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Riley thought she was in love...

She thought she found the perfect guy until his aggressive behavior became too much for her to handle. Hurt and alone, she withdrew from the world, and hid from the chance of ever loving again.

Zander, a sexy voiced lead singer and guitar player, had his sights set on Riley...

Even though she continued to push him away.

Riley was guarded and hesitant when it came to bad boys. After all, it was a bad boy who shattered her once before.

But Riley soon realizes that Zander isn't who she thought he was, and he may be just what she needs.

Will the love that grows between them be enough to hold them together?

Or will the heartache they suffer drive a wedge between them forever?

This book contains adult content and is meant for mature audiences.

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Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – Scarred by Love

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Genre – Romance, New Adult

Rating – 3 1/2 out of 5 Stars

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This book touches a very sensitive subject with women today everywhere....the nightmare of domestic violence. Whether it is while men have been drinking or just in everyday situations – it was very explainable why Riley was as hesitant as she was. It was endearing how her brothers and her parents stepped up to the plate for her and gave her the support she needed to recover.

Other than her past trauma – Riley sets out and wants to live again. She is tired of hiding and is set to get back in the swing of things and this is where she meets Zander. Zander takes one look at Riley and he is smitten, so being the suave college student he is....he fails miserably. Riley shoots him down by laughing at something she thinks is a pick up line but it was only Zander being truthful to her. She later sees Zander with someone else, gets the wrong idea and writes him off for good. It was for the best she continues to tell herself – because bad boys will hurt you every time.

Riley starts dating a preppy guy who is all boring and blah...one who Riley doesn't feel the stirrings like she did while talking to Zander.

She decides to give Zander a chance and the two of them are immediately progressing quickly with a relationship. Zander knows he met his “ONE” but something stands in the way of these two – something that is constantly around the corner and popping up at the most inopportune times. What is more important to Zander? What will he choose? And can these two ever find the HEA?

The book was good and I enjoyed it mostly....by mostly, I mean there were times that Riley got on my last nerve with her temper tantrums and Zander irritated me with his pussy ass. I get that he felt Riley was his future, but if he stood up for what he wanted and opened his eyes on what the hell was going on around him – he would have seen the signs and stopped the drama.

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Michelle Lynn says

WOW...I finished Scarred Love last night and when I woke up, I already missed Zander and Riley. CA Harms did a fantastic job of setting a realistic college scene in this New Adult book. Not only her main characters but also her supporting characters were consistent and well written throughout. I found myself

unable to put the book down due to the anticipation of how the story was going to unfold. I look forward to reading more from CA Harms.

My favorite quote: "I'm gonna give you some time to hate me. But I hope that doesn't last...because I really need you to love me Riley."

Page Turning Book Junkie says

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Donna Porter says

Riley is a young woman with four over protective brothers. Even though that's true she still finds herself in a relationship with Parker and he turns abusive after a few years together. Her brothers do not know until the night Parker takes it too far and he really beats her up. She goes to her brothers house and one of her brothers go to inject pain on Parker. Carson, her brother, winds up in Jail. Now her whole family knows what happened and they put a restraining order against Parker and keep Riley away from him. After several months she attends a party with her friends and meets Zander. He really likes Riley but she thinks he is using standard pick up lines and gives him the brush off. Then later she sees him with another woman. She doesn't know it's his bestfriend Beth, they have grown up together. She thinks it's his girlfriend. She is attracted to Zander and she hopes someday to see him again. She does see him again however he splashes her while she is walking and he is riding his bike. She doesn't realize it's him until he removes his helmet. He takes her for coffee and they decide to go on a date. They get along so well. She has been dating Grant who is quite the gentleman. When she tells him she just wants to be friends, he says okay, but then when she is at his home for lunch with his family she finds out Grant is Zander's stepbrother. They have a falling out, but get back together. This is a very up and down relationship with a lot of other things going on in between. You will enjoy this book. It does have some sexual scenes

Liah B says

This chick cried a river, an ocean and a lake! I think they broke up like 7 times.... This is why I tend to stay away from coming of ages books, college life and or young adults type books. This book was just hard to complete. The authors writing was just the characters just annoyed me all the way to Georgia.

