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Fate hasn't always been friends with Isabelle West. In fact, fate has been a downright bitch.

Isabelle has learned the hard way how hard life can be when fate isn't by your side. It can hand you dreams on silver platters, but it can snatch them right back and hand you nightmares. One thing Isabelle knew for sure fate was consistent with was taking away everything she ever loved.

For the last two years Isabelle has been slowly clearing the clouds of her past. Happiness is finally on the horizon. She has a thriving business, great friends, and her life back. All she has to do is jump over the last hurdle...her ex-husband.

When problems start causing her to fear her new life, and memories that are better left forgotten start rushing to the surface the last thing she needs is a ghost from her past to come knocking on her door.

Axel never thought he would look into the eyes of Isabelle West again, and he wasn't sure he wanted to now. He's carried his anger for so long he isn't sure he can just turn it off, but when he is faced with protecting her and an unexpected desire to have her again, life gets a little more complicated.

How will Axel and Isabelle deal when all their cards are put on the table and everything they thought was true blows up in their faces?

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Lisa Jayne says

FIVE SECOND CHANCE STARS.

"Missed you ... So fucking much, princess."

Well, hello readers welcome to AXEL, a firm five star favourite. If you have not already clicked this up you are in for a huge treat, and if you have already read this you will understand my over exuberant love for all things Harper Sloan and her particularly gorgeous talent of writing. I thought I had my favourite authors all figured out, a nice tidy collection of writers that tick my boxes and deliver five star reads, then along comes 'AXEL' and I find myself not only adding to my favourite list of authors, but also discovering some new book husbands ... so with all that love shared in my intro, here are my 'Axel' thoughts, readers get yourself ready to fall head over heels with a debut novel ...

What's it all about?

Isabelle 'izzy' West has been running from her own life for years, a victim of a cruel and abusive relationship, izzy never thought she would find true happiness again. Losing the love of her life at a young age, 'Axel' Reid was her all, her soul mate, the one true love of her existence. Crossed wires and missed love coupled with cruel fate, dealt these sweethearts a twisted life apart, but with a coincidental turn of luck after years of separation we are thrown into a world of pain, heartache and reconciliation and the hope for a second chance at true love.

Meet the characters ...

Axel is everything you would want from a five star hero, a man who is not defined by his hurtful past, but determined to make himself successful in all that he does. We see different sides to this loveable alpha, overprotective and dominant but sweet and sensitive also. There's nothing not to love about Axel he charmed his way into my book heart and nothing makes me happier than a man who takes charge and loves his woman. Axel Reid is an out and out loveable rogue ...

Izzy West, has had her fair share of heartache and pain, but as a reader I could empathise with her actions and insecurities, drama follows this beauty wherever she finds herself, but strength of character coupled with determined, faithful friends, and the hope of connecting with her soul mate we finally see izzy find her peace.

What I loved ...

Nothing gets the Lisa book butterflies going than a second chance love story, especially one that is written as well as 'Axel'. Harper Sloan has an extraordinary talent for creating hot book totty, I don't think I've ever read a book with so many potential men to fall in book love with. This book delivers hot and heartbreak, in one gorgeously wrapped up book, it has plenty of heart and soul and the author is more than generous enough to provide a whole host of yummy characters for us all to share. The storyline is sexy without it

being over board and soul searching without the heaviness. There's nothing not to love.

Final thoughts ...

Ok readers here it is, you can't possibly miss out on this book if you love the following: fabulous characters, a second chance love story, hotter than hot bedroom action, a great story line, witty females, overprotective alpha Males, heart warming, toe curling one liners and much more. All in all Harper Sloan has given the book world a gorgeous story that deserves your time and pennies, I'm a firm fan. Finally I think it goes without saying that I'm a desperate, British, overly addicted book reader, impatiently waiting for book two ... Bring it on I'm ready for you Cage ...

Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says

Well well well, Harper Sloan..... You've got yourself a debut novel. Nicely done!

The gist of this book is all about second chances with love. Izzy and Holt "Axel" Reid had young love....the kind that stays with you even when time and circumstances pull you apart physically but never emotionally. Axel, the kid with a rough life, going from foster home to foster home meets Iz in their teens and she's like a light in his darkness. When he enlists in the Marines, he promises to return to her as soon as he can. Tragedy strikes for Izzy while he's gone and unreachable, forcing her to move out of state. But she's left forwarding information with his foster mom....he's sure to get it. Right?

My Axel-

My Izzy-

When Axel returns from basic training to find Iz gone, apparently moved to North Carolina, he has no idea how to get ahold of her. He asks around, but nobody has her address. Even his wicked foster parents have no answers for him. He's got to find her. He searches and eventually he finds her but by then she's moved on. She never needs to know he searched her out. She's obviously moved the fuck on without him.....

Over the years, life has not been overall good for Izzy. Axel never comes to her rescue, so she moves on, starts a career, meets another man. This man becomes her husband but he's not the man she fell in love with so many years ago. In fact, he's a uber controlling abuser. She needs to break free of him before he kills her.

Little did she know, she would see Axel again and not under the best circumstances. Axel is now the owner of Corps Security. Her best friend's buddy Greg works with Axel...ex Marine buddy and all. Izzy needs help.....to protect her from that monster of an ex.

Ah, the story of first loves. We've all experienced it. Even when life moves forward, you always have that special part of your heart for that person. Most of us don't get a chance twice to have that...but these two do. I'm not going to give away anymore of the story. It has to be experienced. The plot is well thought out and I honestly read the entire book until the wee hours of the night. That's rare for me. There's a fair amount of angst, mystery, suspense and heat. When these two find each other again, the chemistry is palpable and sparks fly! Axel has lost Izzy once, he will NOT lose the love of his life again. He'll do anything to protect her. He still loves her...never stopped.

One of the more humorous quotes (when they first reunite and "only sleep" together....

Bravo Harper Sloan! You've got yourself a series! She sets us up for more books with fellow holy- hotness security agents Greg, Maddox, Locke, Coop, and Beck.

Arc provided by the author in exchange for an honest review.

Anna says

5 stars.....holy sweet Alpha extreme. Mama LIKEYYYYYYYY !!!

This book was amazing!!! It gripped me from page one. Taking my tender heart by storm and then.....ya know...**captured my girlie parts to holy hot as fuck man in uniform heaven.** I'm still swooooooning !!!

I haven't always been this weak person; this broken woman. I used to dream, and when I did, I dreamt big. I had plans, plans of a future so bright it would blind you.

