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Still on the hunt for her missing brother, Kayli Winchester's life amid the Academy team comes to an abrupt halt when she and Brandon are kidnapped. Mistaken for his identical twin brother, Brandon's life is threatened unless he helps a team of criminals hack into a secret underground cellular network and exploit it.

The cunning Kayli makes a daring escape. With Brandon still held prisoner, she turns to the guys to help save him. Despite the team of Axel, Marc, Corey and Raven working tirelessly, this desperate search and rescue mission quickly changes into submission to the kidnappers. If the team doesn't give the bad guys what they want, someone will die.

It's unavoidable: they're going to need to bring in outside help... help that will come at a high price. Saving the guys might require Kayli to do the unthinkable, and may shatter the team forever.

Fake Details

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Dina says

I'm really disappointed with this book... C.L. Stone is on my top list of favorite authors although this book is probably my least favorite of all!

I fell asleep from being bored to death at one point and with her being confused about her emotions and all that going on is to much.

What I don't quite understand is why she's doing all this shit - to be honest if I were In her situation I'd just ditch the guys even if they kissed hella good and were hotter than Chris Hemsworth face mashed with Robert Pattinson!

About Ethan well he was just plain naïve and Alice was an unrealistic character the whole plot was unrealistic and expected.

When I'm reading a book I want to be like woah did that just happen, not oh of course that happened! And with the whole core and two teams going against it with a heroine and some backstabbing... I honestly feel like this book is a couple downgrades from her other writings.

(LOVE how she incorporated the Ghost Bird team in here)

Still an enjoyable read and I do recommend it for anyone who's read her other books!

Juliana says

To be updated...

Jennifer says

Just when Kayli thinks she can focus on finding her brother, she and Brandon get kidnapped in the middle of the night by a group of Germans that want Corey to hack into an underground cell network. Kayli escapes, but it seems like everyone she turns to for help ends up in more danger. It is also becoming more clear that she cannot choose between the guys in the group, but continuing on the current path will likely lead to hurt feelings, etc.

This installment of the series is what I would label a "filler". Kayli hasn't made any progress on any of her problems (she doesn't know where her brother is, hasn't figured out what to do about the Academy guys, hasn't figured out what to do about Blake Coaltar, and hasn't learned anything new about the Academy), but this new adventure distracted her and entertained me at the same time. Normally, I hate plots where there are a bunch of kidnappings, but I overlooked it in this case. I'm hoping that Book 4 will not be such a "filler".

Kate says

I have to admit CL Stone's last few books have been increasingly disappointing. The editing, for one, is getting worse and while I appreciate how quickly she's trying to get these books out and that she's trying to stick to a schedule it should not be that difficult to find an editing team who will catch the flagrant spelling errors and spots where she clearly changed her mind about how she intended to phrase something, thus leaving two disjointed attempts side-by-side. I know dozens of her fans would volunteer their services, myself included.

Editing aside: This story, like the last Ghost Bird, felt rushed. She spends so much time introducing new villains and new problems; and it wouldn't be a problem if the book were twice as long, but as it is it felt like we didn't get anything from the boys. We're still getting to know these characters and pretty much all I learned about them in this book is that Corey wrote some software (and we already knew he was a computer God) and Brandon has a motorcycle shop. We read these books for the characters, not obscure technology references. Give us some substance, CL!

Also, is it just me or do they seem to know the Ghost Bird guys a lot better than the Ghost Bird guys know them? I thought CL said they'd occasionally cross paths, but they're leaning on the Ghost Bird boys like this is a cross-over fanfic, naming North and Victor outright. Also, is the Mr. Anderson they mention one of the older group with 4 guys and 1 bird? I think so but am too lazy to go back to the second or third GB book to find out.

Jennifer says

.....Some spoilers.....

Well, Daphne, I mean Kayli and her mastery van of misfits are at it again in this next edition of The Scarab Beetle Series. From start to finish it was action packed and you would think that would be a good thing, who wants a boring book, right? Yet, I was bored that was for sure. Kayli gets no closer to understanding her mixed emotions towards the guys, plus Blake and maybe this new guy Avery? Who knows! and honestly, how could she when there was practically no down time for her to interact with any of the guys. Oh sure, she made out with a few of them when they were on their way going somewhere before getting kidnapped and all that, but other than that you don't learn anything new when it comes to their "Blossoming" relationships, and what I mean is that their is no blossoming relationship of any kind going on, except maybe of the "lust" kind. Look, my personal opinion is if you writing a story that has a harem-ish feel to it you need a balance between action and down time so Kayli can get to know these guys a bit better, see her interactions between them. etc.. heck, even learn more about Kayli herself, all I really know is that her brother is still missing, she had a crappy childhood and of course her hormones are all over the place and she gets grumpy when she doesn't eat.

Honestly, I'm still having a hard time liking Kayli, sure she worked tirelessly trying to get the guys back and safe, so that was a plus, but still she doesn't have any trust for them and is planning on running off with Blake for 2 weeks or so. Really? why is Blake even still around in this book? Honestly, I'm finding myself wanting the Academy guys to just dump her, she is so annoying to me.

Anyway, I give this book a 2.5 stars and honestly, I think I'm done with this series, I'll stick to the GB series.

