it is so refreshing to read a series void of inconsequential crap and what you get is simple and sweet romantic fun, witty dialogue, panty-dropping sexy times and just the right amount of drama for the book to not be all sunshine, butterflies and colorful unicorn farts. Ms. Scott manages to come up with incredibly fascinating characters that are real and deal with life very believably. Both Anne and Mal had their issues but it never became so angsty that the eye-rolling would have to commence on my part. They were simply a guy and a girl who found love at a time when they were least expecting it. Oh...and throw in a crazy rock band as close as family and the fame and fortune that comes with being in the limelight. No pressure for the two to make it work. Nope. No pressure at all.

I most definitely have to mention just how **HILARIOUS** this book is. I literally laughed throughout most of the book. Mal's penchant for saying the wacky and unexpected made for quite the entertaining book. And, I loved the fact that Anne gave as good as she got. She may have been in a relationship with a freakin' rock star but no way was she letting said rock star walk all over her. The witty banter exchanged by Anne and Mal was priceless. Some of my favorite exchanges simply can not go unmentioned:

“Your pubes,” he said, angst filling his voice. “Where are they?”

“I wax.”

“Well, stop it. I want cute carrot colored pubic hair like on the top of your head. I deserve it.”

“If he started yelling about sexual healing again I’d throw him out, cool furniture, drum kit, and all. Or I’d lick him all over. With my current confusion and stress levels, chances were 50/50.” ~Anne

“Whatever you’re imagining, it’s bigger.”

“I’m not imagining anything.”

“I’m serious, it’s basically a monster. I cannot control it.”

“Malcolm...”

“You’re pretty much going to need a whip and a chair to tame it, Anne.”

“Stop it.”

LMAO!!!!!!

All in all, *Play* was a wonderfully fantastic book that proved that Kylie Scott is a brilliant author. The lines get blurred and things heat up when Stage Dive's drummer and his good girl take a wild ride on their way to a happy forever. I loved it and this book definitely got me excited for the next book about the lead singer, Jimmy, quite appropriately entitled *Lead*.

****An advance reading copy of *Play* by Kylie Scott was generously provided to me in exchange for an

honest review.

Kristen says

2 1/2 to 3—I'M A BIT BAFFLED—Stars

Looks like I'm in the minority here!

Everyone seems to love this book but me. I didn't dislike it; in fact, I laughed quite often during the course of the story. I must admit, however, that the plot felt a bit random to me. Even as I closed the book, I was still unsure what this story was really about.

I LOVED Mal's character in *Lick* and couldn't wait to read his book. Unfortunately, for me, he ended up being too crazy, too manic, and too over-the-top. I found it difficult to connect to his character, to Anne's character, to her easy acceptance of his crazy behavior, and to their love story. Sadly, this book, its main characters, and the plot perplexed me more than it enchanted me.

That said, the one-liners were hilarious and it was obvious the author had a blast writing Mal's character. Plus, I loved getting more of David, Ev, and the band. Though this book didn't fully work for me, I believe most readers will love reading this story.

Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says

"Life's a song,Anne.

Let's play."

Wow I'm a big fan of this series!!I loved Lick and I loved this one!!This book was so refreshing and funny!!I laughed so loud!!Mal is hilarious!I was really looking forward for his book!!

Anne wasn't lucky in her life. She is a good person, she cares for everyone but sometimes people take advantage of her..Her roommate walk out on her and her boss use her. When her friends asked her to go with them in a party, she decides to go with them..and there she will meet the drummer of the rock band Stage Dive, Mal!!

Mal is so funny also he is moody and manic!When he met Anne in the party he professes that she is his girlfriend!So they move in together!! And just like that, their crazy journey begins!

Anne gets to see a side of Mal that he doesn't share with many people.. Mal and Anne are steamy together, I

loved their interactions. Both have their problems but they try to deal with them! Mal and Anne are not normal, they are complete opposites, which is exactly what makes their interactions so entertaining and this is what I really loved in this book!! While I was reading their dialogues I was giggling and swooning . ;DI loved Mal so much!! I liked that he is a little crazy, he wanted to live in the moment! I think he helps a lot Anne because she is the opposite of him! I loved Anne! She is a strong character a little crazy too :) but also she is lovely!

