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THE BAD BOY: I'm Johnny. An ex-con with a bad attitude and a controlling demeanor that somehow made the women flock to my bed but never my heart. It was unavailable for possession.

THE TEMPTATION: She was just supposed to be a two day hookup. But one taste of her and I knew I was in danger of never getting enough. She had her own demons to contend with, and dealing with my own was hard enough. I won't allow temptation to take control of me.

THE SENTENCE: I'd given myself a life sentence a long time ago, and she made me want things I wouldn't allow myself to have. Giving into it just might destroy us both.

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✳kawehi.reviews says

Romance Readers Retreat says

I do love a tatted bad boy and Johnny is just that. After being released from prison 2 years earlier, Johnny has an offer from his sister, the only person he actually cares about, to go stay with her in Florida. He agrees and as soon as he arrives, he lands a job in a bar and has women throwing themselves at him straight away.

Bex is the lead singer in a band playing in the bar that Johnny is working at, and as soon as he sets eyes on her - he has to have her. Only one thing though, Bex hates men, especially men like Johnny, and there is no way she is going to be like the long line of women she just knows that he's had!

Johnny and Bex were both haunted by their pasts and both felt the need to deny themselves of happiness. I loved learning about their pasts and why exactly they felt like that.

I thoroughly enjoyed this book, I have also read and loved the Twisted series, and although this is very different, it's just as great!

Fre06 Begum says

Sex scenes with 2 ow even after sleeping with heroine, not my cup of tea!

Maryann Jordan says

What a ride for Johnny and Bex! This book is very different from the previous books by LL Collins and I was blown away by the intensity of this story. Johnny and Bex came from difficult backgrounds and both had nightmares that they kept to themselves. It is ultimately a story of two broken people, finding each other, fighting those feelings, and then discovering that they were better together than they ever were apart. Well written, beautifully crafted, I loved this story. The author has done a great job of warning about the sensitivity of the material and I encourage any reader to take heed of those warnings. For me, I trusted this author to take me to the place where I wanted to be, and that was Johnny and Bex's HEA. And she did not disappoint!

Kristina says

DNR - they break up for 5 seconds & he uses that time "wisely" having a 3some with 2 other women. Then

runs back to her. Loser.

M.E. Montgomery says

Two wrongs don't make a right? I think this theory might be challenged by Author LL Collins! This book was a change in style for this author - no more tears, but hot and steamy instead!! But true to her style, there's still a lot of angst and heart at the core of this story - mostly found in two broken people who believe that their future must remain defined by their past. Amazingly, it is that very brokenness which helps them find healing for and with each other. I loved Bex, with her feisty attitude who gives it right back to the cocky Johnny, and I absolutely loved the scenes where sparks fly between them, in and out of the bedroom. So two wrongs together...definitely create a hot, must-read story! Well done LL Collins! Keep up the great stories!

Olga therebelreader says

Johnny comes out of prison after a two year sentence. His imprisonment was torturous, a complete nightmare. Now he is thirty six years old and has to decide what to do with his life and recover from the demons that are tormenting him. His greatest weakness is his sister Julia and her family. He loves her with no limits and would sacrifice everything for her. His parents, although they had kicked him out of the house when Johnny was 18, now they are helping him clean his record.

He's sexy, good looking and women seem to fall to his feet. He is a big player and he uses sex to forget. Bex is a rising rock star. She is the lead singer of a rock band. She's distant, tough and extremely beautiful. She runs her bitch shield on everybody but Johnny manages to annihilate it and win her over. The sex between them is off the charts hot. There is a realistically raw vibe to it that I found refreshing. Johnny is strong and rough in bed, he likes to dominate and be in control. The sex is quite graphic and this added to the book.

What I didn't like was that Johnny was out screwing any girl that moved, which I found it an exaggeration and pretty hypocritical of him. Also, I didn't like his behavior when Bex decided at some point to leave him. And what about his parents? I understand that they don't have a good relationship with their son, but they do their best to help him. It's like they are the silent heroes in this story and we get almost nothing about them.

I love that this book touched on some real life situations about imprisonment, rape and abuse. Also, I loved Bex because after all the bad things that happened to her she hasn't given up, she is a fighter! Johnny's intense dom attitude is explosive and will leave you speechless. Lot's of kinky sex & a reasonable story. I would recommend it!

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Natalie The Biblioholic says

Damn!! This was a hard book to read because of the topics it covered. There's abuse, promiscuity, and a whole lot of anger. But despite how difficult it was, this book held me firmly in its clutches from beginning to end.

Johnny was a manwhore. Not the classic one that you can't help but love. Where you think it's pretty neat to see the manwhore fall to his feet in praise of the one.

