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Oblivion is a sweet, sweet place.

No pain. No disturbing thoughts of the past. No guilt from my recent actions.

Deep down, there is still a part of me that knows how screwed up I am. I don't see a way out, not now. Tria's gone, and the possibility of her forgiving me in my current state is exactly zero. I know I have to pull myself together, accept my responsibilities, and try to make amends, but I have no idea where to start.

No job. No apartment. I'm living on the streets with the other junkies. As little as I had to offer Tria before, I have nothing to give her now. The only way out is to come clean and tell Tria the truth about my past, but the idea of reliving the memoires is so painful, I can't think about it long enough to figure out a solution.

I've hit rock bottom, and I don't even know which way is up any more.

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Snow says

4.5 REDEEMFUL stars

I will say a few words...after I pull out the paper and grab a pen...I need to put this down in a standard way first...

Well, I am definitely surprised by this **CAGED trilogy**.

Yes, I guess i went into it, knowing it's Shay Savage and the books were about a fighter, one of my fave types of men to read about...

Yes, I expected fights, angst, sex, dominance and I received NOT only that BUT more of drama, emotional rollercoaster of much deeper proportions then i ever thought to be possible

So, to sum it up

In book 1 - **TAKEDOWN TEAGUE (Caged #1)**

we meet **Liam Teague**

a 26 year old cage fighter that thrives his excellence and expertise in beating his oponents two times a week in a cage bar. He lives near by, he's cocky, relentless, fast, forceful BUT still somewhat a „nice“ guy... and we know he is astranged from his family and we know it runs painfully deep...

His moto being:

“You can't be upset about shit you don't think about.“

His life is about to change by meeting/saving a young girl's life from being cornered by local thugs with the intention of raping her or „having a little bit fun“ for that matter. But she takes over with her innocence and inner strnegrth and Liam finds himself helping her, befriending her, interwoven with her, fascinated and taken by her...

Tria Lynn

was not what Liam expected to ever hold his strings for a longer time BUT life had a different story to tell... and her story was deep rooted and connected to the small closed community with somewhat strange traditions for the outsider lookin in...and her past is closing in on her too...

Book 2 – **TRAPPED (Caged #2)** deals with more relationship and reconnection between Tria and Liam. They are growing together as a couple, knowing each other...well, at least trying to know each other! Tria is giving in and opening up BUT Liam is still reserved and gives just little tidbits of his past...

Tria is happy with their arrangement and relationship and she gives Liam the treasured part of her. Their love leaves a huge turmoiling event hanging above their relationship...

Liam's temper and actions revealed a big gap in his conduct that is related to his past...the past that is starting to emerge again, repeating the same patterns, bringing out the horrid emotions that were dormant for almost ten years of Liam's closed and caged human shield...
his actions cause the fracture between the two of them

Further events brings Liam down to the rock bottom of his existence and he is openly challenged with the biggest fight of all reconnecting his past, his present and his future...

The final book – **RELEASED (Caged #3)** was actually a **life long drama**. A struggle of a one man entering his sealed up Pandora's box of the most traumatic memories that were awaken again...and brought his carefully staged and caged existence to a questionable path of survival...

Luckily, the outcome is postive and we see Liam take on a journey HE decided to go on, battling his inner fears, dangerous weakness in a form of shooting up with heroine, he fights his inner demons of the past, he's facing his torment memories, his guilt and the trauma that brought and made him this caged persona in the first place. He fights the past itself and he faces his family (the amount of opposites he run from – being rich to being poor by a choice of stubbornness and rebellion, pain and grief and not swallowing the pride that burned bridges) and we see **the road of redemption, the road of forgiveness and finally hope** for everyone...

Liam got a second chance in love, life and family.

I got a huge lump in my throat after I read this trilogy I was taken by the style of Shay's writting, but i was already aware of that...

what I realised was that this story was so much close to the real life of ordinary people (with a different scenery and backgrounds) but dealing with similar subjects, issues and problems, decisions, fights, insecurities, falls and finally raising up from the ashes...

It was a full circle for Liam and Tria...but for Liam especially...and I was so proud of him...he was truly a true FIGHTER.

“I didn't need to fight.