"Pumpkin, I'm always serious when it comes to you. Even when I'm messing around, I'm still serious as shit. Whatever you need, whatever I have to do. It's been that way since we met."

Kylie does a fantastic job!! I love her writing!! I look forward to reading the rest of the band mates stories!!

Anniebananie says

Und wieder ein Buch innerhalb von 24 Stunden gelesen, das hab ich momentan irgendwie echt drauf ? hatte mich nach dem ersten Band sehr auf diesen gefreut weil MAL ?? leider konnte es mich dann aber nicht zu 100% überzeugen bzw. meine doch recht hohen Erwartungen nicht ganz erfüllen ? das Buch war zwar super witzig und spritzig aber dennoch hat mir so das Gewissen letzte etwas gefehlt um emotional vollkommen mit den beiden Protagonisten zu gehen. Dennoch mag ich Kylie Scotts Schreibstil sehr gerne und bis jetzt mochte ich auch jeden von ihr erschaffenen Charakter auf seine Art sehr gern ??

Jennifer Kyle says

3.75 ~ 4 Pumpkin Stars

"Life's a song, Anne. Let's play."

I was so excited to finally be able to sit and read Mal's story. I found his sense of humor completely hilarious! Anne was extremely relatable and likable character.

"Pumpkin, I'm always serious when it comes to you. Even when I'm messing around, I'm still serious as shit."

Somewhere along the way, their relationship felt like it was on fast forward and the story kinda felt like the same old for me. There were several scenes that I did laugh out loud and I have to say any girl who has had a crush on a celebrity would enjoy this one.

"My love shall not be silenced."

Overall, Mal wasn't as sexy as I expected but the story was fun for fans of Stage Dive.

Pearl Angeli says

"Life's a song, Anne. Let's play."

5 Stars!

You cannot just simply resist Mal Ericson.

I have been so interested to read the Mal's story ever since Lick. Well who doesn't want to get to know him more? He's such a fun and goofy character and I knew that behind his playful attitude there's a different side of him that we have yet to see.

Malcolm "Mal" Ericson is Stage Dive's drummer. He is known as someone who always *"plays"* around when it comes to women. With his happy-go-lucky lifestyle, relationship is certainly out of the picture. But when he met a personal dilemma that requires him to basically snag a pretend girlfriend, he didn't have a choice but to look for the perfect one to act as his girl. Meeting **Anne Rollins** at Ev and David's party though was a perfect timing. They automatically clicked after a few minutes of flirting. And because Anne happens to have financial troubles, he proposed to meet her needs in exchange of moving with her in her apartment and her cooperation in his pretend relationship scheme.

"You're the best boyfriend. Fake or not."

You can imagine my face while I was reading this book the whole time.

There were certainly lots of hilarious moments in this book. Mal didn't fail to crack me up with his sexual innuendos with Anne and his crazy exchange and shenanigans with his band mates. Hilarious scenes aside, there was an emotional side to it that made me appreciate its entirety. I loved Mal and Anne's dynamic. While Mal might be a player, his character development throughout the story-- the way he stuck to Anne and basically followed a monogamous relationship, very well pleased me. There was no cheating involved which made me love this book even more. I also loved Anne's character. The way she accepted Mal behind his many layers and the way she stood by him despite the fact she too has some personal issues was really admirable. This couple is perfect for each other!

Like most pretend relationship books, these characters fell into a real relationship together, but what I loved about this book was Mal and Anne's mutual acceptance when it comes to their weak sides. Each conflict was immediately resolved without getting into so much drama which I really loved.

What also made me embrace this book was Mal's relationship with his family, especially with his mom. It was touching. I even found myself crying over some scenes here. I think his family relationship was the one that truly changed Anne's feelings toward her mom, too.

I also thought the rock star theme here was more palpable compared to the previous book. In this installment there was certainly a lot of stage actions by the Stage Dive. I felt their passion to music because of their performances and connection with their fans.

"Mal's playing and the music owned me, the smoothness of his movements and his absolute focus. His energy."