Twelve years ago young loves Axel and Izzy had a tearful goodbye. Axel was leaving for the Marines and leaving behind 17 year old Izzy to finish off her last year of high school.

"What are you thinking about, Princess?"

"God, Ax, just about how much I'm going to miss you; you promise to come back to me?"

"Just try and keep me away."

my Axel

Then Fate started playing some cruel tricks on her. She lost the love of her life, her family, and then she finds herself in a loveless marriage to an abusive monster. **I was ready to sucker punch Fate for her.** Luckily I always believe that good always prevails over evil. With the help of her friends Dee and Greg.....they have a plan to protect Izzy who is going through a divorce from hell....and there's no other way to serve "Every dog has its day"than military style ! As in call in some reinforcements.....enter the Calvary....

What an amazing concept.....**obliterate our ovaries all at once then times that assault by 5 yummilicious Alpha men**....that have a story of their own! Don't try choosing a team just yet....and don't be greedy...there's gonna be plenty of swooning to be done by the time this series is complete. In the meantime....buy a walk-in freezer !!!! **my reproductive organs say : THANK YOU LIZ !!!** ❤️❤️❤️

So Axel and Izzy's worlds collide again and after some really beautiful moments, weak-in-the-knees, heart-in-the-throat moments....they communicate...they reconnect.....

******And this is just about where all your girlie parts will erupt into molten lava oooooozing and catapulting to the sky**It was real. It was intense. It was hot. It was fucking hot!!!!

It was holy epic make-up-for-over-a-decade-of dreaming-of-you-every-night I need to fuck your brains out. And I've been around the block so I KNOW these things !!! I'm an EXPERT !!!

This story was beautiful!! I read this in one sitting because I could not put it down. This book was a such a beautiful story of first young love, a second chance at love, and never letting that love go. Even though Fate can be a bitch...Never give up

Axel was absolutely perfect....getting his point of view was amazing...getting into his head is right about up there with....(* use imagination here *).....his thoughts were spot on my Anna Alpha Radar.....

Smile on my face, rock hard dick in my pants, and some peace in my heart, I feel like I can take on the world and win.

"Not one day went by Izzy that my heart didn't belong to you. To this day there has only been one woman that has and will ever hold it. Fuck, baby but the love I have for you is so fucking strong sometimes, I wonder if it will crush me."

She was mine.

She is mine.

She will always be fucking mine.

Axel and Izzy.....It's fucking beautiful.

**I AM HAPPY.
I AM LOVED.
I HAVE OVERCOME.**

Gorgeous debut novel Liz !!! I can't wait for Cage !! **Standing ovation and a huge round of applause.**
YOU ROCKED THIS !! ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Jamie says

Fucking Awesome! Perfection!

IT'S LIVE ON SMASHWORDS!
<http://www.smashwords.com/books/searc...>

Hell bells this book was breathtaking!! Harper Sloan, with one book you have moved yourself right up to the top of my favorite author list!! This story had every single thing I want in a book. It was perfect.. just perfect!! Axel had me all hot and tingly though out the majority of this story.. I want my very own Axel!!

This story was about a love that was so deep that neither time, distance, or misunderstandings could cause it to die out.....

Izzy and Axel got separated after he went off to serve his country..they were desperately in love and Izzy swore she would wait for him. He had her heart after all and she wouldn't be the same until he came back home to her..

Deception from an outside source and a misunderstanding separates them..... Izzy's life is tragic.... she goes though nearly unbearable loss and years of taking the shit life keeps handing her over and over and over.. until she cannot take it anymore. Her and her bf hit the road and she's off to get her life back. She's still broken..but she know's there is more out there for her somehow some way..

Izzy was not the only one with loss... Axel lost the love of his life and it changed him forever. He became a hard man but it served him well in his line of work...

As fate would have it.. Axel and Izzy are brought together again.. needless to say, the chemistry that was there before is still there.. but even hotter now. Misunderstandings and miscommunication caused their original separation but nothing can keep them apart now...

Except maybe a psycho ex hell bent on revenge on Izzy....but Axel is not about to let anything harm Izzy.. he'll move heaven and earth and whatever else comes along the way to protect her..

The story of Axel and Izzy was so hot and so intense. I truly loved every single minute of this story. I believed what they felt for each other and at times I felt like I was right in the story with them. Axel is my favorite type of hero.. strong, commanding, sexy, possessive.. would do anything in the world for the woman he loves. And although Izzy is emotionally broken, she knows she needs Axel to help heal her soul and put her back together. There has never truly been anyone else for her. They belong together and they both know it.

This really was an amazing story and I'm not lying when I say as soon as I read the last page my heart felt heavy that it was over.. I want more Axel and Izzy !!! This is definitely a must read and for me its a definite must read. Harper Sloan knows how to suck you in and not let go... This lady is moving to the top fast and I'm so thrilled that me and her other goodreads friends get to watch her soar!

"That's All" Ash says

This review contains spoilers.

"AXEL" FANS, YOU MAY WANT TO *AVERT* YOUR EYES, BECAUSE...

Let me preface by saying that I didn't HATE this book. There were some things I liked about it. I'll get to those later. Right now... I just really have to get some things off my chest about this book. So hear me out for just a few painful seconds!

ISABELLE

Isabelle. AKA the *whiner himer heroine*. Look, I'm just going say this to dear ol' Izzy:

*I understand your crying about your parents dying.

*I understand your crying over a miscarriage.

*I understand your crying about your husband beating you during your seven-year marriage... **in which you stayed in**. But I get it.

But saying that fate dealt you a shitty hand by taking the love of your life away from you? And then saying that fate dealt you a shitty hand by returning him to you?

Seriously.

And then she has a bunch of MEGA HOT ex-marine HOTTIES protecting her and her feelings.

And I'm like:

Yes. I was jealous of the whiner himer heroine, OKAY?! I admit it. *sniff*

THE REUNION SCENE

You know which one I'm talking about. The one where they're at the club, and we find out the whiner himer heroine is a closet alcoholic? Yep. That one.

I just thought this scene was really kind of funny.

Here's why:

Isabelle's having a mental breakdown, and Greg tells Axel, "She's fighting every demon that owns her soul."

And I'm like:

Sweetheart, she just drank **twelve** shots of Tequila, two cokes with crown, a Tight Snatch, two Golden Showers, one Pussy Panty-Pulldown, and either a Slow Comfy Screw or a Screaming Orgasm.

