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Fans of Kristen Callihan, L.J. Shen, and Kylie Scott will scream for this sizzling bad boy rock star romance!

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Shane Hawthorne has it all. At least, that's what the headlines say about me. I have millions of fans, awards, more money - and women - than I know what to do with. But what you don't see is the wreckage I've caused. The memories and pain I can't escape, even when I pour them into music and spin them into gold.

I tried to forget. To lose myself in booze and groupies. It didn't work. It hurt me and - worse - it hurt my band. That's the last thing I want to do, so I'm cleaning up my act... starting with Delaney Fraser.

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And it's impossible to love a lie, right?

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From Reader Review Rock King for online ebook

Sam (AMNReader) says

DNF at 35%

The book is densely populated with exposition (and holy metaphors in there too!), so much so that we know the hero whose name may or may not be Shane is definitely an addict times three. And we know the heroine was just the type he likes. Insta-lust and he needs a girlfriend for tour.

This characters meet based on a set up by Shane's manager—based on all those criteria that Shane finds attractive. Fancy that, she fits the bill perfectly, like a turquoise-eyed goldilocks who likes his music but, you know, not too much. But Delaney has a secret too. Both characters are pretty broken and have absolutely no issue letting the readers know it in the first 10% of the book.

This plot line echoed Lead in the sense that Jimmy had a sober companion. That is where the similarities to the other authors referenced in the blurb ends. Delaney is hired to be a stand in girlfriend that is encouraged to participate in a sexual relationship with the hero.

“Why me?” a question my favorite heroines rarely ask. And if they do, maybe not right up front. In the case of this book, it's due to insta-lust. Isn't that clear? You're hot. Then you said no.

Oh, but the exchange:

“Why me?”
“why not you?”
“I asked the question first”
“I asked second.”

This isn't a reasonable conversation for twenty-somethings. *pinches bridge of nose, closes eyes.* I'm at 25%.

Shane has been following Delaney around, getting into her space/putting hands on her after being asked not to, and advancing on her when she says no. He basically coerced her into working with him/living with him through the job. He's the kind of alpha-hole I don't care for. And when the heroine can't match him, something else has got to make me want to continue reading. This isn't the set up for a romance, it's the set up of a horror novel. For me, this isn't take-charge alpha sexiness, it's manipulative.

At the point the heroine called herself worse than groupies: an idiot, tease, and a prude, I'm done. I was going to attempt to finish, but a weak heroine vs a manipulative alpha hole isn't one of the things I'm willing to tolerate. I'll save my rockstar fix for heroines able to handle them.

Thanks to Netgalley/the publisher for the copy of this book.

☆ Bianca ☆ BJ's Book Blog ☆ says

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Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

“I would destroy her. But maybe, just maybe...she could save me.”

Rock King is book one in the Nothing But Trouble series by Tara Leigh. Tara is a new to me author so what better chance to introduce myself to a new author than with her brand new series.

Shane Hawthorne is a rock king, the lead singer of Nothing but Trouble, one of the most popular rock bands of the decade. Named sexiest man alive more than once, it would appear that Shane had it all. But it was all a sham. Shane was a sham. He had secrets, big ones. He tried using alcohol, drugs and endless women to keep himself from feeling, but it didn't work. Then, he and his manager came up with a new way, a way that was working. Then he met “her,” and everything changed.

“I was a jagged knife, the tip of my blade edged with poison. Brutal. Messy. Lethal.”

Delaney Fraser ran away from her ghosts as well. She hadn't intended to end up in Los Angeles, it's just where she ran out of money. Now a waitress, she is beyond shocked when Piper walks in to the restaurant she is working at. She knew Piper from her home town. Piper's boss, Travis, insists she bring Delaney to a party that night at his house. He knew right away that Delaney was exactly what he was looking for, that she would be perfect for Shane.

“What was it about Delaney that made me think she could fill the cracks in my soul, that maybe I could fill the ones in hers?”

For Shane and Delaney, the attraction was immediate. But Delaney was different than anyone else Shane had ever known. His cheesy lines didn't work on her. She didn't just melt by being in his presence as most women did. He knew, though, as much as he knew he needed to breathe, that he needed Delaney in his life.

But he also knew he was toxic, and she was everything good. Was he selfish enough to keep her with him, even though he knew he could ruin her?

“Tonight, right now, there was only one thing I knew for sure. Delaney and I, we were linked by something I didn’t quite understand yet, but I already cherished.”