Kylie Scott made it really possible to balance out both the hilarious and emotional vibes in this book. Play, in my opinion, was better than Lick. I loved that it possesses all the elements (sexy times included) to make it a lot more enjoyable. If you've enjoyed David and Ev's story in Lick, then you definitely need to get into Mal's story.

Christy says

5 'Crazy Eyes' stars!

After reading *Lick*, I've been waiting for this book. For Mal's book. I loved him in the first and I had such high hopes for his story. Let me tell you... It didn't let me down! I love rockstar books, but these are in a different league. Not only are they hot, sweet, and full of sexy rockstars, but they are off the charts hilarious. I laughed so hard in this story! But it wasn't just funny- there was a lot of depth in there too.

Anne is in a pinch. Once again, she's been used by someone she's trusted. Her roommate has bailed on her, moving out without paying Anne any of the money she owes her. Anne has responsibilities- bills to pay, along with helping her little sister with college. For one night, her neighbor Lauren gets her to forget about her issues and head to a party with her. At her friend's Ev and David's place.

When Anne gets there, she is feeling a bit out of place. She goes outside and takes a call from her friend, when she stumbles upon Malcom Ericson. The drummer from Stage Dive. Mal sees Anne and hears her conversation. He loves that she makes crazy eyes at him and wants to help her out. More importantly, he needs her help.

Mal needs a fake girlfriend for his own reasons. A nice girl, someone to clean up his act and reputation as a ladies man. Who better than Anne? There is something about this girl he likes. So he decides he's moving in with her after meeting her that one night.

“You’re moving in with me?”

?“Yes, pumpkin. I am moving in with you.”?

“When did we talk about this exactly?”?

“Actually, you might have left by then. But it doesn’t change the facts.”

?Mal is the light hearted, fun loving, and a bit crazy drummer. He always has something funny to say, something crazy he’s doing, but deep down, he’s more than that. And Anne sees that.

So Anne and Mal living together solves both of their problems. Anne no longer has to worry about paying her rent, and Mal has a sweet and beautiful girlfriend. As long as they’re convincing and stick to the boundaries they set so things don’t get complicated, everything should be right as rain...

This book had so many moments of laughter, I lost count. I had a near constant smile on my face. I couldn’t control the laughter! Mal was something else entirely. I adored him and his sense of humor. Anne had her funny moments as well!

“We’ve broken my bed,” I said, stating the obvious.

“In battle, sacrifices must be made, pumpkin.”....

“They’re mocking us,” I said.

“Nonsense. We just fucked so hard we broke your bed. They wish they were us. The natural order of sexual status has been restored.”

“Hands down, that’s the most romantic thing I’ve ever heard. I can pretty much feel my legs just falling wide open for you right now.”

“Oh, god, no.” I covered my face with my hands. “Please don’t.”

“Shh. This is a private conversation.” He brushed hot feverish kisses up and down the lips of

my sex. My stomach tensed so hard it hurt. “Look at you all pretty, pink and excited. Don’t worry, I’ll look after you.”

“If you don’t stop talking to my vagina I’m going to kill you.”

“You’re beautiful Anne’s pussy. Just beautiful. And I’m not mean like her. I’m on your side and I love you very much.”

“Whatever you’re imagining, it’s bigger.”

“I’m not imagining anything.”

“I’m serious, it’s basically a monster. I cannot control it.”

“Malcolm...”

“You’re pretty much going to need a whip and a chair to tame it, Anne.”

“Stop it.”

You see what I mean? So so so funny!?

Even though Mal and Anne were in a ‘fake’ relationship, they really worked together. Not to say there weren’t some difficult moments, but overall they were good together. Their ‘fake’ relationship turned into a real friendship... and real feelings developed.

Mal and Anne were both wonderful characters. Both highly entertaining and fun. I loved the way they interacted, how Anne was able to see the real side of Mal that not many do. He is hilarious, handsome and the center of attention always, but he is more than that. Anne has always had to be responsible, always let others walk all over her. Mal showed her that there was another way to live. These two really worked together.

Play kept a smile on my face from start to finish. Full of sweet, sexy, romantic heart warming moments, and too many laugh out loud lines to count, with characters you can’t help but to love, this is a book I would highly recommend. Bring on Jimmy’s book!