In Georgia, you may call that "fighting every demon that owns your soul" but over here in the west... We call that **alcohol poisoning**. :)

That's what happens when you let your friend Charlie Sheen it at a bar.

Trust me.

THE BOOK, ITSELF.

This is where it gets *really* painful.

It's like the author took every dramatic situation she knew of... tossed it in the book, added sex, and gave it a sexy alpha male.

The heroine fell in love with the hero in highschool, he gets shipped off to join the marines, her parents die, she has a miscarriage, she gets a letter in the mail saying that the hero that got shipped off is dead, she then gets married to a guy who beats her up for 6.5 years, she has a strenuous divorce with the guy that beat her up, she then runs into the hero she fell in love with and finds out that he's **not** dead, and the guy she just got a divorce from is stalking her.

Why not just make the heroine a paraplegic and give the hero cancer while you're at it?

You're right.

That would have been too much.

Intense storyline.

Intense characters.

Intense dialogue.

The entire time.

OVERKILL.

Scale some of it back a little. If you're trying to make all three of those things stand out at once... **none** of them are going to stand out as a result and they're going to overwhelm each other.

♥♥WHAT I LIKED ABOUT THE BOOK:♥♥

Axel.

The sex scenes.

One more thing.

*These are my **personal** opinions.*

I can be brutal. I can be severe. I can come across like I'm just trying to look like a badass who knows everything about writing.

That's fine.

But I'm honest.

And if anyone has a problem with that?

Rachel (BAVR) says

Swear to Christ this bitch needs to calm her tits.

- AXEL!

Those are my fucking tits and she is my fucking girl.

- AXEL!

Are you in love yet? AXEL! sure takes heroics to a new level of caveman, doesn't he?

Beware of the New Alpha, romance readers!

He's hot, ripped, and hung like a horse.

His dick slices through granite and punches ten sharks.

He likes a girl with a vagina that can gush like a geyser

and HATES any man who dares look sideways at her.
His sperm are like ninjas that make dragon babies.
He may speak like a child but fucks like 8 porn stars.
The New Alpha makes good girls fantasize about douchebags.
Who needs good characterization when - blah, blah, blah - **12 pack?**

"If you call me Holt one more fucking time I'm bending you over my knees, yeah?"
- AXEL!

Take me now, baby.

Hey, I get it. Some girls like this kind of guy. I don't, but then again, I dislike a lot of things that other people like - butterflies and tacos and bubblegum and Nickelback. People are horrendously awesome in their petty differences. AXEL! did not make me "wet," as the heroine Izzy frequently asserts. He's brutish, domineering, vapid, and rarely uses subjects in his sentences.

"Thought I could get you here and enjoy some dinner without having to be inside your wet heat."

"Dreamed of this for so fucking long, Izzy."

"It will be over before it begins baby, just have to cool off...want you so fucking bad."

"Feel so good...so wet, so hot."

- AXEL!

I could do this all day. Basically, if I dated AXEL!, I would have to wear earmuffs to avoid hearing his stupid voice saying stupid things. But whatever. He's just one character. Let's give the others a chance.

Izzy, the heroine, is a hot fucking mess. Her tragic backstory is so heavy-handed that the entire book is about people, like, holding Izzy like an infant and defending her honor or whatever. She's flanked by a group of burly ex-Marines who call her "baby girl" and coddle her like a speshul snowflake.

Here's a spoilery list from Izzy's Tragedy Factory:

(view spoiler)

It's a new trend to give a heroine the shittiest life imaginable to create tension or something. In my reading experience, this trend always fails. The character ends up being more a list of the awful things that happened to her rather than a living, breathing person. It's clear that Izzy's broken. She's so broken that she drinks excessively and only finds comfort when a big macho man is protecting her. Aside from that, Izzy is ... nothing. She's a blank slate, a glove for AXEL!'s penis, a vessel for the reader to jump in and fantasize about hooking up with a sexy guy. And who can *blame* her for being less interesting than sandpaper when she has

tons of men to make her decisions for her? She's everyone's "girl," after all, and AXEL! calls her "mine" at a frequency that makes him look more selfish than the world's brattiest toddler.

AXEL! is a poorly formed character as well. He's so outrageously pig-headed and ALPHA SAY RAWR that there is nothing left but a laughably ridiculous cliche. All the men in this are like that - thumping their chests and calling Izzy "girl" and probably pissing on things when no one's looking. When the hero of a ROMANCE novel has dialogue that sounds remarkably similar to the abusive ex's dialogue, it's clear that all characterization has been shot to hell and back.

Also, I'm 99.99% positive that the asshat ex is Garfield the Cat:

"What did I fucking say, Isabelle? NO DENISE! No afternoons chatting like little fucking bitches. You are to be here, cleaning my fucking house, cooking my fucking dinner, and spreading your fat fucking thighs for my dick!" He reaches out and grabs a bowl of chili, throwing it with all his strength against the wall. I watch chunks of meat, beans and sauce run down my happy yellow walls. "And what the fuck is this shit? I told you, you fucking bitch, I wanted lasagna! Does this look like lasagna?"

So now we know what happens when Garfield doesn't get his lasagna.

But worst of fucking all is the writing. I don't want to discourage first-time and self-pubbing authors, but let me be brutally honest for a minute. If I pay \$3.99 for a BOOK, I expect it to be properly edited. Sadly, Axel does not live up to those simple expectations.

Behold what I like to call TENSE HELL:

My breathing slowly returns to normal and I felt like I am able to speak.

—

Quivers of arousal shoot through my body and if it hadn't been for his strong arm around me, I melt right here on his driveway.

WITHIN SENTENCES. The tense changes WITHIN the sentences.

Little did I know, the last time I look into these eyes would be when he turns around to wave while walking up the steps to the bus, the bus taking my heart with it.

I'll stop at three examples, which is fucking enough for my nerves at the moment. It happens constantly, though - switching tenses, abused commas, and funny errors.

This is when Izzy thinks like a pirate:

*Coop laughs and scoops me up into a big hug and **kisses me cheek** earning a deep growl in warning from Axel.*

And then this happens:

You can't see the lights yet but the torches are lit and the rose pedals against the green grass make it look like there is a blanket of pink and red.

Those are some really fancy **pedals**.

As for the sex ...

"Thought I could get you here and enjoy some dinner without having to be inside your wet heat. Fuck baby, I can smell you from here. I bet your pussy is soaked, fucking sopping wet and ready for me."

