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They're perfectly in tune—but only when it comes to their music. This sizzling romance from *New York Times* bestselling author Erin McCarthy follows Nashville's hottest country music duo as they fight for love in a city where dreams often cost a broken heart.

Self-made singer/songwriter Jolene Hart loves everything about being on top in Nashville. Well, everything except her very public breakup with Chance Rivers, her sexy masculine other half. Once the hottest duo on the scene, they turned Music City on its ear. Now their careers are as cold as their relationship. Which is why their manager has practically locked them in a remote cabin with nothing but a guitar, a bed, and time to do what they do best: make some beautiful music together.

As Nashville royalty, Chance has big boots to fill—and the pressure that comes with 'em. He fell hard for Jolene, but he couldn't handle the spotlight, the crowds, and the fights that made headlines and killed any notion that love and success could go hand-in-hand. Still, Chance is more than willing to rekindle the one thing that worked: the wild passion behind their hit songs. Soon they're making up for lost time, in the steamiest ways possible. But Chance finds himself wishing for the impossible: that their intimate hideaway could last forever.

Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

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From Reader Review Heart Breaker for online ebook

Wendy'sThoughts says

3.5 Love/Hate/Love Stars

* * * 1/2 *Spoiler Free*

No creative field is immune to insecurity. It can be caused by trying to live up to Songwriting Royalty, with expectations to be the next one to carry the mantel. Or from the opposite side of the track, growing up with nothing; never being encouraged or respected due to the behavior of family and wanting more than anything to fulfill the childhood dream of singing, being the Queen of the Grand Ole Opry.

Jolene Hart and Chance Rivers have these pressures; they cause the both of them to have this Love/Hate relationship...which has become a huge problem... because when they are "Together/ Together", no duo are better. Their savvy manager/agent put them together and music magic happened. The singer, Jolene, with the voice of an angel and the songwriter Chance became the fresh hot couple where Country Fans took them into their hearts as they fell in love while producing a hit album.

They were opposites; she understood the need to play to the crowds. She wanted the fame and fortune... it was something she dreamed of as a child. Gifted with a voice so pure and clear... she found her way to Country Mecca, Nashville. Was up and coming and when partnered with Chance, it all took off.

Chance grew up with all of the fame and fortune huge Country Legends are use too. He also saw all the ugly; cheating spouses, his Father and Granddad...and was just happy being in the background writing the songs...He had enough of putting on a show. As child, he would be dragged out to play his guitar...proving the father did something right...and set off to his room. Chance hated the display and it caused performing, media and all the other stuff surrounding fame distasteful.

These two had fallen hard for each other... but then a couple of innocent pictures of Chance with a pretty fan wrapped around him caused all the insecurity Jolene carried to explode. Harsh words were said; a guitar was thrown in pool and a Grammy taken off a mantel...not pretty at all and both brought it on themselves. Both just didn't know how to talk to each other without pushing buttons... either it was "the sexy hot give it to me now" one or "the stubborn hit straight to the hurt the heart" one.

Now we meet them in their manager's office. She has put her foot down and instructed them they *WILL* finish their commitment of another album. It is due and they will write it together. Period. After back and forth verbal jabs, Jolene and Chance know they will have to do this... so they go for two weeks to a cabin to concentrate on getting this album written.

Now two combustible characters like this know in their hearts, the attraction and need never left them while they were apart. Both, when separated and broken up had a few hook ups, sort of...but it wasn't like they ever stopped wanting each other... just too stubborn to see the others side of the fight. Now they will have to confront their feelings. The question is whether they will be able to figure out how to do this and come out unscathed.

This book had a true feel about what the music industry expects today. Each character had to work through the need to react in knee jerk ways. Once they were able to tap into their true feelings...it was very sweet. There were some rocky moments...but in the end it all comes together the way we like our romances.

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Katie says

This book and I got off to a bad start because I used my special talent of not reading the blurb correctly. I thought it was about a duo who hated each other, not about ex's!