Wendy'sThoughts says

Buddy Ready with my Angel Carol, Woot Woot

I have been on a roll... I have read all types of books with one thing in common... They have been Fucking GREAT. Some have been more serious, more intricate; others have been a lark or hot and steamy.

What all of them have in common is fantastic writing.

I am talking about writing which makes you care; which makes you think of nothing but the words in front of you. You want to be part of the story and climb through the e reader or pages and become one with the book. Doesn't matter what the specific story is about... it is the craftsmanship of the author and how they tell the story which causes this reaction.... and I have had a run of them.

Kylie Scott is one of those authors. My first experience with her was through a little book called Lick. I found it on my own... read it on my own and enjoyed it that way, too. I was oblivious of any hype or push. Just knew what I liked; filed it away and that was that. I found out recently there was a follow up called Play happening. Since I read for a blog as well as for myself now, I am fortunate to be able to read early. This was the case with Play.

This book did not disappoint. Ms. Scott has remained true to her talent and voice. There was a smooth embrace with her words; a sense of ease where everything just fit. The humor was so perfect it couldn't have been timed any better. There were also moments of humor laced with a sadness which worked devastatingly well, too. Those moments gave us insight to see this wasn't just a piece of fluff... it had heart, meaning and would make us think.

And think I did... as the main character seemed to be an enabler... but not in the positive way which can enhance a relationship... no it was in the way others can repeatedly take advantage of them. We get to see how our girl realizes she has the right to say no and look out for herself. What is delicious is how our male lead shows her the way.

So thank you Ms. Scott for remaining true to your talent and giving me another wonderful read full of heart, life; yes, extremely steamy and sexy times and strong story. 5 Stars? Hell yes...

A gifted copy was given by the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review

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~IreneOust~ says

March 14, 2014

THE COVER = ♥♥♥♥♥

Currently on NetGalley.

August 5, 2013

HELLZ YEAH!!! Bring on Mal!!! Nothing beats (pun most definitely intended!) a sexy drummer!!!

Kelly (and the Book Boar) says

Find all of my reviews at: <http://52bookminimum.blogspot.com/>

I finished this book early Saturday morning, but I'm just getting around to reviewing it because every time I think about what to say I develop a pretty massive problem in my underwears

Last week I read Lick after having an okay reaction to Dirty (these titles are really horrible – Kylie Scott is lucky there was another pervert I spent my baseball weekends with who recommended her stuff to me because I probably would have avoided it just for the names). Normally I buffer my dirty reads with another genre, but after enjoying Mal's cameos in the first book so much I couldn't stop thinking about him. Also, he was a drummer . . .

Come to momma . . .

Ain't that the truth!

My family had just returned from being out of town for nearly a week and were presented with a real warm welcome

As I powered through this puppy without coming up for air.

Alright, so the story is obviously about Mal the drummer . . .

Mal has been known as a slayer of the puss whose sexual prowess is so magnificent he hardly ever makes a repeat performance to the same vajay. However, *something* about him has been a bit off lately.

Meet Anne – she's Ev from Book #1's former next-door-neighbor who returns home from work one day to find her roommate has hightailed it out of Dodge and left her with little furniture and zero rent.

When the two meet at one of David and Ev's parties, the story comes out and Mal decides to fix things

by moving in and paying Anne's debts in trade for her pretending to be his girlfriend. Don't worry, he has his reasons.

Obviously y'all know what happens eventually . . .

Play gets all the stars. It was exactly what I look for in a romance – not too long, not too angst (and the angst that was featured was worth getting all emo over), plenty of laughs, and likeable characters. I mean seriously likeable. I never thought anyone could replace Miles Archer as my number one fantasy man, but Mal did a pretty effin' good job

Highly recommended. We'll see if I continue on with this series. I'm not real interested in Jimmy or Ben's characters so I'm putting it on the backburner until someone convinces me to change my mind.

