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Book three in the Brooklyn Sinners series.

*One man buried in secrets. Another still grieving the love he lost. Their worlds collide in a battle between memories, old and new, while trust hangs by a fragile thread.*

Syren Rua is at war. He battles painful childhood demons and his intense need for the first person who makes him feel. As Faro, Syren makes deals with the worst while taking the steps necessary to bring his family's killer to justice. He isn't one to indulge in selfish needs, but he'll make the time in this instance. Syren has been watching Kane Ashby, craving the grieving man for his own. He's always stayed away from temptation, but that's about to change.

Kane isn't over the death of his long-time partner. He's certainly not ready for a relationship, sexual or otherwise, but Syren isn't a man who takes no for an answer. The unpredictable Syren offers nothing but secrets and brings with him memories so dark, they could wipe out any chance the two might ever have. Syren brings Kane's heart back to life. But it is also Syren who could inflict the most damage.

*Inside Scoop: One of our heroes has a panty fetish. And it's hot. This book also contains brief references to rape and child abuse.*

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## From Reader Review A Sinner Born for online ebook

### Lorraine Lesar says

Some people ride the Revenge Train, Syren Rua drove that motherfucker. An eye for an eye was never going to be enough. Ricardo Delatorre was going down, something Syren had been secretly plotting for years. I'll be honest here and say that this was a shock. I had some preconceived ideas of what to expect, but of course, Avril being Avril, she simply blew them out the water and gave us something else entirely.

I knew that Syren was a man of secrets, he collected them like a Curator in a Museum and stored them away like the priceless artefacts that they could very well become in the future and of course, in the right hands ? What I didn't know was how many different heads Syren wore and the reasons as to why? For me (and no spoilers) it was the most heart wrenching story in the entire Series.

As Syren slowly started to shred off his layers one by one (the ones he wore like a bulletproof jacket for so long) exposing himself to Marshal Kane Ashby (the only man he wanted to touch him), we saw just how truly special Syren is. It's a pity I can't say the same thing about Kane. What an arsehole!

I think the nicest thing I could say about him was that he was as pleasant as an itchy butthole. He let Syren down BIG TIME and because of that, he lost my respect.

Wasn't over impressed with that ending either....

But how Syren plotted and executed his revenge, how he kept his secrets from the baddies and never wavered in his quest, is definitely worthy of 4\*. If Kane hadn't let the side down, it would have been 5\*.

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### • \* ° \*• Gwendolyn•°\*\*\*★°\*\*\*★ says

OMG...he was ever so sexy!

This book was sexy wicked!

There is some brutal stuff in this book, but....

### Syren & Kane.....*Simply A.D.O.R.A.B.L.E !"*

Re-read to get ready for new series , love the writing, hate the storyline concept, not my thing.

But.....

*This Book Was~*

♥Sizzling

♥Touching

♥Heartbreaking

♥Intense

♥Sweetness

♥Both MCs have flaws...and *Man-oh-Man...*

♥Syren & Kane...were A Hot Mess, Apart from each other, yet...

♥Simply Beautiful Together

♥PLEASE READ THIS BOOK WITH CAUTION...."

In this book there is a rape...albeit a survivor, please still read with caution~

The series as a whole... thus far...embeds romance's that are VERY, VERY, intense...this writer epitomized this so very well, I believe it to be the writers gift.

The plot's are, sort of FBI'ish... my fav, but gangster'ish, is so NOT my fav...but... I found ALL it to be my fav in the series. Don't get me wrong Angel's book gives this one a run for it's money as I love them both.

I Loved that ALL the MCs in the old books were back, and OHMYGAWD... that smexy scene of Gabe and Angel at the party, yummy, yum, yum.

Kane why? Couldn't you have a little faith in him? (view spoiler) but, the manties made up for it.

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**Krissy says**

Probably my least favorite of the series so far. But I still liked it.