Delaney finds herself falling for Shane, but not the Shane that he lets everyone else see, but the real man she finds underneath. The man who is broken and hurting, the man that needs her as much as she needs him. This is a world, though, that she knows nothing of. The world of paparazzi, tabloids, and endless fans. Could she survive in Shane’s world?

“Living with Shane was like standing in the path of an incoming storm, gathering force and speed. I was already swept up in his chaotic energy, and there was no escape in sight. Either I could bend and sway, let myself be pulled into Shane’s whirlwind. Or I could stand my ground, dig in my heels, and hope I wouldn’t snap in two.”

I do love a good rock star romance, and this one didn’t disappoint. Shane and Delaney were so broken. They had so many secrets. But they both deserved love, forgiveness, redemption. The steam level of this book is off the charts. These two together were scorching. It is a heavy book, though. Both of these characters are so broken. It was right on the border of being too much for me. I usually like my books to be a little lighter. I did enjoy it, though, and won’t soon be forgetting these two. The next book in this series is Rock Legend, Piper and Landon (the drummer)’s story.

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Sophie "Beware Of The Reader" says

Firs I want to thank the author for giving me this book. It has no influence whatsoever on my rating.

3 "it's not you it's me" stars

Let me say something already: I've read this book after having finished a monstrously powerful book and it was a disservice to this story. It's really difficult to come right after a phenomenal read.

What is the plot and who might love this book?

The plot is a classic trope of singer rock star plagued by demons and hiring a "fake" girlfriend to keep groupies at bay and keep him in line. Said "girl friend" has her own demons and need the mone paired with another promise dear to her heart.

Shane has been battling with addiction for years. Alcohol, drugs and sex. He knows that he can't lose his status as it's protecting him from a dark and dramatic past that we'll discover later.

Delaney has her own secret, her own guilt and wants really badly to help her father.

Instant attraction. Delaney fights it as she does not want to be discarded with a borken heart later.

If you love these tropes with really attractive heroes but harboring deep secrets and thinking they don't deserve love then you'll love it.

Why didn't it work for me, book hangover aside?

Well I had a problem with the author's writing. Not that she did a bad job but her style was not my cup of tea.

When I read :"Shane raked a hand through the famously rugged hair that framed his face like a lion's mane. Paired with his luminous topaz eyes, he bore a vague resemblance to Mufasa, surveying his domain with a wary kind of confidence. When Rolling Stone proclaimed Shane Hawthorne the new King of Rock, they had definitely gotten it right." I think it's overdone.

Overdone as in less adjectives and exaltation. Don't describe the hero. Make me feel him. Make me taste

what he eats. Make me feel his sweat crawling between his ribs after a concert. This is the Showing vs Telling.

Don't tell me what he looks like. Make me experience it. Show it.

As a result I never really connected with the characters. I got that their pas was sad but I wasn't sad. It wasn't my emotions.

Now as I said it's a personal taste and this book is getting many good reviews so I would advise you to try it. Or try a sample and see if it floats your boat.

I'm only one reader in a sea of millions. One small fish in a vast ocean.

Have you read it? Did you understand what I clumsily tried to explain about the writing?

Thanks for reading once again!

Meeting you Monday.

Sophie

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Jemima says

Title: Rock King (Nothing But Trouble #1)

Author: Tara Leigh

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

This is my first Tara Leigh book and I am officially a fan!

Ok. Wow. This book... Damn...I really enjoyed reading this one.

I'll admit that this book was sexy AF..I mean oh my gosh!!! The sexual tension in this book is YUM!!!

Hehehe ? Shane and Delaney's chemistry is off the charts!

Shane is the epitome of rocker bad-boy dream! Delaney is a sweetheart with a spunk!

I have a bad habit of getting 'influenced' by what I read so, pardon my language but Holy Shit! I loved Rock Star! This book had it all- Angst galore! Rocker galore! This book will keep you at the edge of your seats, it will make you wish you could read faster so that the anticipation won't kill you yet it will make you wish the book was longer.

Yes, this book is basically everything we want in a rock star romance but beneath it all, it underlines the beauty of forgiveness and second chances.

I'd highly recommend this book ❤?

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Sharon ☠ is an emotional book junkie ☠ says

3.5 ★'s

Shane is the lead singer of the Nothing but Trouble rock band and while he certainly has had his share of the rock king's lifestyle, he and his manager have come up with a good way to keep things more level and calm. The solution is to hire a fake girlfriend to be with him on tour. And...that's exactly what his manager, Travis, sets up for him to find.