I didn't need to be rich, and I didn't have to be poor.

I only had to be me without the shackles and the bars I had created for myself with memories of the past.

I didn't have to hide behind the bars of a cage any longer.“

Amanda says

Full series review

This the the final installment for Caged series. For those who have been following this series you must be anxious to see how will Liam sort out his emotional mess and win back his girl.

When we first met Liam back in Takedown Teague, he was a penniless ex-junkie who fights in a bar. He is living hand to mouth without any future plan. Fighting, smoking, talking to his neighbor, Krazy Katie... that's he all did. Now that Liam had more to consider including keeping Tria in his life, he had to make some drastic changes.

When I started on this series, I'm anticipating some dark caged fighter story, but instead I got a humorous laugh out loud story of a penniless caged fighter who is so smitten with a girl that he is willing to do anything to keep her, including being her platonic roommate.

Liam 'Takedown' Teague is a guy who left his wealthy family and his future behind to live on the street. **Tria** is new in town, studying for her degree and working night shift to pay the bills. One night when she was attacked on her walk back home, she met Liam, who not only save her but later become her closest friend and eventually the man she loves.

My favorite part of this series is when Liam built her a bookcase from junk and their journey to Tria's hometown, which lead to some bizarre incident in itself.

Liam and Tria faced their ups and downs in navigation their relationship and their day to day life. When Liam had to face his buried past, he hurts not only Tria and but the people who care for him as well. Will Liam able to dig himself out from his hellhole and face the future?

As per Shay Savage's style, the whole series was told from the male POV. Getting into Liam's mind is a wonderful experience in itself. His POV is simply delightful and addictive to read. There's just something so endearing about Liam's POV that is so true and honest that make me want to go all mama bear on him. I'm glad he had a team of supporters behind him such as Dr. Baynor and Michael who are there to offer him a helping hand when he was lost.

As for Tria, there are times that I questioned her feelings and dedication towards Liam. We never get any of her POV, so we can only judge her based on what Liam saw and hear. But fear not, Tria did showed her compassion and love for Liam, standing by his side and supporting him through his recovery.

Overall, I simply adore this series, there is something endearing about Liam and his moody bastard of a dick and his phobia towards Tria's enormous bag. This series is very different from what I usually read. Is definitely a series that make you slow down and savor the little moments. I find myself enjoying Liam's journey with Tria and his neighbor, Krazy Katie. I love seeing such huge character development in him, from a penniless ex-junkie to a responsible family man. He deserve so much more and I'm happy to see him have it all.

♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

3.5 Stars LIVE! * Amazon US * Amazon UK *

RELEASED is the THIRD and FINAL book in the CAGED series and continues directly on from the events of TRAPPED where the male protagonist is in a dire situation, one that the author shows with what felt to me like bleak authenticity. It's about fear, acceptance, facing ones demons, choosing life and not allowing your past to define your future. In many ways this is a gritty coming of age story.

Michael long ago left the safety of his family; they encompass his biggest demons of all. Drugs became his tonic of choice, a hell he fell back to but needs to conquer. *He needs to stop repeating the mistakes of his past.* He's hit rock bottom and now has a choice, continue to spiral down or choose to live. Michael has to learn to own his future and has much to prove but does he have the strength to achieve it?

I really loved the beginning of RELEASED, the way it opens up the story arc and begins to evolve with angst, making me feel so much for Michael's present situation and his future. What would become of him? Michael's back story will no doubt be deduced from the first two books but the extent of the tragic details fully emerge in this part of the series in all their touching devastation. My heart beat fast and I had no clue how far the author would drive her characters into the darkness which made this final book a gripping and compulsive read during the first half.

The direction of the story arc was one I very much enjoyed and certainly kept the male protagonist in my affections but I wish this final part in its entirety had been more succinct as for my tastes the story is a little too fleshed out in certain areas.

The heroine went up in my estimations during RELEASED. I feel like she found her gumption. In the first two books she's somewhat annoying but in retrospect the author was perhaps richly building her character layers to showcase the fact that her behaviour and actions in this part are fully borne out events and feelings from her past life situations.