Coco.V says

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Alex ? says

2.5 stars

Apart from the fact that I'm approx 10 years too old for this book, it wasn't that bad. Too much OW drama for my liking. I have no problem when a man has female BFF, but it doesn't mean he should cuddle with her. A bit slut-shaming, then more OW drama... The hero was a nice guy, he just f*cked up repeatedly, did good grovel, got the h back and f*cked up again.

Shannie's ??Lookin' 4 My Next BBF?? says

I've read all of Ms. Harms' books and this is by far her best. Riley & Zander's story was so real to me I felt like I was living the experience right along with them. Riley isn't your typical girl. She may look all girly but she has four older brothers & has learned how to be quite badass from hanging out with them & their friends. I could easily relate to Riley having an older brother myself & how his friends were like honorary big brothers who had my back.

Zander is a hot, tattoo, guitar singing bad boy who lost his mother to cancer and has a girl as a best friend. I related to Zander because I too know the pain of losing a parent to cancer. I also have had guy friends that my boy friends would struggle to see as just a friend.

Riley and Zander have an immediate sexual chemistry but it takes them awhile to get their shit together. Throw in abusive ex-boyfriends & jealous best friends and you have a relationship fighting to stay a float. I literally could not put this book down once I started to read it. Go one click right now because you won't be disappointed in this steamy standalone novel!!

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Rebecca says

Arc received by author in exchange for an honest review

I've read a lot of new adult college romance novels. Most have been good, but some are unrealistic, which makes it hard to make a connection not only to the storyline but to the characters as well. That is definitely not the case with Scarred by Love by C.A. Harms. Right from the beginning, the text is a realistic look into college life and all it entails. The story goes beyond the stereotypical party life and dives in to meatier topics.

When readers meet our heroine, Riley, she is just coming out of an abusive relationship. The aftermath of the abuse does a number on her, but finally, after several months, she is ready to integrate herself back into college life and start living again. On one of her first nights out, she meets Zander; he screams "bad boy," and although Riley knows she should avoid her "type," she can't help but feel a pull towards him. One cheesy line later and an innocent moment taken the wrong way leads Riley away from Zander and towards his half-brother, Grant. Fortunately, Riley doesn't feel anything for Grant and playing it safe is not what she wants. Finally, both Zander and Riley get their heads together and make a go at a relationship.

As their love for each other develops and deepens, Zander and Riley begin to heal. Zander has not had the

easiest life since his mother passed, and he is so full of anger that sometimes he explodes. Riley makes him feel significant; her love helps him to be a more level headed person. Zander helps Riley to trust again – although there are quite a few bumps in the road. She can be herself with him; she definitely is not the damsel in distress that people peg her for – she grew up with four older brothers, so she can definitely hold her own and that shines through with Zander.

But where would a romance novel be without the drama and angst? And while sometimes I felt like it was dragged out and recycled one too many times, it still realistically portrays outside pressures that can potentially destroy a relationship. But through it all, Zander and Riley fight to be together and overcome those obstacles, and even though, it seems like they are not going to get their happily now, they make it work and become better people because of their struggle to get there.

Scarred by Love is a sweet read that provides a realistic look into how two people who are struggling separately can achieve what they want out of life and love by being together.

4 poison apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

~Nichole~ Sizzling Pages Romance Reviews says

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This is a story that is an easy read because the story flowed so well it kept riveted and I wanted to keep reading to find out what was going to happen to this sweet ..but sometimes frustrating couple

Riley and Zander meet at a party and Zander basically falls for Riley at first site. It's really sweet though because Zander is the perfect book boyfriend for 99% of this book. He has some major family problems and that crosses over into some explosive moments but he does always make up for his mistakes. Riley sometimes overreacted and that made me just want to smack her but she has a rough past also.

But when Zander took the final fall ..he was so freaking sweet.