ORIGINAL "REVIEW":

I planned on breaking free of the porny spiral and reading something else, but who the hell am I trying to kid? I'm a filthy pirate hooker from Whore Island and I can't stop myself. Omnomnomnomnom

Sharon ☺ is an emotional book junkie ☺ says

After meeting Mal in the first book, *Lick*, I could hardly wait to get to know this sweet and funny drummer *better*...much better. And I was not disappointed...well, maybe just a tad.

Mal is everything you think he is...fun, crazy, wild and your typical rock god manwhore but there's something going on with him. It's almost like he has ADD.

And right from the moment he meets Anne and wants her as a "fake" girlfriend, you just know there's something going on. Especially because he sets rules...rules such as no sex. What? That's right, no sex!

Mal has been Anne's fantasy since she was young and had his posters all over her walls so when he makes her the offer, she would be crazy to turn him down. She decides to let herself enjoy everything there is since it's not real and just have fun. Little did she realize that she couldn't control her emotions.

It certainly doesn't help when she decides to give Mal some of his own medicine and claim his kisses don't affect her. It only makes Mal more determined to kiss the daylights out of her but she is not complaining. ;)

Mal and Anne are great together though...the perfect Yin to his Yang. ;) And while it takes a bit to get to the actual deed, there are sooo many great and funny "pretend" scenes that it ~sort of~ makes up for it. The bed scene...priceless!

Naturally, there's tons of scenes with the other band members which I loved. I can't get enough of David and Ev...they are so cute together. There's also some interesting moments with Jimmy and Lena and Ben and....(I'm not really going out on a limb here but yes, I'm calling it....) **LIZZY**. (It will happen whether Anne likes it or not...LOL)

Of course there's drama...drama in the form of one of Mal's prior hook ups (tsk tsk Mal), Anne's wanna be boyfriend, Reece (who is also a manwhore), Anne's family and Mal's family. It was all rather interesting but for me it lacked the emotional intensity that was in the first book. I wanted to see the **real** Mal and while I'm glad we didn't get to suffer through the details of that particular drama, it still left me feeling a bit bereft.

I did enjoy how things ended up and certainly "Killer" was a nice touch as was the epilogue. Maybe a longer book would've been more satisfying.

Anyway, I'm definitely looking forward to Jimmy's book, *Lead*, which comes out July 29th and of course Ben's, *Deep* which is scheduled for December 23rd.

Recommendation:

A great series if you enjoy rock stars that have more of a story going on than just sex.

Favorite quotes:

♥ “So, I’ve given this absolutely no thought and decided that you need boundaries, Anne. Boundaries. Are. Your. Friends.”

♥ “Your shirt is on inside out, child bride,” said Mal, the side of his mouth kicking up. “What have you been doing?”

♥ “There go the crazy eyes again,” he whispered.

♥ “Please don’t call me that.”

“Puuuumpkin.”

♥ “Life’s a song, Anne. Let’s play.”

♥ “You read too many books.”

“No such thing!” I cried, aghast.

♥ “We’ve broken my bed,” I said, stating the obvious.

“In battle, sacrifices must be made, pumpkin.”

♥ “You’re the best boyfriend ever. Fake or not.”

♥ “Anne, you might diss my kissing but I’m telling you now, my oral sex skills are off the chart. I know all about getting dirty down under. Let me show you, pretty please?”

♥ “Sweetie pie? Pumpkin? You screamed so loud my ears are still ringing. I can’t actually hear whatever bullshit you’re peddling right now. Tell me later after I get a couple of stitches put in my shoulder, okay?”

♥ “Pumpkin, I’m always serious when it comes to you. Even when I’m messing around, I’m still serious as shit. Whatever you need, whatever I have to do. It’s been that way since we met. Haven’t you noticed yet? We’re fucking destined or something. I can’t help myself. It’s pathetic, really.”

♥ “Hello, Anne’s clitoris. It’s me, Malcolm, your lord and master.”

“Oh, god, no.” I covered my face with my hands.

“Please don’t.” “Shh. This is a private conversation.”

****Thanks to Melissa, Patty, Denisse and Jennifer for the BR!****

Jasmine says

4.5 STARS! ★★★★?

“We’ve broken my bed,” I said, stating the obvious.

“In battle, sacrifices must be made, pumpkin.”