And find he does...in the form of Delaney. The interesting part of Delaney is that she that while she's a fan, she's not fanatic and she's not willing to do *anything* to be with Shane. That is, until they make a deal with her about her Dad and then she's all in.

Shane has two personas, the rock king and the normal human being and it's the normal one that Delaney wants. Unfortunately, Shane has some secrets and the best way to keep those controls shut down is by bringing that persona out more and more.

There's more reasons that Shane and Delaney are drawn to each other. They each have a huge block on their shoulders from a mistake they made and they share similar circumstances.

Delaney is legitimately falling for Shane (and Shane for her) but Delaney can't trust things the way they

are...being under contract and doing things for the paparazzi. It's messing with her mind...and her heart.

The drama happens when things about Shane come to light. I really enjoyed how Shane and Delaney's relationship developed and the *realness* of it while they were dealing with the drama.

I thought it was pretty amazing what Delaney was able to do after going through similar things with Shane. And it was even better how things worked out. However, I did feel like there was a fatalistic feel to the characters and a little too much inner dialogue.

The next book, *Rock Legend*, is about Piper and Landon and coming out July 17, 2018...it should be pretty interesting!

Eve Recinella (*Between The Bookends*) says

~WRITING - PLOT - PACE~

So color me surprised because I really enjoyed this book A LOT. I'll be honest, I usually avoid rock star books like the plague. They all tend to have the same cliché plots complete with OTT other women drama, groupies, and/or cheating. Thankfully, this one was a bit different. I was also impressed by how well written it was. The pace was fairly good. I think maybe it was a tad too long as some parts dragged a bit but not enough for me to lose interest in the story. The plot was quite engaging as well. Last, it was all wrapped up in an OK ending. I think Delaney should have made Shane grovel A LOT more than she did (or at all) because he pulled a righteous a\$\$hole move at the end that cost him some points in my eyes.

~HERO~

SHANE...I liked him a lot. I liked that he was slightly different from the usual cliché rock star hero. Oh, he was still an uber manwhore in his past and I could have done with a little less bringing up of that fact throughout the book. But when he hired a fake girlfriend, he was monogamous while they were together. He was just a really sympathetic character. His past was tragic, and I just wanted to give the guy a hug. He pretty much fell for Delaney from the minute he meets her. That said like I mentioned above he lost some love in my eyes with the incredibly douchey move he pulled at the end.

~HEROINE~

DELANEY...I liked her character a lot as well. Although I do wish she would have had more than one bad sexual experience before Shane. I am really tired of the uber whore being paired with an (almost) virgin. Delaney also has a tragic past that will break your heart. But she was a strong heroine who stood by Shane's side through everything.

~SECONDARY CHARACTERS~

There were quite a few secondary characters in this one. From Shane's manager Travis, and his brother Gavin (who I hope gets a book of his own) to Piper a friend of Delaney's that works for Travis. And of course Shane's bandmates (mostly Landon). In fact, next up is Piper and Landon's book and as much as I enjoyed this one I have no interest in reading their book AT ALL. Landon's character is pretty much your standard nasty uber manwhore. He grossed me out in this book and the brief look we get at his book (he just finishes up having had sex with two women) at the end of this one sealed the deal for me. I was kind of hoping this author would buck the trend when it comes to rock star books, but alas it seems like maybe this book was just a fluke...sigh.

~HEAT LEVEL~

Medium. This one had some smokin' sex scenes, and the frequency felt organic to the story. Both were tested, and the heroine is on the pill so they don't use condoms.

~ANGST LEVEL~

Medium. Most of the angst in this one comes from this couple's relationship. Their pasts. The secrets they are keeping. The contract. Stuff like that. There isn't any groupie or OW drama or OM drama.

~IN THE END~

Like I said earlier, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed this one. Getting me to read, let alone LIKE a book featuring a rock star is tricky at best. But this author did a good job of avoiding the typical clichés found in this trope. She had two well written and intriguing individuals (along with a well developed plot) whose issues carried the book without adding in a lot of the typical outside drama. So kudos to her for that. Now I only wish she had continued along that line with Landon and Piper's book. C'est la vie. Yours truly is giving this one two solid thumbs up.

~Anna**~ A Romance Reader says**

DNF at 40%

I am just not feeling it. I am not connecting nor feeling the chemistry between Shane and Delaney.

I liked the writing though, so I plan on reading future books by this author.