I love my sexy scenes and this book didn't skimp on the sizzle. I thought that they were written with emotion and passion and I can't complain one bit over how hot this book was. Of course I never complain on how hot any book is. :)

So you bring together two broken souls and it took a little time for them to salvage the wreckage of their crushed hearts ..to finally come together in what turned out to be sizzling sweet romance.

Of course this wouldn't have topped the scale on the drama charts if there wasn't a bitch that really screwed with this couple so many times. All things work out and I was really surprised at how the author resolved those conflicts.

So glad we had the opportunity to review this sweet romance.

Toni says

I received this book for an honest review. I have read a lot of C A Harms books and she never disappoints, this book is one of my favourite books she has written, they get better and better each time. If you want to read a heartwarming romance with electric chemistry between the main characters then you must read this book. Riley's just come out of an abusive relationship. She's just starting to integrate back into normal life after leaving her abusive ex when she bumps into a hot guy at a party with a cheesy pick up line, she's not impressed, but intrigued and she feels a connection but thinks he's a player. They bump into each other a few times and then Riley sees him sing at a club in a band and thinks he's so hot. They start seeing each other, but it's not without obstacles. Zander's best friend Beth stands in the way and he's in turmoil with his own family. Can Zander and Riley get through the obstacles, will love win out. **YOU MUST READ THIS BOOK.**

Lesley Book Lover says

Maybe a three and a half, it was a reasonable read, and I got it free from Amazon, so can't complain. I would try this author again, see how I enjoy them.

Lustful Literature says

****JOSIE'S REVIEW****

This was a very quick read for me. The story pulled me in right after reading the second paragraph. In the prologue, we get a glimpse of Riley's abusive relationship with Parker. Parker is a heavy drinker and is very violent. Parker believes Riley is his and he can have her anytime he wants. Then one night changes everything for Riley, Parker's violence took on a whole new level but she survived.

“Stop being a bitch, Riley. You act like we never have seen before. Stop denying me what’s mine and relax already.”

Riley and her best friend Katie decide to share an apartment close to her brother Carson and close to campus. Riley is a tough cookie and bares the emotional scars from her relationship with Parker. She knows the type of guy she wants to be with and it sure as heck is not Zander. Riley is not looking for the bay boy, player type. But when Zander sees her at a party, he decides to take a chance and approaches her. Riley sees him talking and hanging around with his best friend Beth and does not want this type of problem. She wants safe, secure and reliable. To bad she did not feel that way with Grant. Zander is to die for, but when he sees Riley at the last place he expects, he completely loses it.

“What does he have that I don’t Riley? I mean you ran away from me so fast that night at the party because you thought I was spouting off cheesy pickup lines. We had a moment at that party. I know you thought so too....I could tell.”

Zander's best friend Beth was a tough one to swallow in this book. She gets Riley to give Zander a chance. The only thing is Beth did not know Zander wanted more from Riley. Riley and Zander fall for each other

quick and hard, but Beth is his family and here is where the trouble starts.

“I like you Riley. You’re different, you’re sweet and I really wanna spend more time with you. You have no idea how much I want to kiss you, Riley. Damn. Just one more kiss who the hell was I kidding? One kiss will never be enough.”

I had an instant HATE for Beth. Can we all say MOLE TROLL BEOTCH? Yep because I wanted to jump in my kindle a bitch slap a TROLL. My thoughts for Zander started to change also his mistakes were far too many for me.

“Um...Z, no offense but Riley seems a little too prissy for today’s activities. Are you sure she won’t cry the first time she’s hit? Or break a nail or something?”

“Beth is my best friend, Riley. That’s all we are, I promise. I just need you to know that. She’s like a sister to me. Nothing more, you have nothing to worry about. I want this. You and me...I want it Riley.”

Zander to me was very blind to certain things, and he did not put his relationship with his girlfriend first. He was always justifying his mistakes. Riley on the other hand she knew something was not right, but I loved that she did not always let Zander get away with things. Beth was only making these comments about Riley to Zander and more than half the time, I wanted to smack him.