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**Karen says**

*We interrupt this series to bring you...  
a moment of extreme angst and just general flailing about this book*

Often with a series like this where the stories centre around different couples you get glimpses of the people who will be central to future stories. Such is the case with this series. From my first glimpse of Syren, I was fascinated I wanted to know more, I knew there was more and I diligently waited for it. Kane interested me as well, maybe not quite as much as Syren but enough to make me wonder how much I didn't know about him. That changed when I realized that these two men were connected. This story is the connection, it's the background for them both and the path to their future.

My biggest fear had been that I would be disappointed as occasionally happens. I wondered if the author could meet the expectations that were building in me for the story that would bring these two together. Well my fears were resoundingly and firmly laid to rest.

'A Sinner Born' was all that I had hoped for and so much more.

This story for me was 5 beautiful, glowing, tear filled stars because as much as I loved it there were tears many, many tears. Truthfully if you don't like angst this probably won't be a 5 star read for you and while I admit angst isn't always my thing. If the story is good I have no problem with a high amount of angst. For me the story was beyond good.

So now I'm going to take a bit of a break (an hour or two anyways) before jumping into the next story which...Oh Happy Day!!! is more Kane and Syren.

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### **DaisyGirl says**

4.0 Stars

Avril Ashton hits one out of the park with A Sinner Born! My gripes with inconceivable storylines in books one and two of this series notwithstanding, book three is awesome and by far the best of the bunch to date.

Syren is oh-so-scrumptious; damaged, determined, and strong, he has survived unspeakable evils. His past, however, has left him unable to trust or be intimate. So, he has resigned himself to living a life of solitude. That is until Kane comes along and blows all that to hell. Like Syren, Kane is no stranger to loss and devastation. Struggling, unsuccessfully, to move on from the death of his long-time partner, Kane is unprepared for the 'hurricane' that is Syren. The two must overcome a boatload of obstacles to be together. Theirs is an angsty journey, rife with mistakes, misunderstandings, and miscommunication. (How's that for alliteration?!?)

Bottom-line: One hot and tumultuous ride. I loved it.

P.S. - A big thanks to my GR buddy, Jenni Lea, for the recommendation. :)

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### **Ingie says**

*Written November 5, 2014*

**3 1/2 - Intense with big heartfelt emotion and an thrilling grand drama. - Boiling hot again...**

#### **Book #3**

My third installment as an audiobook (11:30 hrs) in this Brooklyn Sinners series (M/M suspense CR) written by Avril Ashton.

**Slightly disappointed - could have been a better "read".**

I was looking forward to a new thrilling steaming hot love story in this *Brooklyn Sinners* hard, ugly and

dangerous crime world. And I got exactly that. Maybe was it me, maybe was it the narrator, maybe was it because I already got kindred stories two times before this third book-part. Who knows?

Sorry to say, I wasn't as stunned this time.

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**Syren Rua (aka Faro)** battles painful childhood demons and is taking the steps necessary to bring his family's killer to justice. As Faro, Syren makes deals with the worst. ~ **Kane Ashby** (Gabe's brother from #1), isn't over the death of his long-time partner.

Syren has been watching and craving the grieving man for his own. He's always stayed away from temptation, but that's about to change.

**We are actually invited into an amazing next to unbelievable (sad) life history** here and there are so much revelations and emotional moments that I could hardly count them. High-intensity is a good word.

“I hurt myself,” Syren bit out. “I make myself bleed and it feels good. It eases the pressure inside me, but it never lasts for long.”

I'll not even try to start to explaining all the tours, twists and turns. It is absolutely impossible. Exciting what it anyways and I were both nervous and very relieved when we got the grand end. An romantic sweet end. ...I liked.

“You are everywhere. In my head, in my dreams. You are who I want. You make me feel and I—sometimes I like it, sometimes I don’t, but you make me feel and after twenty years, that alone is enough for me to want things. Unattainable things. With you. From you.”

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My reviews from earlier books in this "gangster-gang member-series *Brooklyn Sinners*: (view spoiler)

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Renard Pasquale always does these narrations with husky, growling, sexy MC voices. So even this time.... but just partly. One of the MC's voices didn't work at all for me. I was both angry and slightly irritated because I felt that the somewhat flamboyant, feminine, delicate blonde beautiful Syren was so worth getting a completely different voice. A softer and more sensual voice.