SERIOUSLY. THIS IS NOT NORMAL. SHE NEEDS TO SEE A GYNECOLOGIST YESTERDAY! D:

Oh, and for the record, the apparently badass "Corps Security" crew of AXEL! and his friends sucks at its job. I wouldn't trust them to protect my garden lilies from hungry rabbits. (view spoiler) Fuck those guys. I'll take my chances without the douche brigade.

I won't be reading any other books in this series, no matter how tempting it is to read about AXEL!'s meathead friends bossing people around and calling grown women "baby girl." BAVR likes a fun challenge, but I'll be damned before I pay another dollar for a book that can't decide what tense to use.

Ah, but why so serious? I'll leave you with some sage wisdom from our dashing title character.

"Princess, that's what happens when shit festers and bitches act like bitches."

- AXEL!

Dd says

All my fellow Axel lovers, before you all strangle me to death, I love Axel too.

And I agree with you all....Axel is hot.Axel is ecstatic.Axel is orgasmic.

I know, I know, all of your hands are still itching to strangle me.

But let me explain the reason behind the 3 stars.

I'll start from the beginning.

The beginning was lovely.

I gave up pleading to the the heavens years ago.Ten years to be exact.The day he walked out of my life.The day the sun stopped shining and my world turned gray.The day that my dreams turned into nightmares.I miss my dreams, the sun, and I miss him.

Isabelle West (Izzy)-

Call me a masochist if you wish, but I am a total sucker for stories like this.**Poignant, beautiful and full of heartbreak.**

The book starts with a prologue with Izzy facing a living nightmare and somehow surviving the ordeal.

And then the story begins two years after that.Izzy is facing the demons from her past and trying to build a new life from the pieces she has left.A **victim of an abusive marriage** for years and years, she's trying reinvent herself with her two best-friends, **Greg** and **Dee**, by her side.**The brother and sister of her heart.**

But even the years of her abusive marriage can't hold a candle to the amount of pain and sheer grief she had to go through when she lost the love of her life at a very young age...**Axel**.

So as I was saying, a beautiful beginning as well as a beautiful premise.

A little more polish, like better dialogues, a little less cursing, a little less inner monologues of Izzy, and it would have been perfect.

So here I was, eagerly waiting for Axel to enter.At last my wait was over.Axel entered and the story suddenly spiralled downways!

((Minor spoilers ahead!!))

I put on my pants named 'PATIENCE'.

Misunderstandings.Miscommunications.Confusions....

Yup, still patient.

Axel running after Izzy.Izzy running away from him.Everyone being cryptic....

Trying to be patient.

Izzy running, avoiding Axel, not listening to anyone, fighting with Greg, doing stupid things....

Desperately trying to patient.

Izzy treating Greg like crap.

I lost my patience.

I was trying, so very hard, not to judge her.I mean who am I to judge her, when I do not even have an inkling about what she went through.So no, it wouldn't have been right on my part to judge her.

But Greg, he was always there for her, without asking anything in return. He handled her at her very worst, never once judging her. Always dragging her from the brink of destruction. Picking up the pieces of her life and putting them together.

And just once, when did something he had to, in order to stop her from self-destructing, what did she do??

"I'm dead to you, you hear me. I do not exist to you."

I did judge her then. She lost my respect.

She might have earned it back if she had apologised. But she didn't.

But I did not give up. I was this close, but I managed to hold on. And I'm glad I did. Because the best parts came after that!!

*"She was mine.
She is mine.
She will always fucking be mine."*

"Hmm...can't speak, huh baby? Just think how good it will feel when I bury my cock deep inside that warm pussy, when I fuck you so hard you will feel me for days. Going to make you drown in pleasure, fuck you so good, so fucking good."

"Never again, Izzy West. I will never again let anyone take you from me, or anything from us."

And then came the moment, when I helplessly fell in love with this man...Axel!!

"He's silent for a while. His body jerking slightly, giving away his silence. My big strong man is breaking."

Oh yes. How I love this man.

Now, came the climax. Well, I was disappointed.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for the damsel-in-distress-saving-herself part. After all I'm a woman, and it depicts women power!!

But what I mean is, not just my Axel, the other hot boys in this story too...

They are lethal. They are dangerous. They exude the so called don't-mess-with-me vibe.

So tell me, is there any red-blooded female out there who does not want to watch them in **action**??? And not just in bed either.

I wanted to see them using those big guns, knives, all that ruthless power!

In fact there was no action at all. The climax was just too tame for me specially because of all these wild men who fired me up.

The ending though was very sweet!!

So overall 3 stars.

One last thing-

As a debut by Harper Sloan, this was a very promising read. I am pretty sure that she'll only get better with time. And I am very eager to see what she presents next.

That's all for now, Readers.

Ta-Ta!!

P.S. - Not much is required in the next book for me to love Greg. Because I love him already.

Akanksha♥ Søren? says

Amor Vincit Omnia

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W.O.W

Brilliant debut novel by Harper Sloan.

I seriously fell hard for this book, like my knee is aching by the looks of how hard I fell ;) LOL

How was this book?

OUTSTANDING!

Good lord, Alex and Izzy...

This book had a brilliant story, like 2 days after finishing it, All I can think about is this story! I'm in a very happy place ;D Got a nice bookbuzz going :P

Alex was HOT!! Like 'please let me lick your face' type hot!

I loved this book, Like seriously loved it too bloody much. It was so sweet and how everything works out for them. Its like True Love Prevails All types. The book has a perfect HEA; and everyone knows how big of a sucker I am for those.

This novel has an amazing story line, with brilliant side characters and BFFs and A HELL OF A FREAKIN' LOT OF STEAM. *fans herself*

Cannot wait for each of the character's to get their books. Will totally keep a look out for all of Harper's novels :D

A little about the story...

We meet Izzy who believes fate hates her a bit too much.. I felt so too starting the book..

Fate might hate me, but that doesn't stop me from hoping one day she forgets about her favorite chew toy.

I loved Greg and Dee! Best of the BFFs one could wish for..

This book has some hilarious one lines, along with some pretty intense and amazing one liners too ;)

Just think how good it will feel when I bury my cock deep inside that warm pussy, when I fuck you so hard you will feel me for days. Going to make you drown in pleasure.