Then . . . just weird pacing, but the reason it's getting one star is because the ending conflict made me not want to root for them. At least half of the couple is just too immature to make a relationship work.

Claire Robinson says

1 - "I don't want to fake it... I want to write what I really feel." Star.

DNF @ 31%

I don't really know what to say about *Heart Breaker* even when I am posting a negative review, I try and keep it respectful and positive. But I've got nothing good to say this time. Erin McCarthy is not a new author to me, granted I haven't read loads of her books but the few I have I really enjoyed; they made me laugh and had likeable characters with engaging story-lines.

Jolene and Chance... I can find nothing good to say about either of them, they are the most dislikeable characters I have read in a while; I didn't feel any connection between them, or any emotional attachment over and above winding each other up, and generally acting like stroppy teenagers. From what I can gather their big '*split*' that originally caused all the animosity and general douchery from both parties stems from him hugging a fan... Yep that's it folks he hugged a fan.

They were very different people who had some serious communication issues.

True story that. And I think they would have been better off not attempting to get back together for the sake of their careers or any other reason. For me this is a couple and story that may have been better in the authors head, than it actually has transferred onto the page as, and has subsequently been written into.

ARC generously provided via Netgalley, I am sorry I cannot offer a more positive review on this occasion.

Laura says

I had always enjoyed Erin McCarthy's contemporary romances but then she started writing for a younger audience and writing NA romances which I wasn't a fan of so when I saw this new one on Netgalley, I liked the sound of it as I like Country Music and this book was aimed at an adult audience.

I enjoyed the beginning and was wondering if Erin McCarthy took inspiration from a real life country duo who split up last year?! I liked all the parts about song writing and the country music scene but then Jolene and Chance started to annoy me. Their relationship hadn't lasted long in the first place and the reason for the split was a bit lacking, so I could never feel that they had an enduring love. The story lacks emotion and at times I felt that Jolene was more interested in what Chance could do for her career than how much she loved him! The storyline became predictable and unoriginal.

I do get annoyed in romances when during the time apart, the hero has had other women but the heroine hasn't but that's when they have been apart for years. In this story, as soon as they split up, they both were with other people and although that is probably realistic, in romances, I like them to at least pine for one another to believe that they are completely in love and meant to be. This romance was told in quite a casual, jokey manner that I never felt their connection or their love.

It was definitely an improvement on her NA novels but still not on a par with her older novels that I used to enjoy.

ARC provided by Netgalley

BookLover says

ARC requested through Netgalley, and kindly provided by Random House Publishing Group in exchange for an honest review.

I really like Erin McCarthy's writing style, in particular, her **True Believers** series, which was incredibly sweet and engaging. **Heart Breaker** introduced us to Chance and Jolene, who are around six months past a nasty break-up and forced to work together for the sake of their country music career.

Both play up the mandatory "reunion" as no big deal by using their sexual attraction as a means of distraction from the source of their problems. I found both of them to be passionate but a little immature. Each had major insecurities that prevented them from taking things to the next level. This left a lot of things unsaid and led to many incorrect assumptions about how the other was feeling.

Outside sources preyed on Chance and Jolene's insecurities throughout the story. I enjoyed their journey back to one another, drama and all. It was so obvious to me, the reader, that both were completely in love with one another. It was both engaging and infuriating waiting for them to come to that realization themselves.

Good read!

Jennifer says

**A review copy was provided by the author/publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review **

DNF @ 40% I won't be writing a formal review or giving it a star rating for this book because I am unable to finish the book.

There was nothing really wrong with the book and it is not a reflection on the author because I have loved other books by Erin McCarthy, this story and characters just weren't connecting with me and I kept losing interest.

Just because it didn't work for me doesn't mean others won't love it. Don't let my opinion sway you from reading this book.

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Cora Tea Party Princess says

DNF at 11%

5 Words: Yes, but not right now.

The initial start was entertaining, but I just need something a little heavier right now!