### **I feel this story is worth 4 stars but...**

In a way destroyed my annoyance with one guys narrated voice, my whole experience of this story. Therefore, I recommend you —this single time— to read the book by yourself instead.

*...these men were yummy amazing together*

*A Sinner Born* is a fiercely intense, super steamy and thrilling M/M romance with two really interesting multifaceted characters. A book with a great topic, good plot and some exciting suspense. A book which probably ought to be perceived in a better way than I had.

### **I LIKE - mostly and a lot of it**

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The Brooklyn Sinners series by Avril Ashton: (view spoiler)

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### **Tully Vincent says**

Until 80%, it would have been 5, but THEN one of the characters . . . GRRR. . . .the gif below is pretty much how I feel every time I think about Kane now. I want him groveling so I can spit on him while he's doing it. Does that sound too harsh? I don't think so.

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### **Karla says**

4 stars!

"Emotionally exhausted" that's what comes to mind after reading this book, but dammit if I didn't enjoy this journey.

"A Sinner Born" is book 3 in the (Brooklyn sinners) series and is the story of Syren aka Faro who we met in "To Love A Sinner". Finally I got to read Syren's story the elusive, dangerous and beautiful man who intrigued me since the beginning of this series. The man that seems to know everyone's secrets and has so many of his own. In book 1&2 we learned bits of Syren's past, what was done to his family, the violence and his plan for revenge.

I'm glad that the author chose Kane for Syren's love interest, who is the brother of one of the H from book one. Kane is also a marshal, who lost his partner a few years back and still very much mourns him. Syren is much intrigued by Kane and stars pursuing him and they both feel an attraction to each other that they can't

denied.

Syren/Kane had a very emotional relationship both coming from being hurt in different ways. My heart broke for Syren to finally know exactly what he went through physically. I totally understood why he was the way he was. In this story we see his vulnerable side, his alter ego Faro come down all by the man he loves, Kane.

What I loved about these guys was that they were intense, passionate, their sexual encounters were off the charts hot! The fact that Faro had a very sexy fetish, man that made their sex ever more delicious.

But what frustrates me a some was the pull and push thing they had going on. Believe me they took turns acting dum and hurting each other. There were situations where they had my heart breaking and then I would be enraged by their decisions, it definitely had my poor heart all over the place. But regardless of the bumps on their journey love always wins over hurts, misunderstandings, and even those betrayals.

The reason why this one didn't quite hit the five star was for the push/pull. The dead partner, it's always hard for me to read about one of the H loving someone, but that's a ME thing because I'm so jealous of my characters. Last I was missing some of the of the dangerous side of Syren. But still a fantastic addition to this series and I'm very much looking forward to Mateo and Tommy's book.♥?

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## **Nazanin says**

### **4.5 Stars**

Syren's childhood was a horrible one; his parents were killed in front of his eyes and then they sold him when he was just ten years old.

*"And what do we do with pretty boys?"*

Because of his childhood he can't let others take control of him and that's something that Kane wants. Kane wants complete control over him. Kane is a federal marshal. And he lost his partner/lover a few years ago. But still couldn't forget him. It's like he lives with a ghost. Kane was the first and only man that Syren wants to touch and touched by him. But how Syren can be in a relationship when a ghost is between them!?

I was waiting to read Syren's story from the first time I read "Call the Coroner". And as I expected I enjoyed

it so much! But I should say Syren's character was far from what I expected! I have something else in my mind for his story, something darker... but it still surprised me! Who thought that secretive and scary Syren is an emotional, sensitive and funny person?! This story had some elements that I really don't like in my m-m books but I couldn't help myself! I enjoyed it so much, especially Syren!

Told in dual POV, 3rd person. It's the third installment in the "Brooklyn Sinners" with character crossover. The writing was perfect, as always! Overall, I loved it and hope you enjoy it as well!