~

‘me Tarzan, taking Jane to tree house where she won’t wear clothes and we will play bedroom aerobics for the rest of the days’

The writing and dialogue delivery need a little working on it, but to hell with it because the story line with the plot and the perfect pace make up for it. :D

ARC provided by the Author for an honest review. :)

Alexis *Reality Bites* says

SPOILER FREE REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Contemporary Romance Erotica

I. LOVE. THIS. BOOK.

I swear every time I read, said or hear the name **Axel** this happens

Harper Sloan has wound up her bat and officially knocked her debut novel out of the park. I for one cannot wait to get **MORE MORE MORE!**

Young love

He is my dreams. He is my future. ~Izzy

12 years ago Isabelle West said goodbye to her high school sweet heart, **Axel**,

See told ya!LOL! Isabelle aka Izzy has to say goodbye to HE who brings on the orgasm after he graduates high school and is off to the marines. Leaving seventeen year old Izzy behind to complete her last year in high school. Nevertheless, they had already made plans to build their life together but oh so soon Izzy learns that life can easily change as the plush comfy rug is pulled right from under her feet.

Just when she thinks her circumstances couldn’t get any worse it does.

Fighting to come out of the black hole that swallowed her is not easy; while away at college Isabelle meets two people who change her life.

Dee and Brandon

Dee somehow manages to pull Isabelle out of that black hole and brings her back to the land of the living.

Brandon is handsome, rich, successful and a few years older than she. Izzy starts falling for him and eventually she marries him only to discover that he is the devil in disguise. She endures hell for six years..

Hope Town

Dee is what best friends are made of if only we could bottle her up and pass her around for people to embody. Once she gets the call she does not waste any time; she pulls Izzy out of hell and they set up shop in a new town with the assistance of a friend readers will all come to love, Greg.

Unfortunately Brandon decides to not give up and let Izzy go easily and **that** is when the story starts to really get interesting.

Enter **Axel**

And he is not alone he comes with three other muscle bound men who are just as panty melting *wiggles eyebrows* They all consider themselves brothers after becoming close with one another in the marines. Wait. TIME OUT. Three words...**Marines. Brothers. Sexy.**

Ok, back to the review

Axel has been carrying around the anger and pain for the loss of his first love for over a decade. His brothers know all about it too because he has no qualms letting people know his feelings about Izzy.

When his anger at seeing her after all these years collides with her shock... Emotions reach an all time high of EPIC PROPORTIONS.

But do not get it twisted once the smoke clears he claims his female in true alpha male form! *MINE*.

Fave Scene VERY MINOR SPOILER

Axel. In the shower. **A L O N E.** *Grins*

Fave Panty melting lines

This isn't the heavy fast sex we had earlier. This is pure love making. This is two souls that have been a drift for too long finally coming home to each other. This is healing. ~Izzy

“My girl wants my dick doesn’t she?” ~Axel

My Thoughts

This book was right up my alley an uber alpha male and a woman in need of his protection. Seriously what more can a girl ask for.. *OH WAIT, I KNOW! MORE UBER ALPHA MALE HOTTIES! THAT'S WHAT!*
Grinning **The testosterone oozed off the pages. Literally.**

Harper Sloan kept me glued to my Kindle, I was totally sucked in from the first page! I immensely enjoyed her writing style! And I very much look forward to her work in the future!

-Special Thank you to the author, Harper Sloan, for sending me a copy!

My Ratings

Characters- Lovable, sexy and witty

Writing Style- My cup of tea

Plot/Storyline- Page turning burn your finger tips romance

Steam Factor- High/Very Steamy

Overall- Loved it! READ IT!!

Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!

For more reviews got to <http://realitybites-letsgetlost.blogs...>

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4/4/13 Got my ARC!!! Starting this one tonight, once my 4th of July festivities conclude!

SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says

★★★★★! Axel (stand-alone), debut by Harper Sloan. A beautiful, poignant, angsty & at times violent story following Izzy in the aftermath of her parting & later reconciliation with her once-upon-a-time love-of-her-life, Axel!

Corps Security is a new series courtesy debut author Harper Sloan. It introduces us to a hot group of former US Marines and though each book will have its own hero/heroine it is recommended you read series in order:

Axel (book 1)

Cage (book 2)

Untitled (book 3)

Untitled (book 4)

Untitled (book 5)

Axel (book 1) is Axel's and Izzy' story. Follow them through the ups and downs of **friendship, love, betrayal, tragedies and their attempts of finding their way back together through the healing power of love.**

“I haven’t always been this weak person; this broken woman. I used to dream, and when I did, I dreamt big. I had plans, plans of a future so bright it would blind you. I can still remember the day those dreams, those grand plans, and that future as bright as the sun went poof.”

No, **Isabelle West, Izzy** had once been this spunky and happy young lady who at age fourteen met the **love-of-her-life Axel Reid**. For three years her life was a fairytale with her family embracing Axel, who was raised in the foster care system. But the ambitious Axel wanted to make a better life for himself and Izzy and so, upon his graduation from high school, he joins the US Marines. Their fairytale ends there! Shortly after his departure tragedy upon tragedy strike in Izzy's life and they are forever separated – lost to each other.

In the decade since her loss of Axel, Izzy's life has been a nightmare and story opens up to yet another. She has had some happy moments, thanks to her friends Dee and Greg (and later the Corps Security team), but for most part it is **spinning out of control with way too much partying** to numb the memories. In the aftermath of the break-up of her abusive marriage, she needs protection and so her path crosses with Axel. After the shock settles **Axel gets to work protecting Izzy**. There are many twists and turns and a mixture of emotions as the truth is revealed. **How will they be able to work through their painful pasts, the betrayal, the what-ifs and find their way back to each other?** Their story is best experienced. I recommend you read it!

Holt Axel Reid, Axel, raised in the foster care system, has risen against his odds to become a successful businessman. And what a man he grew into! A no nonsense, take charge and in control alpha! Seven words to describe **Axel: Safe, charismatic, smart, protective, focused, resilient and noble**.

And though I feel that I know him intimately he is still an enigma to me. Part of that is tied into his covert operations with the US Marines, but I wish I knew a little bit more about his life during their time apart. Let's see if more will unfold during the sequels.

“Process? What the hell is there to process? Where are you, Izzy? Not asking you again, and I am not fucking doing this text message shit like a goddamn prepubescent little shit.”

Isabelle West, Izzy's life went into a tailspin before she finished high school. One tragedy after another, but through it all she is still here to tell her story. For most part I loved everything about her, but there were parts in the middle where she was being very stubborn. I attribute it to the trauma and pain she has been through. Six words to describe **Izzy: Resilient, strong, meek, smart, survivor and stubborn**.