Jenny••Steamy Reads Blog•• says

Now Available

I told myself this year that I needed to seek out new authors, embrace some new, try to find some I like. Seems like I don't need to embrace any really, they are literally planting themselves as new favorites on my lists.

Tara Leigh is one of them.

Rock King is the first in her Nothing But Trouble series, and let me start by saying

Going into a new release, by a new to me author, I am always nervous. This story, one of my favorite tropes, Rock Stars-duh, I knew I wouldn't have a problem. Boy was I wrong, this book, it owned me, it took me captive and still has its grip on me. I didn't just enjoy it, I loved it.

I want you to know although I loved it, it gave me some seriously gray hair, some missing hair, some chewed up fingernails, and some not so happy kids since I locked myself in the bedroom to finish reading this. Okay, okay, bare with me here, I can't give any spoilers away but

"We were on a goddamn merry-go-round of secrets and lies. Bliss and betrayal. Fuck-ups and forgiveness"

The angst in this book, at about 90% I was literally ready to jump ship. It was intense and my emotions were everywhere by that point

Rock god Shane Hawthorne has everything he wants, or so everyone thinks he does. Delaney Fraser has been running from a life changing lie that has completely changed her life, she's constantly running from her past because she can't forget it. Life throws these two individuals together and the pull between them is so strong, neither of them can say no. Their chemistry is so thick, their passion, so undeniable. Will they both stop running and fess up to all their past mistakes and tragedies? Will they become honest with each so they can find their HEA? Or will their pasts catch up to them and ruin any chance at happiness that they both deserve?

If you love angst, if you love rockstars, if you definitely enjoy some real life issues (drugs, alcohol, texting and driving) and of course if you enjoy a good ole written love story, definitely pick this one up. I definitely recommend it. I am counting down the days until the next book is out

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

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Natalie The Biblioholic says

I still haven't read many rock star romances, but this one I found myself to be quite fond of. Shane was making himself into a legend and his media presence wasn't really doing him justice. He felt like his entire life was a sham, no one really knew the man inside, and he had to constantly remind himself of his purpose. In order to stay away from temptation, especially on tour, he hired women to play the role of his 'girlfriend' to keep him on the straight and narrow. That's where Delaney fits in. Her personality was nothing like what he thought he wanted, but she was exactly who he needed.

This story was about the internal struggles that these characters constantly faced. Guilt for past acts and for unforeseeable tragedies ate away at them. I kept screaming for them to unburden themselves to each other. But their resistance to spilling the truth added to the angst of the novel. This story was well-written, although it did lag in some places, and gave me the chance to feel something. Delaney angered the heck out of me. So I'd say the book was worthwhile.

Cristina | CristiinaReads says

⇒⇒*A romance filled with rock music, lust, passion, and dominance that brings you to your knees to the next level...*

⇒⇒Knowing Tara's writing and how she likes to proceed with the category of romance for her main characters, I have gotten used to how she likes to express them. Shane and Delaney are two main characters that are brought to the page in a retrospective filled with hunger, both in the carnal department and also the emotional one. As a rock-star, Shane has everything he can have with the blink of an eye, asks for it, he gets it, demands it, people go down on their knees to give with no hesitations because he is *that* famous and respected as an individual that does not have a terrible reputation with the press. Yes, as a celebrity he has that disadvantage of not having privacy, but he doesn't like to cause any sort of attention either.

⇒⇒Delaney is the opposite. Shy, pleasant, beauty to an essence of wanting more from her in the emotional aspect. She has a past that is trying to resurface to an extend that may come in the way between Shane and her, one that would not be appealing due to the contract they both have for an extended amount of time. This romance is a trope that I actually enjoyed by far more than I was expecting. This review is short for sure, but I don't want to say much since there is so much drama that needs the reader's attention for further explanation.

⇒⇒Overall, this was a romance that I truly did enjoy reading and am already guessing who is coming next in this upcoming series, **wink wink TARA!** I highly recommend this puppy if you are looking for a romance that is filled with real life issues, drugs, sex, appealing rock-star celebrities that doe everything that is meant to be destroyed for the level of pleasure, then this is the ideal book for you!

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Wendy says

This is my first book by this author, so I was very curious as to how it would be...especially since "rockstars" is one of my favorite tropes ;)

I am happy to say, that I was pleasantly surprised by this one !

The storyline isn't really original if I am being honest. I have read many books with the same sort of plot, some better, some not. But since I am being honest here... I really don't care. If it works it works and this one worked for me, even though it wasn't the first in it's kind.