Rebecca says

"Fake" is the third book in C.L. Stone's Scarab Beetle series and, while I enjoyed it (as I have all of her books), I didn't feel it was quite as good as the others in the series. The author mentioned having some trouble with the story when she pushed the publication date back, and I'd have to agree she seemed to have trouble with this one. I felt the plot was a little confusing, and while I'm quite willing to suspend belief for a good story, I had too many questions at the end of this one. There didn't seem to be any advancement in the story line of the romance and I was left feeling a little empty. It was an enjoyable romp, another look into the craziness that is Kayli's existence and I did find myself laughing out loud at the situations she gets into. I really liked the new character of Avery and I have a feeling we'll see him again (or at least I hope we do!) Overall, it is a light, fun story and if you have not yet read the first 2 in the series, I highly recommend you do so!

Mercy Amare says

I love CL Stone.

I love her writing. Her books. How weird they are... Everything about them.... PERFECTION.

This one is probably my least favorite out of all of them. I still liked it, but I didn't LOVE it like I do the other ones. Which I will explain. :)

I'm sad, because I love Blake, and I feel like he's about to be excluded from this love... umm.... I would say triangle, but there are, like, six (or seven) guys in this equation. Blake is my favorite, besides Raven and Corey. So I'm super sad about that. But I'll live. I suppose it had to happen at some point *sigh*... Okay, fine, I'll take Blake for me :D

I think the thing I didn't like about this book was we didn't see everybody TOGETHER. I want to see Kayli with ALL the guys. I also feel like Kayli is acting pretty immature right now. More than she did in previous books. I want her to just fess up to the guys and tell them the truth about how she feels.

One request: PLEASE MORE RAVEN. Because, seriously.

YUM.

With that being said, CL Stone, PLEASE WRITE FASTER. LOL. I know, I know. You write as fast as you can. I'm just addicted to these characters and I NEED more. Always. :)

Brittain *Needs a Nap and a Drink* says

Oh Kayli...you make such poor life choices.

I think that all of the characters in C.L. Stone books need the guy who plays the Sassy Gay Friend to follow them around and prevent them from doing stupid shit in relationships.

If you are so concerned with breaking up the team and being a problem **THEN STOP KISSING ALL OF THEM**. I understand that they kiss you first but at least *try* to say no or "I need some space". Maybe confide in the one that you sleep in bed with about your concerns and have an honest conversation.

These books are all ridiculous.

I say all of this and yet...

I still adore these books. Why chose one guy when you can have them all?

Some of the characters were a little AWOL but it allowed other relationships to develop. Marc had a little more screentime as did Brandon which I think was important. We sort of missed those guys in the last book.

Theory Time:

(view spoiler)

I can't wait for the next book though! Next one in this series comes out this summer and is called *Accessory*. Next Ghost Bird is in April and is called *The Other Side of Envy*.

taveena kade says

the first book was so good but i'm not sure if i still like the series:(i feel like it's just missing something???

Jessi says

Always a five star series. Always a five start author.

Kayla Brunson says

This book was disappointing for me. Kaylie is still indecisive about all her feelings for and about the guys. I just really want to see her actually get to know the guys more instead of just kissing them and being so confused. Don't get me wrong, I love all the steamy moments but I wish that she would actually talk to them more and find out more about them.

Which brings me to my main pet peeve about Kaylie. The guys are always helping her out and she risked a lot to save them, but why is still not trusting them and second-guessing them?

Oh well, let's move on to the next book.

Booknut says

"Blake didn't have a quartet," Brandon said to me as we dove into the thickest part of the crowd.

"He had a band," I said. (...) "I think that's more than a quartet."

"He didn't have an ice sculpture," Brandon said.

"Yes, he did," I said, although I couldn't really remember. I just wanted to contradict him. Why were we comparing parties?"

"This house is bigger," he said.

I looked around the house. "Yes," I said, noting the rooms were large and open compared to Blake's old-fashioned house. "But Blake's house is an antique built two hundred years ago. This one is new. And why do you care whose house is bigger? Is this a guy thing?"

Secretly Adorkable Readers says

So I have decided to be adopted by all the Academy guys since I cannot choose! I choose all 15, just saying, that is not including Kevin but including Blake!

A sneak peek of Fake will be at the end of Liar so you can get ready for a little taste of what is to come December 15th

I need more swoon-worthy academy rogue group of criminals!

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Kelly says

3.5 stars

Fake is the third book and I wish I could say this was one of the best work by C.L. Stone but I can't because I was a little disappointed by it. I want the romance to be developed instead of being still. I hope Kayli will be more honest with them and try to deal with her growing feelings. We didn't get a lot of the guys together and most of the book was focused on this new plot which I wasn't particularly amazed by. I didn't really care about Alice or Eddie. And while I'm saying this I know the author did lots of other books I really enjoyed. This one was good but not the best and I hope I'll love the next one. I want more of the guys and the series in general. :)

JadeShea says

ARC!

The third book in the series begins with Kayli trying her hardest to bury all of her feelings for all of the guys, and for being worried about her brother. They still haven't found him, and are unsure of what is going to happen next. But Kayli may have more problems than she knows what to deal with especially when she may have to save the guys, but do something that could hurt them later on.

This book kind of frustrated me. In some ways it felt like a repeat of the last book all over again. I'm getting a little bit frustrated with Kayli not mentioning her real feelings to anyone. She's a grown woman, who is open enough with her affection, but not her feelings. It's starting to make her look bad in my eyes. Other than that I did enjoy the book though. But I do hope the next one is better, and has more story to it, and not the same repeated issues.