“He was the only reason I survived at the hands of Brandon. I would just close myself off

and think of him and the times we had together. He was my salvation in the darkest of dark.”

Axel (book 1) took me on a roller-coaster through many emotions. It's poignant, heartfelt, angsty, painful, at times violent including domestic abuse, but there are also happy, tender, funny and sexxy moments. And most importantly, just like the author indicates in forewords, it's a story about love, “The greatest love that you could find in a lifetime, the undying kind.”

“Amor Vincit Omnia”

Hero rating: 5 stars

Heroine rating: 3.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars

Storyline concept rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling skills rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: 5 stars

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): N/A

Overall rating: 5 stars

Would I recommend this series: Yes.

Would I re-read this series: Yes.

Would I read future books by this author: Yes.

(Story GIF approved by GR 10-2013)

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Aestas Book Blog says

4.5 stars

Calling all badass Alpha male fans!!! You need to check this book out!!

It was a blend of all the elements I love in a book - protective Alphas, great character dynamics and a beautiful second chance at a once-in-a-lifetime love.

Over ten years ago, Axel walked out of Izzy's life and she never saw him again. But she'd never forgotten him or let go of her love. Heartbroken, she is now trapped in a love-less marriage to a vulgar, abusive, controlling husband. Her life is miserable and she craves freedom... but most of all she craves the love that she lost so many years ago.

"Cut off from those I loved and so terrified of his wrath; I wasn't going anywhere. Those were the years I prayed and prayed for Axel to find his way back to me... but I eventually had to face the facts... my hero was gone."

This book starts out with a prologue that, while gritty and horrifying, really sucks you right into the story.

"That was the same day I decided fate hated me. No, she didn't hate me... she loathed me. People say karma is a bitch but I have news for you, karma doesn't have anything on fate when she is after your blood. Not a single thing."

The story is told from alternating POVs through a mixture of present day and flashback scenes. The beginning is told from Izzy's perspective but once Axel returns to the scene, we get his POV as well.

Through the flashbacks, we learn that Izzy and Axel were childhood sweethearts. Inseparable and in love. But he had joined the military and was heading off to basic training and for the first time, they were facing separation. They planned to get through it and knew that they could but through a cruel twist of fate, their paths didn't cross when he returned and they spent the next decade apart. Him angry, her broken-hearted, neither of them knowing the whole story... and the saddest part was how close they came to being able to stay together.

***"You promise to come back to me?" ...
"Just try and keep me away."***

Her friends eventually got her away from her husband's hellhole but he was still refusing a divorce so one of her best friends called in a specialist - an "ex-Marine, badass motherfucker" he worked with on occasion that he knew would be willing to help. Well... guess who that was? :D

Ohhh my gosh! The *anticipation* that build to them meeting again just gave me butterflies and kept me on the edge of my seat waiting for "that moment" - you know the moment I'm talking about... *sigh* I just love second-chance romances!

"Seeing his face again is still a punch straight to the gut. It physically hurts to breathe. He looks so different than the boyish face I remember in my dreams, he is still Axel, but he looks harder."

But... it wasn't all hearts and rainbows. The real real reason they hadn't connected again after all these years was due to a huge misunderstanding. One that was big enough to keep him away that whole time and it was painful to watch. There was hurt and misunderstandings on both sides to work through but you just knew all the way through that they were just meant for each other.

Let's just all take a minute now to swoon over Axel. Just picture someone *"tall dark and lickable"*. He was Alpha, badass, unapologetically protective, possessive, with a heart of gold and complete and total love for his girl. *dreamy sigh* I loved his no-bullshit, no-games attitude. He gave her space when she needed it but was not going to let her run. He made them face their problems and work through them and even for that alone, I loved him.

"You want fucking time, fine. One week, that is all I'm willing to give. Next Saturday, I don't

care if I have to knock on every goddamn door in Georgia. I will find you and we will be having this talk. Got that?"

Well, shit.

That being said, there were a lot of miscommunications (and a slight bit of stupid) to work through in this and if I had to make one complaint, I'd say that the heroine was a little... weepy in the first half. I mean, her life seriously sucked and she'd been through a lot but still... it was something I noticed but it still didn't take away from my enjoyment of the story. And I loved that when they finally got everything sorted, the swoooooooon and hotness that ensued had me simultaneously fanning myself and clutching my heart. It was HOT. Sweet. Explosive. Scorching. I loved that they *talked* through it though because by the end, you really felt like their issues had all been worked through.

"I won't let you go until we figure it out. Not happening. Do you feel it? Every single thing we ever felt for each other, it is still there Izzy and I won't let you push me away. We walked back into each other's lives for a reason... There isn't one goddamn thing that will tear us apart again. Lost too much time already, Princess. Too much time that I should have had you right here in my arms... Not one day went by Izzy that my heart didn't belong to you."

This book kind of reminded me of a Kristen Ashley book (especially the Rock Chick series). It had a very similar Alpha male/ uber badass protector vibe to it so fans of that series should definitely check this one out.

Plus, there was a whole group of hot guys here, all working for Axel's security team and ohhhhhh myyyyy were they ALL yummy. I want to know more about each and everyone! I hope they each get books! But at the top of my list are Greg (omg LOVE him and his whole protector vibe!) and Maddox (badass with a heart of gold and some serious demons) ... not to mention Beck (him and Dee have some serious issues to work through!)... ok, clearly this is proving that I can't choose. Fingers crossed that they just all get books.

Seriously, for the good of womankind, someone needs to find these guys and clone and distribute them. I mean holyyyyyy *fans self*

It wasn't all badass fun though. Remember that Izzy's ex-husband was still out to get her and was a real piece of work so the ending was action packed and intense.

This series has me HOOKED!!! Totally hooked. I will be buying the next one the day it comes out.

Book #2 will be about Greg Cage. That man stole my heart in this book and seriously gave Axel a run for his money in the swoon department. As Izzy's best friend, his self-appointed role as her protector just turned my insides to mush.

"He was able to recognize my fear and instead of lashing out, he took it in and turned into my lifeline; my protector."

See what I mean??? Yeah... I need his book. Stat.

Axel made me fall in love with all the characters, laugh, tear up, and fan myself from all the hotness. Fans of badass Alpha males and second-chance romances should definitely check this out!

This is the first book in the Corps Security series. Each book will focus on a different character from the group though so this one has a happy ending and can be read as a standalone.