Now I am also a big fan of asshole alpha's...especially when they are rockstars, so that fact may have something to do with me liking this story ;)

Shane is your typical rockstar. He has been leading a life of "sex, drugs and rock and roll". Of course there is a reason for his behavior.

Shane meets Delaney at a Hollywood party. Imagine meeting your childhood idol...I would freak !!!

They both hit it off and Shane's manager thinks she would be a perfect "fake girlfriend / sobriety buddy for Shane. So she signs on the dotted line and joins him on tour.

Now Delaney wasn't my most favorite heroine, but we all know how hard I am on the ladies, so you might want to take my opinion with a grain of salt. I just prefer my heroines to be pretty though and kickass. They need to stand their ground and demand lots of groveling LOL.

Still I enjoyed reading this one, the steam was pretty nice and it had the right amount of angst for me. I will definitely be checking this authors future work ;)

My reviews are posted on DirtyBooksObsession

Aisling Zena says

3.5 stars

Review now posted 30/3/18

I always find it difficult to review a book that hasn't stirred powerful emotions in me. Be it anger or love, strong emotions tend to fuel my reviewing. So when a book comes along that does neither, I find it hard to articulate how it made me feel and describe to others what it evoked. It's also worse when I have this feeling that everyone else loved it but for some reason I didn't. I'm the odd one out. Again. So let me just say from the get go that just because I didn't fall head over heels for this doesn't mean you will not.

My problem with this book, is the same problem I had with the previous book I read by this author. And it's also the reason I feel like the odd one out. This specific style of writing just doesn't agree with me. There's barely any dialogue, any actual interaction. It's all introspection, inner thoughts and self analysis.

Shane Hawthorne is a rockstar. He appears to have it all. Fame, fortune and his every whim catered too. He's also an addict. Losing himself in his addictions in order to forget. Until he has a wake up call and decides to clean up his act. His "fixer"/manager comes up with the perfect idea. Hire "girlfriends"/nannies to stop him from indulging in his addictions. Someone that's with him all the time without attracting the media attention as anything other than the next flavor of the month. Shane's voice took some getting used to. I stopped and

started this book at least 5 times until I managed to stick through it and come to Delaney's POV.

Delaney is working as a waitress when a former classmate bumps into her and introduces her to her boss, Shane's manager. He immediately sees her as the perfect next "girlfriend" for Shane. Her POV was smoother, less douchey but still so wordy. So much inner castigation all around. They both had tragic backstories that you find out later on in the book. They set up much of the colour and tone in the book and it's mostly dramatic. Not so much actual drama, just more dramatic and in my opinion more melodramatic than anything. It depressed me. Both POVs brought me down so low. They both make excuse after excuse especially Delaney. It just made me so tired.

"The truth was, no one deserved me. I was a jagged knife, the tip of my blade edged with the poison. Brutal. Messy. Lethal."

"At my core I'm a hustler, too. Been hauling around a five-pound sack filled with ten pounds of problems since the day I was born."

"Who am I? I don't even know anymore. Fraud."

"Then again, I didn't know what home felt like. Never had, really. Was it a place, a concept?"

"Her tears were because of me. Because I was an inconsiderate, self-centered asshole. And she was right."

"I would destroy her. But maybe, just maybe.. she could save me. It had been done before, right? I mean, billions of people believed they were saved."

"I was falling for Shane, every minute with him another chance to break my heart. And yet with every fibre of my being, I wanted to heal his."

"I was just scrounging for an excuse to linger in the darkness myself."

"Because the truth wasn't going away. It was out there, as restless and angry as the lightning I felt in my bones but couldn't yet see."

All these quotes are inner reflections. I'm not saying that what they went through wasn't traumatic or major. Just after the whole murderer mention in the blurb, I expected actual bloody murder. Maybe my interpretation of that word is wrong...

murder

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noun

1.

the unlawful premeditated killing of one human being by another.

"the brutal murder of a German holidaymaker"

synonyms: killing, homicide, assassination, liquidation, extermination, execution, slaughter, butchery, massacre;

And so my perception and expectations of this were altered. It was just too melodramatic for me after the revelations. The interactions with the secondary characters were at the very minimum making it even more esoteric and the building of relationships and bonds to be strictly between Shane and Delaney. Even a reunion with Shane and his brother got bare bones coverage.

As you can see all this is purely a matter of taste. I know many people that love the drama and the dramatic and the melodrama. I'm just not one of them. Don't let my review stop you from giving this one a try if it intrigues you.

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