I will definitely pick this back up, probably in a month or so, I love books about country music and this is light enough for summer.

Erika says

Not planning to read. Not for me.

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

A Klue says

Right off the bat, I suspected this was going to wind up a "could have been...should have been better" romantic read. The first clue? When it was revealed what happened following the break-up of this supposedly head over heels in love famous country music duo. Chance Rivers obviously didn't give their love a second chance or thought when he immediately rode off into the sunset with Dixie, the empty headed bleach bottle blonde, who the paparazzi accused him of cheating with. It didn't help that Jolene Hart didn't

look back either as she drove off into the night with their tour bus driver for a disappointing one night stand.

The second clue? When Jolene's star struck lover boy's poor performance was crudely described. If that was supposed to be funny, well, it wasn't. It fell into the "too much information/not at all necessary" category. And crude is the actual word that kept coming to mind several times while attempting to finish this one, folks. From the overly too steamy scenes that hijacked the storyline and made the main couple come across as immature teenagers, not country music mega stars, to the inappropriate writing (i.e., bathroom scene with Jolene on the toilet and Chase washing his manly parts in the sink). Again "TMI/not necessary!"

Clue three? While Chase and Jolene are being intimate, he actually comments to himself he's had a lot of women before Jolene...and will likely have more after her. Yeah, I did say "while" they were being biblical with one another. That was the final nail in this literary coffin for me. In the words of The Band Perry..."I am done!"

I've read Erin McCarthy before, so, honestly, I'm not sure why she chose to go in this direction. I know I'm not alone based on the other critical reviews I've seen. All I do know is this true romantic at heart has to actually like the main couple and the writing style. Also, even if it is a steamy read, I still expect class to prevail over crudeness. Here's to hoping someone else out there enjoys this book. It was a big miss with this NetGalley reviewer.

Title: Heartbreaker, Series: Nashville Nights (Book 1), Author: Erin McCarthy, Pages: 202. VERY steamy read, classy book cover, crude at times, did not finish after 60%.

(This review is based on ARC generously provided via NetGalley in exchange for an honest, unbiased opinion. No compensation was paid to the reviewer nor is there any affiliation between the reviewer and author/publisher.)

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

Kitty's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Erin McCarthy really came through with Heart Breaker. It was a real story about two people who were going to make beautiful music together or kill each other. As volatile tempers flare and stubbornness prevails, Chance and Jolene burn up the pages. Oil and water – definitely – until the bedspread is turned down.

Together, Chance and Jolene write beautiful music. Apart, they can't find a note to hang on the refrigerator. But, after their unbelievable break-up, their Manager insists that they put everything aside and start working on that second album that they are contracted for. Well, there are a few conditions to them working together and neither one of them are willing to bend to make it work. Until A cabin in the woods, a pond and finally admitting that they want each other.

Chance is insecure about his place in the music business because of his family. He was raised by two men who were legends in Nashville and womanizers. He has no idea how to express his feelings to Jolene, how to

really make a commitment, how to control his temper. But he really wants to learn and tell her how much he's missed her.

Jolene is stubborn and a true alpha female. She came from the poorest of poor families and fought for everything that she has right now. She can't afford to lose it all because of a man that can't do what she wants and says. Yes, the break-up was bad but getting back together with him will do them no good either. But, without his songs, she's not going anywhere. So, fight the lust and write songs or fail at the one thing she has wanted most in her life? Is there really a decision to be made?

What started as a good time has them realizing that they are so much better together than apart. It's back on and Heart-Rivers are jumping back into the music scene as well as the bed. The break-up album just may be the back-together album that neither one of them saw coming. Too bad they were spending more time in bed than they were with the guitar. Enter Tennyson and the bomb that could finally put an end to all the heartache.