Liam-TAKEDOWN-Teague continues to be the main attraction for me. Shay Savage's portrayal of him, his prose, dialogue and actions are the shining light of the story. I felt his angst, the increased levels definitely being a plus element for me. Despite being a touch drawn out for my tastes this three part story about Michael and Tria left me with the feel good factor and is a story many readers will want to experience.

My review thoughts for CAGED: Takedown Teague (Caged #1)

My review thoughts for TRAPPED (Caged #2)

Caged (Book One)

Amazon US: <http://amzn.to/1HvHfGR>
Amazon UK: <http://amzn.to/1RzZXTw>

Trapped (Book Two) Caged
Amazon US: <http://amzn.to/1Sghf8B>
Amazon UK: <http://amzn.to/1dONldL>

Advanced copy received from the author, via TRSoR, for my honest review thoughts.

Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says

ARC received from author

4.5 ★

What a beautiful conclusion to Liam and Tria's story!

Tria was not around and Liam dealt with his pain and loss the easiest way he knew how. But all is not lost. There's hope, all because of Tria. Liam needed to do what he needed to do to do right by Tria.

Throughout the story, I just wanted to wrap Liam up in a constant hug. There is such defenselessness to Liam's thoughts and actions that I felt like my heart was getting squished the whole time. The self-deprecation and his sense of humor are still there but in this book, I also saw the fears and worries magnified. And to go thru the struggles to be a better man for Tria, how can anyone not fall for this broken boy, I ask ya!!

Tria remains consistent and did not falter with her values and beliefs especially when it came to Liam. Thinking back to her age, I'm pretty sure I only had half her sensibilities. It shows why Liam did what he did for her. She deserved every single bit of it.

I'm letting you know that it felt there wasn't extreme high or low with this part of the series but you know what, it's all good. I thought it is anyways. The emotional ride it put me through was sufficient to keep me engaged the whole time. Was it what I was expecting? Not sure actually. From the 1st book in the series, I wasn't sure where Shay will take me with Liam and Tria's story but it didn't matter. I trust her writing. I trust that I will get something different; so I have no problem going in and just let her hold my hands, so to speak, blindfolded and all.

So for me, I just enjoyed Liam and Tria's ride, all seen from Liam's POV, and felt the emotions that that these kids went thru... sigh...

Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

✿?az?? - th? ?ock C?ick ?airy✿ says

This definitely is a PERFECT ending to a series that's had me wrapped around its finger.

Once again, I reiterate that this series is UNIQUE. I never, for the life of me, can figure out where SHAY SAVAGE gets her ideas, but this book definitely came from somewhere that no one has ever been to before. It's awesome!

This book ties up the mysteries of Liam's life before it all started. I must say, even though I already expected a lot of it, I was still surprised by some things that happened here. I love how the book ended and I love everything about their relationship in the end. Yes, I wanted to bash Liam in the head many, many times, but I had to look past that and focus on him getting Tria back.

Tria definitely has more backbone here. She's more loyal and more fierce. I love how she protected Liam in her own way and I love how she was there for him after everything. She's a perfect mixture of strength and grace in times of pressure. She's amazing with Liam. I love how she understood him all the way. I WANT TO BE HER!!!

Both of these characters grew to be more than what I expected them to be. Liam learned the value of forgiveness and moving forward in life. Tria learned that she could trust in a person again and that she's not as unloved as she deemed to be.

I think what I love best about this book is that you'll see how they both appreciate what they have no matter how small it is.

Spoilers ahead so stop reading if you don't want to see this!!

As Liam came from a rich family, left it and then came back, you'd expect that he'll feel entitled to it all. But nope. He just appreciates that he could take more care of his family, but other than that.. nope. Not for personal gain. Tria is the same, so I love them both for it.

The ending part is worth the wait. Everything went as I wanted them to be. I love it! I love it so much!

All in all, this is a perfectly unique trilogy about fighting your battles head on, keeping the faith and pushing forward.

Just perfect!!!

Arianna♦*SteamyReadsBlog*♦ says

3.5 Stars!!

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“Released” is the third and final installment in the “Caged” Trilogy and like the previous installment picks right where the second one ends. In this installment, Liam the male main character has to face his demons, he has to learn from his past and try to do what’s right for the others around him.