"Amor Vincit Omnia... Love Conquers all."

4.5 stars

My casting...

Fate hasn't always been friends with Isabelle West. In fact, fate has been a down right bitch.

Isabelle has learned the hard way how hard life can be when fate isn't by your side. It can hand you dreams on silver platters, but it can snatch them right back and hand you nightmares. One thing Isabelle knew for sure fate was consistent with was taking away everything she ever loved.

For the last two years Isabelle has been slowly clearing the clouds of her past. Happiness is finally on the horizon. She has a thriving business, great friends, and her life back. All she has to do is jump over the last hurdle...her ex-husband.

When problems start causing her to fear her new life, and memories that are better left forgotten start rushing to the surface the last thing she needs is a ghost from her past to come knocking on her door.

Axel never thought he would look into the eyes of Isabelle West again, and he wasn't sure he wanted to now. He's carried his anger for so long he isn't sure he can just turn it off, but when he is faced with protecting her and an unexpected desire to have her again, life gets a little more complicated.

How will Axel and Isabelle deal when all their cards are put on the table and everything they thought was true blows up in their faces?

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Jessica's Totally Over The Top Book Obsession says

5 Love Conquers All stars

Spoilers

Now that is what I am talking about!!!!!! Wow I loved this book!

Axel is the first book in the Corps Security series, and Man did this series start with a bang! This book grabbed me from the beginning, and kept me hanging on every word til the very end!

Isabelle West has had a Hard life, and it all started the day she watched the love of her life Axel, get on a bus heading out to basic training for the Marines! From then on it has been one thing after another. She loses everything she ever loved! Feeling all alone and vulnerable she meets and marries a man who turns out to be a abusive and controlling monster. She finally gets away from him after he almost beats her to death, and she is trying to pick up the pieces of her life and move on. The only problem is her husband has no plans of letting her go! Her friend Greg, who owns Corps Security with a bunch of his ex Marine buddies tells her he is going to put his good friend name Reid on her case because he is the best. When she meets Reid for the first time her whole world comes crashing down around her feet when Reid turns out to be her long lost love Axel who she believed dead!

Axel:

“Serious as shit right now, Izzy. You keep looking at me like I’m the last drop of water left after a long-ass drought and I will take you right here in the doorway. Jesus Christ, I’m so fucking hard right now, I think I really could hammer nails,”

“Baby, it is fucking hilarious. You really think that once I bury myself deep within your pussy and feel your tight walls squeezing the come right out of my dick, that I will ever want to let you go again? You must be out of your fucking mind, Princess. I won’t even be able to let you out of my fucking bed until we make up for every single day we have lost.”

Izzy:

“Please Axel, I need you inside of me.”

**When you are with me I am free.
My strength. My heart. My everything.
Our love now continues forever.**

**"Amor Vincit Omnia"
"Love Conquers All"**

“I still love him. This man that I have thought was forever lost to me. If I am completely honest with myself, I never stopped loving him. But, all this knowledge shouldn’t scare me. The teenage love we

shared over a decade ago has grown with such a power that it will kill me if I lose it again.”

OMG Axel and Izzy are second chance love at it's best. Izzy was such a survivor, Fighting hard to be happy you could not help, but love and root for her. Axel Hell fire, was he sexy..... OMG I want me some Axel yum! And the things that came out of his mouth

“Can’t wait baby, I’m going to rip those tight ass pants from your body and bury my face between your creamy thighs. I want to feel that sweet cunt around my tongue. Going to make you scream Princess, and then when you can’t take it anymore,” he pushes his denim covered hips hard into mine, his thick erection rubbing my clit in the most delicious way, “then I’m going to lick my way up this sweet fucking body and finally I’m going make you mine.” He rolls his hips and I gasp, so close.

Together they were so damn sweet, and smoking hott! I loved all the boys from Corps Security, but then again I have always had a hard on for military men!!!

The story was great and I couldn't put it down. This is the first time reading Harper Sloan and I am now a fan for life! What a beautiful and emotional ride and I can't wait to read the rest of this series!!!!!!

<http://jessicasoverthetopbookobsessio...>

Christy says

5 Fantastic Stars!

This was a debut novel??? Seriously?!?! Axel hooked me from the prologue and never let go! Reader beware: Once you start this one, there will be no putting it down! I stayed up way past my bedtime just to finish! There is nothing better than a well written story about a second chance at a first love- add in super hot military guys (yes... I said GUYS as in more than one) throw in some scorching hot sex scenes, and an emotional back story, you get a wonderful 5 star read!

Fate had never been kind to Izzy West- in fact, it had been down right cruel.

From losing her family, the love of her life, to being in an abusive marriage for years, her life hasn't been easy. She has a lot of demons in her past she's never dealt with or gotten over. Thankfully she has her best friends, Dee and Greg. Without them, who knows where she would be. Unfortunately, Izzy is having difficulties with her ex. Greg (oh my sweet Greg- you will LOVE this man) decides more precautions need to be taken to ensure Izzy's safety. Including getting some his ex-marine friends that work security to help. He is getting his buddy, Reid on board. Reid is the best, and that's what Izzy needs.

When we meet Holt A. (view spoiler) Reid... HOLY HELL! Talk about alpha male to the max! To say I'm a little Axel crazy would be an understatement! But there isn't just Axel- oh no! There are a few guys just as hot as Axel and Greg... my favorite being Maddox ♥ They all become close to Izzy and become family to her. But there is still a lot of tension, and a shit ton of miscommunication.

But really with these two- it's inevitable...

I have finally come to the realization that I'm not ready to let her go. Not again. And if I'm being totally honest with myself, I haven't ever gotten over the fact that she was and always will be 'it' for me.

Axel and Izzy have a tough road ahead of them. There are a lot of past issues they have to overcome, a lot of heart ache and unanswered questions. It takes a while for them to truly reconnect, but let me tell you- it's worth the wait.

Just so you know ladies and you're prepared... Axel will melt your panties right off. He is seriously yummy and sexy!

‘You really think that once I bury myself deep within your pussy and feel your tight walls squeezing the come right out of my dick, that I will ever want to let you go again? You must be out of your fucking mind, Princess. I won’t even be able to let you out of my fucking bed until we make up for every single day we have lost.’

Once Izzy and Axel are together, he will do anything to keep her safe, protect her. I just love him! And I love Izzy! The two of them together are AMAZING! Fate is finally kind to Izzy West.