Erin McCarthy really took us on a fun ride through the Nashville music scene. It took a lot for me to get through this book without giggling. The dog's name was Dolly and, whenever Chance said Jolene, all I could hear is Dolly Parton singing Jolene. So, I am going to assume that Erin McCarthy is a Dolly Parton fan???. But, I really did enjoy this story. It was hot and steamy when it had to be, it was mean and nasty when the story called for it. It was definitely written with a flair for the dramatic with these two characters. But, most of all, it was an enjoyable read with a really sweet and sexy happily-ever-after.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

Deniz says

3.5 Stars

Heart Breaker indeed! This book broke my heart over and over. It basically ripped it out of my chest walked all over it and then for good measure stumped on it as well. And then when my heart was in pieces it picked it up and put it back in, gave me a pat and sent me along.

That's what happened here.
okay, metaphorically speaking.

But seriously, this book made my heart ache. I felt Chance and Jolene's heart break, I felt their confusion and I was devastated by their inability to fix things.

The character building is solid. I feel like I know where both of them are coming from, I feel like I know them, and even gotten to know the support cast (even if it's rather small)

The setting is interesting, even if I have never been in Nashville- and to be honest I know very little about Country Music - it does feel authentic. The whole stardom side of it, is the same no matter what music genre you are in, and it is well documented all over. McCarthy does however make an interesting leap between wanting fame and wanting to play (good) music. Because truthfully most artists want both, how does one keep the fame-dome at bay to still have what is important in one's life? How do you balance between pushing to be known yet still do what you love?

McCarthy manages to bring across issues like that, because they trouble the two MCs. During the course of

the novel, both of them work through insecurities and trying to find a way to balance their personal life and accomplishing a successful career. As I said the character building is really well done.

McCarthy is a talented writer and she proves that she is a master of her craft, by taking a really sweet, heart breaking cute&fluffy and injecting it casually with surprising depth.

But essentially this is a love story. A story of two people, who fear commitment, who are lost, plagued by their past and who clearly love each other but somehow can not communicate. Their miscommunications, is heartbreaking. Their inability to communicate totally heart shattering.

Their chemistry is off the roof though. And the smut. Well, surprisingly I really enjoyed it.. I did, shocking right? And there is quite a bit- so a heads up for those friends of mine, you know who you are...:P

Now, my only issue is the last bit. It was all to sudden. Just like, ok we done with being silly. Let's move on again... uhm. See while I am happy with the ending, especially the epilogue. My heart, well it was still battered on the floor, when it suddenly all changed. I didn't even have time to pick it up. Then the book was over. I felt strangely dissatisfied by the last chapter. I went back two chapters to make sure I didn't by accident miss something, but no, I didn't. So basically we have all this heartbreaking, then it's like ok we over it now, we learnt third times lucky? Somehow I wanted something- I don't know- More? A wee bit slower? just something else as well. *shruggs*

I shall take my tattered heart and go read the next installment. NOW.

You should read this if you (mind your heart though, it might get a bit battered)

Sheryl says

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Jonetta says

Country music star Jolene Hart and her ex-boyfriend, singer/songwriter Chance Rivers, were the darlings of Nashville until their very public breakup. Now their agent is forcing them back together professionally because they haven't fared well separately. There's quite a lot unfinished between the two and it isn't all musical.

The first half of this story had me seriously considering this to be my second DNF in my entire reading history. That's how frustrated I was. Both Jolene and Chance were extremely immature emotionally and she came off petty and he a jerk. Combine that with every other thought being about lust and I was ready to bail. But, I'm glad I persevered.

The second half focused more on their honest introspections, making them much more interesting and layered. Both operated out of their family histories and their tough struggles to choose other paths were admirable and inspiring. I selected this book because of my history with the author and this lived up to my past experience; the first half certainly didn't.

I also liked the parts involving the songwriting process. I'm glad I ended up in a good space but it shouldn't have taken half the book to get there.