Well holy cow! When I first met Mal in Lick, I knew he would be a totally fun guy to read about but I didn’t expect how crazy and freakin hilarious this read was! Once I started, I couldn’t put it down and I even had to sacrifice a bit of sleep just to read a little bit more of Mal!

“Make love. I meant make love … of course. I would never just stick my dick in you. I would make mad, passionate love to this sweet, sweet body of yours for days, no, weeks. It would be beautiful, pumpkin. There’d be little angels, and birdies, and you know … all just hanging around, watching. Perverts.”

I just loved how I didn’t need to take this book seriously AT ALL. Yes it was ridiculous, yes it was OTT at times but damnit I didn’t care. This was exactly what I needed in my life right now and although I thought the ending was a little rushed, I’m rounding this read up to 5 stars because let’s face it....Mal was damn

f*cking awesome. Everything that came out from his mouth was absolutely GOLD!

“Pumpkin, stop rubbing your ass against me. We gotta go! I don’t have time to do you now. Prioritize, woman.”

I'm starting to recall right now how awesome rockstar reads are. NEED MORE OF THEM IN MY LIFE!
Btw Rachel, I fluffin' love you right now for making me read these! ♥♥

Read this series, everyone! READ IT IF YOU LOVE EM' ROCKSTARS!!! *peace out*

Rachel Reads Ravenously says

4.5 laughing my ass off stars

I. FREAKING. ADORED. THIS. BOOK!!!!!!

For those of you who haven't caught onto the Stage Dive series, which starts with the brilliant first book Lick, get on it now!!! Warning, this review will be told mostly in quotes because I could never replicate the awesomeness that is Ms. Scott's writing style.

Play is the story of Mal, the playful drummer of Stage Dive, and Anne, the charming and cute girl who works in a book shop. The story starts when Anne is screwed over by a friend who basically steals a bunch of money (not literally) and leaves Anne in the dust, causing Anne to face imminent eviction. After meeting Mal at a party, and a slightly infuriating conversation, Anne finds Mal moved into her apartment the next day, and a proposal she cannot turn down. Mal will front Anne the money and live with her, and she will pretend to be his girlfriend (for somewhat mysterious reasons). So we've all heard this plot before right? Whatever. Ms. Scott puts a creative spin on an old idea and truly makes it her own.

Why did I love this book? I had a giant freaking smile on my face the entire time I was reading it. The banter between Anne and Mal is hilarious, and their chemistry even better. Here are a series of quotes from the book to prove my point:

“We start fucking and you’ll be all ‘Oh Mal, I never dreamed such ecstasy was possible. I cannot live without you. Fuck me, Mal. Pleeeease.’”

“His gaze rested on a young woman browsing in the True Crime section. You’d have thought he’d have enough sense to turn away when she picked up a book on female serial killers, but no.”

“What do I taste like?”

“Well like honey and cream and... I dunno, bread?”

I scrunched up my nose. “Bread?”

“Yes, sexy bread that I could eat all the time because you are so delicious and full of whole grain goodness.”

“It would be beautiful, pumpkin. There’d be little angels, and birdies and you know... all just hanging around watching. Perverts.”

While this book had it's funny side, it also had serious moments that gave me all the feels. Anne accepted Mal for who he was and never expected him to be anything more than that. In return, Mal wanted to build something with Anne and did his best to make her happy.

“Don’t have sad eyes, Anne. I can’t fucking stand it when you’re sad.”

“You’re good for me. You take me any mood I come in. I don’t have to be always happy or on around you. You roll with any shit I say and give as good as you get. You don’t let me push you around if it doesn’t suit you and you haven’t asked me to buy you a fucking thing.”

So, needless to say Kylie Scott is now on my mental list of authors to automatically buy their books.

Why not a full 5 stars? The story felt a bit unfinished, I would have liked to know what Anne is doing with her life, kind of like how Evelyn decided to keep working in hers and figure stuff out. Maybe it was my late night reading and I missed it, but Anne's path in life (the parts not including Mal) seemed a bit vague.

Also, and everyone please put the pitchforks down when I say this, but for me, this is what I expected from the Sinners on Tour series. This series blows that one out of the water. (Please don't attack me! I still love the Sinners).

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