In this third installment we find out more about Liam’s fears and also about his past and what really happened back then. Needless to say this installment was the most angsty installment in the series and I have to say it captured my attention from start to finish. The main characters’ growth is very well done here. They grew individually and they also grew as a couple. Both of them had to learn how to be what the other needs. They had to learn how to be honest, how to communicate with each other, how to totally accept the other’s past and flaws.

I really felt for Liam in this installment. His past was very sad to say the least and emotional. If in the others installments in the series he learnt how to be in a relationship, in this installment he learnt how to grow up, how to become a better human being, how to become the man Tria needs in her life. I loved Tria here. She was so great with Liam. She was compassionate, supportive and caring when Liam needs someone on his side. I really felt she was the perfect match for him.

I have to say I really liked the supportive characters in this installment – Liam’s uncle and aunt and even his parents were so great. They were supportive and accepting not only with Liam, but with Tria as well.

Like the other books in the series, this one is told only from Liam’s POV and I have to say his POV was enough for me.

Overall, a great final installment!

“Every time I look at you,” I said, “I see not just the beautiful woman who showed up in my life and gave me a reason to live it but the manifestation of everything we are together.”

S.M. West says

3.75 RELEASED STARS

This third and final installment in the Caged series was cathartic and healing for Liam, Tria and his family.

"I hid inside of a cage for a good chunk of my life to avoid the reality of what was outside of it. The type of hurt and pain inside the cage was one I knew how to handle, but the emotions I experienced outside the cage were too much."

The direction of the story and actions that took place were needed for Liam to finally find peace. While it was gratifying given the torment and pain he was in, I thought it could have been shortened a bit.

Also, it lost a bit of the edge that Shay is so good at but again, I kind of understand why she softened the edges as we followed Liam on his healing journey. Going into this book, there were still a lot of questions about Liam's past, the role his parents played and this final book gave us all the answers.

Overall, this was a good and satisfying end to a really emotional and loving story.

****An advance reading copy was generously provided by Shay Savage in exchange for an honest review.*

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Lina's Reviews ♡????????? ♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????? ♡ says

This is the final book in the series and I've got to say it was my favorite! There was drama, angst, revelations and deep emotion.

Liam's emotional journey comes to a crescendo with this book. He wants Tria back and he has to fight his demons in order to do get her back. Tria will have to put the life of their unborn baby first in this book and she will make Liam fight really hard to win her over. He will have to discover more about himself; he will have to leave his tortured past behind and make true efforts for his future.

I simply loved the way the author brought us to the conclusion of this tale. It was heart-wrenching and really heart-breaking to witness Liam's downfall and his efforts to bring himself back up again.

If you loved the previous books in the series, then you will love this fantastic finale!

Do not miss this!

5 Stars.

I received a copy via TRSOR in exchange for an honest review.

Arabella ~?AB?~ says

★★★ 3 Stars ★★★

The final book in the trilogy brings us closure on all the secrets of the previous two books. Liam has hit rock bottom and there are only two ways he can go, up or down.

Tria really pulled through for him and I was glad that they were able to overcome everything that was thrown at them, because they both deserved their HEA.

My Previous Reviews

Caged | Trapped

Overall, although I thoroughly enjoyed being in Liam's head, I definitely think this could have been condensed into 2 parts and that is the only reason I have rated this instalment lower than books 1 &2.

This is the final book in the trilogy, told solely from the male POV.

ARC gratefully received from the author in exchange for an honest review

Natalie The Biblioholic says

An end to an incredible journey!

Liam himself stated, many times, that he was far from perfect. I have to agree. However, he has grown and improved tremendously throughout the series. Shay Savage introduced us to an angry, damaged, and tortured "boy" and made him into a man!

I enjoyed every facet of Liam's character. Living in his mind, like I've said before, was a trip. The scenes where he was fighting himself and the pull of destruction were absolutely poignant and overwhelming. There were quite a few times that he pissed me off through this trilogy, but his redeeming qualities far outweighed these negatives. He was loyal, fierce, protective, determined, intelligent, etc.

Getting to the crux of his trauma was heart breaking. Understanding even why he became a vegetarian devastated me. I can't even imagine the horror of what he faced. Watching Liam "man up" was inspiring.