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**Tamika♥RBF MOOD♥ says**

**First read:10/13**

**Tenth Read:10/15**

I FREAKING ADORED THIS BOOK, EVER SINCE SYREN WAS INTRODUCED IN BOOK 1 I WAS INTRIGUED. IT DID NOT DISAPPOINT, I CRIED, LAUGH AND UTTERLY SPEECHLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF ANGUISH THIS BOOK HAS, CAN'T WAIT FOR ME.

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**Exina says**

**2nd read: June 6, 2015**

***I'm still mad at Kane. Four stars again.***

It is the saddest story in the *Brooklyn Sinners* series so far. It is filled with **pain, grief, heartbreak, sacrifices, terror, blood, violence, and torture...**

**It's a multidimensional story, actually three in one: the story of Syren, the story of Kane, and finally the love story of the two of them.**

Syren's façade falls off, and **the real Syren** is broken and strong, determined and sweet, vulnerable and kinky. He is like no one else. **He is special. He is precious. And deserves to be loved more than anyone else.**

*Kane swallowed the bile in his throat. How could that happen to anyone, let alone the man who sat beside him now? Beautiful and strong and vibrant, and yet broken, in ways Syren himself probably never realized. How did things like that happen?*

**Kane** is withdrawn and morose. It's been years, but he is still incapable of moving on after his partner, Bailey's death. **Syren makes Kane smile again, brings him back to life, and makes him want to move on.**

I could feel for Kane, but he is not as likeable as I expected. His guilt, hesitation, and recovery from grief are well-built and **his character is nicely executed until the end of the story.**

**I hated Kane at the end.** How could he believe Syren had been unfaithful to him? How could he not trust Syren after all those tears, shared secrets, confessions, and beautiful moments. I can't believe he didn't give him a chance to explain. **And not only because it hurts, but it doesn't fit Kane's character either.** I hated this ending.

**I loved Syren, and loved the story, despite all the pain and suffering.** There was a pretty unexpected twist, and lots of heartbreak moments. The only thing I'm not fully satisfied is Kane's character.

**My favorite quotes on Tumblr.**

**Originally posted on my blog on May 26, 2014.**

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### **Lenore says**

Compared to the previous two installments, *A Sinner Is Born* was a much better book overall. It's still a bit heavy on the sappy (\*insert Troy Barnes 'my emotions' gif here\*), but I got used to it after a while.

Syren was a much more interesting character than Kane, but I suppose I'm not breaking new ground by saying this. Kane simply existed so Syren could fall in love with him.

As usual, most of the side characters were of the cardboard variety. And don't get me started on the medical stuff and the use of certain substances for certain purposes.

There's a certain 'incidence' toward the end that bugged up the whole book for me. It was simply ridiculous. The fact that it happened, how it happened, how it was treated, what ensued — just ridiculous.

The way Kane treated Vince in the end was plain awful. And that says something considering Vince's behaviour throughout the book. What a douche.

Oh, and the Catia storyline? That particular loose end is tied up in such a neat little bow in just the last 5% of the book. Too hastily and too neatly, if you ask me. It was redundant and it didn't add anything to Syren as a character.

The ending was awkward and abrupt and eye-roll-inducing.

And what do you know. I've already started the next book in the series.

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**Jenni Lea says**

If you took the heat of the first book, mixed in the angst of the second one then poured a bucketful of emotions on top of it all this would be the result.

I was stunned.

I laughed and cried and screamed at my Kindle. This book wrecked me! I was an emotional mess for two days. TWO DAYS!

I really want to thank Ms. Ashton for handling that one scene so delicately. Much respect! She was able to incorporate all of the emotions without the details. Thank you!

I don't know how this one can be topped. It's a mighty tall order.

Five hundred thousand stars!!

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**Jacq says**

Truly heart wrenching. Love the panties! Hate the rape dang it... Enjoyed this read.

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**SheReadsALot says**

[MY 900th READ!! WASSUP!!

**It feels like I've read more but it's 900. I wanted it to be with a book that was worth it!** (hide spoiler)]

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