“Don’t be such a puy, Zander. What did you do? Hand your balls over for her to hold on to?”**

“Fk you, I deserve to me happy Beth...f**k I’ve been miserable for too f**kin long.”**

“I miss you Zander. We used to hang out together for hours and now I barely see you. I miss our time together.”

“I love you Beth...that will never change babe.”

Does anybody find this entire conversation between best friends, A LITTLE TOO INTIMATE?? YEAH GOOD ME TOO!!

Riley was my hero, she was not playing second fiddle to Zander and his BFF. I was stuck with how I felt about Zander and Riley’s relationship. I felt he needed more back bone when it came to his relationship with Riley and Beth, for me those are 2 different things.

“I came over earlier. After I saw how relaxed you two were I realized that I could use some sleep too. Talk to you tomorrow...I’m too tired tonight.”

“Damn it Riley. You think what you saw was more than what it truly was. You need to know it wasn’t, there is nothing but friendship. Riley I need you to believe me when I say you are the only girl that I want.”

Ok you see, I fell for that too but how many times can you keep making the same mistake? When Zander’s biggest mistake cost him the girl he loves, will Riley stay and forgive him again? I mean would you?

“Riley please I’m sorry. I fked up.”**

“Yeah it seems to be a reoccurring habit lately.”

“I know I screwed up more than once with you. I know that at times I should’ve have listened to you instead of assuming the worst. I also know that I keep apologizing but then I just screw up again. I will tell you that I love you and you mean the world to me. I’m gonna give you some time to hate me. But I hope that doesn’t last...because I really need you to love me, Riley.”

Like I said in the beginning of my review, this was a quick read. It had a bit of angst, jealousy and some really good hot sex. I found myself frustrated at times reading this book. Overall I was happy with the way it ended because as a reader you could see there really was no choice.

I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.

Jenny says

Scarred By Love was a holy mess of emotions that I could not get enough of!!

Zander and Riley's story was just a wild ride on a roller coaster that you weren't sure was going to stop or keep going.

You were definitely left on the edge of your seat because it seemed like these two could not catch a break to save their lives.

BUT - despite all the drama (some of it totally unavoidable) I still couldn't help but be giddy at times when it came down to Riley and Zander just being in love...being themselves...declaring their love to one another - absolutely adorable!!

I loved Riley - totally feisty and did not take crap from anyone.

(Read the story and you'll know why I inserted this gif LOL).

And Zander was a man on a mission. He did not hesitate to let Riley know how much he wanted her, loved her - although he had tons of obstacles thrown his way. He screwed up...a lot...but in the end, he redeemed himself.

Overall - this gets 4 stars from me. I really wished there wasn't as much drama as there was in here but hey, it still worked out in the end!!!

Mary Mooney says

I received an ARC from the author in exchange for my honest review, so here it is. This story is absolutely perfect and I LOVED it, every single page. It starts with Riley at her boyfriend Parker's house and his drunken rant, he hits her more than once. It was time she ended things with him and his abusive behavior. She goes to her brother Carson's and Tanner, another brother, holds her while Carson and his friends pay Parker a visit. After a year of hiding away from people, Riley has finally decided it is time to move on with her life. With four older brothers and Kate, her best friend, who can sit still for long. she moves in with Kate and getting back to school. When Kate suggests she go with her and Carson to a party, she meets Zander and he has a cheesy one liner, or was it. She thinks he might be worth a chance. When things don't work out, she moves on and focuses on college. When she sees him again, he is so sexy and he stirs the butterflies in her stomach. Zander has his friends, but Beth is his best friend and has been since age four. Will Beth help Zander win Riley over or will she be a problem? Can Riley give him a chance, if she got to know him? Will he screw it all up? They will go through a lot and hurt each other in the process. A perfect story that will keep you glued to your seat from the first page to the end. I have read all of C.A. Harms' stories and loved them all, but this one, Scarred by Love has got to be my favorite. Can't wait for her next one.