I loved the many names he had for Tria's bag. I personally loved how he always wanted to punch someone in the face (I can totally relate). I loved how he was with Tria; how he loved her. I loved his scenes with his family.

But best of all... I especially loved who he was with and for Katie.

XO

Michelle says

Tria & Liam's journey comes to a conclusion in the final installment of the Caged trilogy. Up until now, we've gotten bits and pieces of Liam's past but never the full story. And with the cliffhanger ending that Shay left us with in book two, getting all the gritty details was a must.

Note to those reading the review that have not read the prior two books – minor spoilers might be in this. It can't be helped since the majority of this book focused on a particular aspect that came at the end of book two.

A hit.

A single high.

A way to forget the fear, the pain, his past. His future. Their present.

As Liam's worst fears are relived, he runs. But when he returns he finds everything that mattered gone. Four years sober and all of it is shot to hell as his painful past is staring him right in the face. But in order to get Tria back, Liam must face it. Must relive it and must let it go and forgive himself and those around.

I think as I read this I took educated guesses at what Liam's story was going to be. I was blindsided a bit by Tria's story but for Liam – I really wanted to try to figure him out along the way. What I learned was that there was just no way to do that. I might have come close to some key aspects, but I was miles away from his truth.

Liam's pasts tore my heart apart. There wasn't just a series of unfortunate events, there was agonizing destruction. The kind of pain that steals your breath and makes you want to never wake up. The fact that he survived, even if he wasn't really living, was a testament to his strength.

There is no doubt that when it comes to writing a romance from the male POV, Shay owns this. I love getting the gritty details of a romance without all the hearts and flowers as she delivers harsh blows. Unapologetic male characters that will give their whole heart to the women they love, but don't become soft just because they find love.

Released was an emotional journey. I expected that Trapped would be the part of the story that held the

climatic emotional high, but I was wrong. It was still just part of the buildup, leading us to the final chapter of their story. Every moment led us to this place. And Liam's story was utterly heartbreaking. Watching him face his past, the moments where he lets Tria in, giving her the missing pieces that explain his fear, broke my heart. Shattered it.

Shay delivered a heartbreaking story that although broke you along the way, glued all your pieces back together again in the end.

Carissa says

Ah ha!!! The conclusion, and what an ending it was. I devoured this final instalment in one sitting. Beautiful and brilliant by Shay Savage. Her writing style and skill was superb. Perfection, when it came to telling Tria and Liam's tale.

Liam, Liam, Liam, you captured me from book 1 and, I journey with you until the end. You amazed, excited, infuriated and annoyed the crap out of me. Yet, my heart was yours from the start. This was your book. I felt and saw everything through Liam's eyes. His emotions, fears, anger and happiness. I was sad to see this series end, but, oh so happy for the Happily Ever After. Well deserved.

Caged: Released is exactly what the name suggests. A release of inhibitions, fears and pride. A release of family struggle and strife, over ten years. Liam's past comes to the forefront, when his fears becomes his reality. He pushes Tria away, until, he has no choice but to fight to get her back. Fighting will taking everything he has, and he will have to face his past and his family, in order to survive the present, and live for their future.

In Released, Liam and Tria grow so much. They struggle with their own fears and emotions, and as a couple. We see these two grow exponentially, and their acceptance of both their pasts and their present. I loved how they supported each other. They learned how to learn on the family, and accept help. Their strength shone through and through.

This series for me, can be described as orgasmic. Slow building, beautiful bliss, to excruciating euphoria. Their happiness was painfully beautiful. It took ten years for Liam and even shorter for Tria, but wonderful things are birthed through pain.

ARC provided on by TRSOR on behalf of the author for an honest review Thanks!

~ Cariad ~ says

Yay!! It's release day!!! My review's at Sizzling Pages :)

That was one heck of a series!!

I read this book yesterday - it was just too good to put down!

I'm scheduled for a full review on release day, giving you time to go buy tissues!! You'll need a full box for this heartbreaker :)

Pre-review:

Sqeeeeeee!!! So happy!!

Shay Savage says

The incredible conclusion to the Caged Trilogy!