(I received an ARC from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review)

A says

ARC received from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review :)

I had troubles connecting with the main couple, they felt a little bit too immature and angsty for their age and my taste ;) but the writing style was quite good and I really liked the secondary characters, so I'm definitely gonna give this author another try :) expect a full review on the day of the release

edited to add my full review :)

I received an ARC of this book from the publisher via NetGalley in exchange for my honest review and I have to say that after finishing it... I have very mixed feelings... on the one hand, there were things I really liked and enjoyed in this story... but on the other hand, there were also some aspects of it that kept irritating me... so I'm gonna share all of that with you and you can make your own decision whether to read this book or not ;)

I'm gonna start with our main couple :) unfortunately I had real troubles connecting with them... they just didn't "click" for me... mainly because I felt that they acted in a very immature way throughout most of the book... and don't get me wrong, I have nothing against flawed characters... ;) I don't expect them to be perfect and make no mistakes, because all that usually adds depth to them and makes them interesting to me... but this time I thought I was reading about a couple of teenagers in high school, so when I read at some point that Jolene is 25 I had to double check that ;) but let me try to explain my feelings in a few more details :) Jolene is a country singer, part of the Hart-Rivers duo with Chance, a song-writer... they come from two different worlds... she from the middle of nowhere and a not so great family, and he's from Nashville song-writing royalty, both his father and grandfather very famous... they met, started working together, became a couple and broke up all before the book even started... four months later they are forced to finish their second album by their manager... so they decide to go to a remote cabin to do it... because that's always a good idea ;) and again, I have nothing against second chance romances... when they are done well, I am a fan :) but here this angsty-push-and-pull-hot-and-cold-I-want-to-be-with-you-but-not-really situation was tiring... and I know that some of you love those kind of stories... but this one just wasn't working for me... I was expecting them to change and evolve as characters at some point... and it did happen, but sort of quickly near the end, and that was just a little bit too late for me...

Now let me talk a bit more about the things I did enjoy in this book :) I actually really liked the writing style, so I am definitely gonna try out some other books written by her :) and since my biggest problem was with the main couple, I hope I will love her other stories more... :) although I have to add, that I did love the sassy side of Jolene... ;) the book read pretty quickly, not only because it wasn't very long, but also because the writing style was very entertaining :) and even though Jolene and Chance didn't really "click" for me I am gonna give this series another try, because I pretty much loved most of the secondary characters and I am very curious who will get their story next :)

All in all it was an ok book for me :) it was my first story written by this author, and based on her writing

style I will definitely check out some of her other work... this particular story was a bit too angsty and immature for my taste, because I was expecting something else, but that's just my opinion :) if you love this sort of push-and-pull relationships, you are gonna love this book :) and like I always say, if you are interested in a story, don't let a few different opinions deter you from checking it out on your own :) I always do a research before picking a book, but ultimately, your opinion is the one that matters :) yes, sometimes there are reviews that will convince me to read the book or not, especially if they come from people whose opinions I trust, but if I really want to read a book, there's no stoping me :) so read my review, read other people reviews, and then make your own decision... if you decide to read this book, that's awesome :) happy reading for you and I hope you'll love it :) if not, then that's ok too :) whatever works for you ;)

XOXO

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Jessica Alcazar says

sigh so I read this story over the weekend and when I went to put my review up I was floored at how many people disliked the story for one reason or another. This book most definitely falls into the category of *it's not you, it's me* LOL I say that because I had to pick up the book three different times before I was in the *right place* to give the story its proper reading.

It's easy to see how so many people may dislike Jolene and Chance. On the surface, they're two people who are constantly fighting with each other and seem like a hot mess. But they aren't fighting *with* each other, they're fighting for a future. They both have baggage. They both have hurts and they have history. And all of these things have to be hurdled within themselves and with each other to forge forward into a beautiful second chance at love :) So future readers, pay close attention to your head-space when you read this book because it deserves a chance. It's well written and very entertaining #TRUST

ARC received for blog tour review