(view spoiler)

(hide spoiler)]

Such a beautiful story of first loves, second chances, and what's meant to be always finding a way. This book has that same element for me a KA book has- hot sexy alpha males, strong heroine, and being unable to put it

down! Loved getting into Izzy and Axel's background and everything between them. Not only were the two main characters awesome, there was a slew of supporting characters that just rocked.

Note to author: I hope you are a fast writer, because once readers get a taste of Axel, they are gonna want more! I am so excited for Greg's book I can't even stand it! When this book gets released, everyone needs to pick it up and read it! If I had just one thing to say to sum it all up:

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Harper Sloan says

I wrote it so of course I love it! ;)

Lisa says

*When everything was falling apart
All my days were spent by the telephone
It never rang
And all I needed was a call
That never came
To the corner of first and Amistad*

*Lost and insecure
You found me, you found me
Lying on the floor
Surrounded, surrounded
Why'd you have to wait?
Where were you? Where were you?
Just a little late
You found me, you found me*

*In the end everyone ends up alone
Losing her, the only one who's ever known
Who I am, who I'm not, who I want to be
No way to know how long she will be next to me*

*Lost and insecure
You found me, you found me
Lying on the floor*

*Surrounded, surrounded
Why'd you have to wait?
Where were you, where were you?
Just a little late
You found me, you found me*

You Found Me, The Fray

Isabelle West (Izzy) had a wonderful childhood and upbringing. With supportive and loving parents, life was great for young Izzy. Who would have thought that life would turn against her and she would lose everything and find herself living a nightmare? Holt “Axel” Reid did not have the privilege of having amazing parents. They wanted the high more than they wanted a child. Axel grew up as a foster kid, constantly battling the system and finding himself in a crappy foster home. With such a rough start to life, does he not deserve to have a shot at love and a happy life? Apparently not.

People say karma is a bitch but I have news for you, karma doesn't have anything on fate when she is after blood. Not a single thing.

Yes, fate can be a cruel mother-fucking bitch!

My Axel:

My Izzy:

Fate might hate me, but that doesn't stop me from hoping one day she forgets about her favorite chew toy. When that day comes I hope karma has some fun with that bitch fate.

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I might be stuck, but I'll be damned if I will let him break me.

Izzy has lost family, love, freedom....her sanity. Life has not been kind. After losing her first love and the death of her parents, life has been devastatingly hard. No white knight to save her, no matter how much she prayed for one. At her most vulnerable, Izzy makes the mistake of falling for and marrying a true monster. She finally manages to get out from under the violent clutches of her abusive husband after a horrifying incident. Izzy is finally putting the pieces of her life back together again with the help of her two best friends, Dee and Greg. They have been her strength and her lifeline. She has a plethora of demons to overcome, but she is doing it – one step at a time. One final hurdle that Izzy needs to jump is her divorce. Her ex is not making things easy and after making a threat, Greg steps in to secure Izzy's safety. His security corporation is expanding and his ex-marine friends are all in on the business. Greg decides that the best man to handle the job of Izzy's security is Reid. Oh, how the past can come to haunt us friends!!!!

The girl ripped my heart to fucking shreds and I never knew why. It would have been quicker if she had stuck around and shot me in the fucking chest. At least I would have died instantly, instead of bleeding out slowly for the last twelve years.

When Axel enlisted with the Marines it was to make a better life for himself and the love of his life. He knew that the time apart would be difficult but he was so sure of their love. They can get through being separated for a time. When Axel returns back home after three months of basic training, he discovers that Isabelle has lost her parents and that she has left town. With nothing to go buy, Axel searches for as long as he can. He feels the betrayal deep. After all, if Isabelle truly loved him, she would have left some contact information. Axel returns to the Marines with a shattered heart and hatred in his soul. How quickly love can turn to hate. Years later Axel has made something of his life. When his business partner and friend, Greg, approaches him about security for one of his best friends who is having a hard time with an ex-husband, Axel has no idea that his life is about to explode once again.

I have finally come to the realization that I'm not ready to let her go. Not again. And if I'm being totally honest with myself, I haven't ever gotten over the fact that she was and always will be 'it' for me.

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"Missed you...so fucking much, Princess."

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"What are you thinking?" I ask him after a few minutes.

He looks up at me with his smile wide and his eyes bright. "How fucking lucky I am."

Once Izzy and Axel are confronted with one another again, all the hurt and pain from the past resurfaces. The pain of lost love. The pain of betrayal. There were so many wires crossed and a heck of a lot of miscommunication. The pair definitely have a heavy and resistant path to maneuver. There are so many misconceptions and unanswered questions. At first, the hostility between them prevents the pair from discovering what truly tore them apart; however, once they begin to communicate there is no holding them back. All that was once lost will be fought for and regained.

“Fuck, baby but the love I have for you is so fucking strong sometimes I wonder if it will crush me.”

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“I love you, Axel Reid. I have loved you forever and I will never stop. Made for me, baby.”

Harper Sloan has provided us with a story about the sweetness of first love and how extremely fragile it can be. Although, for some, the profoundness of that first love is a once in a lifetime thing - something that you are unable to erase from your mind, heart and depths of your soul. This book is also about the beauty of second chances. Despite where life had taken both Izzy and Axel, they found their way back to each other. Fate? Possibly. Or perhaps some loves never die and nothing can truly stand in the way of seeing that love come to complete fruition. Izzy and Axel's love story broke my heart but it was pieced back together as the pair reunite and find their way back to one another.

All in all, *Axel* is an amazing debut novel full of angst, romance, suspense and a whole lot of sexy smexy. Seriously, this author nailed it. Furthermore, Harper Sloan has also provided us with a surplus of hot as heck alpha-males that will have you salivating and swooning. Trust me, Axel is not the only hot piece of ass in this book. I loved all the secondary characters and can't wait to see them get their own books. This book has it all: witty dialogue, panty-melting alpha-dudes, a strong heroine with a crazy best friend (best line ever: **“Who in the hot hunk of sex are you?”**), a gripping plot and fan yourself sex scenes. I loved every second of this book and can't wait for the next book in the series.

Harper Sloan: I know that you anticipate the next book coming out in early 2014 but I beg, plead, grovel....**PLEASE WRITE FAST**. You're a ninja. Use those mad skills. I want the next book now!

When you are with me I am free.

My strength. My everything.

Our love now continues forever.

Amor Vincit Omnia.

**A copy of this book was provided to me by the author in exchange for an honest review.*