Except it's not. Because Johnny took his manwhoring to the extreme. To a level that hasn't even been freaking invented yet! Luckily the reader gets his POV, which provides insight into the reasons for his behaviour. So although we can't condone it, we can understand it. He's masking a lot of pain and just wants his demons to shut the heck up. He was hard to like yet somehow very easy to get.

Bex was a huge bish. No really. I'm being serious. That was what her character's personality was supposed to come off as. On the brink of stardom, she was the leader of the band Jaded Regret. With her POV, we get an opportunity to see that her utter rudeness is a mask as well. She was also hiding her lack of recovery from a huge and devastating loss. Somehow, she and Johnny seemed to be the perfect match. They clicked right away. You could hear that ish from the pages lol. And suddenly, two people with bottled up pain and emotions, let someone else in.

There were a few things that bothered me, but the biggest issue I had was the fact that Johnny had sex with someone else AFTER already having had sex with Bex. They were on a timeout but still. I'm not down with the H doing ANYTHING with ANYONE after the h is involved in the story. Sorry. That may just be me. It was just really gross and unnecessary. The story could have carried on without it IMO.

Regardless, there was a lot of hot sex between the main characters. At first, that's all they were. But those strings man. They catch on to everything.

Once these two got their ish together, it was magic. This story really did have a nice epilogue.

Recommended to lovers of rock band stories and to those who love internal struggles with beautiful rewards

Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

It doesn't even deserve my 1 star!!! Why does this book has a lot a good ratings I just don't know. This guy was where he slept with the h and then went to the bar to sleep with two other women he left the bar with the h and slept with her the same night that he was gonna sleep with the ow. Why are women in books so damn doormats. I don't know why people thinks this is a good book. Waste of money and time by the middle of the book I was done I didn't want to finish it so DNF!!!!

Christy McCurry says

What a freaking phenomenal read..

Have you ever read a story you just didn't want to end? Well for me this was one of those stories. LL Collins

has done a wonderful job bringing these characters to life and creating a story that you won't be able to put down. I loved Johnny and Bexley. You have two broken souls trying to find their way.

This is one story you don't want to miss out on.

Christy
Radical Reads Book Blog.

Carolyn's says

I have anxiously awaited the release of Johnny's story, *Sentenced*, and it was well worth the wait and read. I adore LL Collins writing and have read all of her books. *Sentenced* is one of my favorites.

Scruffy beard, hard body and sexy tattoos, Johnny is the typical gorgeous bad boy. Fresh from a stint in prison and studied in the school of hard knocks, Johnny is well learned on how to block out his feelings, keep anyone from getting close and exercise his demons with sleeping easy women. Although his parents kicked him out of their house and turned their backs on him, Johnny still kept his adoring, unbreakable bond with his sister Julia.

Johnny thinks he is fine hiding behind his emotional prison until he meets HER. Bexley Bryant is a self described bitch. Bex knows first hand what it's like to be a prisoner, sentencing herself to a life of emotional exile. Bex doesn't do relationships, of any kind. Can't get hurt or lose anything if nothing is given. Her emotional walls rival Johnny's in thickness and height.

The chemistry, sexual tension, and emotional bond that hits these two is oblivious to their invisible walls and smashes them to smithereens. Both Johnny and Bex try to pick the pieces up, rebuild the walls, but what they have, can it heal their pasts, push them further apart? Are they forever sentenced to a life alone or can they have a life sentenced to forever happiness?!

This was a great read. A book I didn't want to put down or for the story to end, I love when books are like that.

I loved having Julia and Carter in this story building on their HEA!

Kizzy says

WOW!!! I knew Johnny was going to be something else. L.L. did it again!!

We met Johnny in *Back to the Drawing Board*. I was excited to know he was getting his own story. Let me tell you, it did not disappoint.

Johnny is still dealing with issues and he tries to use sex as a cover up. He is one filthy bad boy and I loved every minute of it. He doesn't have a care in the world until one night a band is performing at the bar where he works. He is then drawn to the lead singer Bex and she was a force to be reckoned with. Bex is dealing with some things as well and doesn't take any crap from anyone. The minute her and Johnny meet, it's all over from there :)

Johnny and Bex take us on one hell of a ride. The chemistry and those hot scenes..wow! They are both guarded and are afraid to open up, but somewhere along those lines, things started to change. I loved reading their story and you couldn't help but root for them to get the HEA they both deserve.

Can two damaged people find healing within each other? You have to read to find out. You will not be disappointed!! Awesome job LL and can't wait for the next book ;)

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Gi's Spot Reviews says

Über disgusting male MC...

Self note:

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

Julz says

This book was a 4 star right up until the 82% mark. then i just wanted to throw it in the bin. I HATE HATE what happened at that point and how it just spoilt everything for me. i so wish the author hadn't done that. After that I finished it but couldn't believe in Johnny love for bex. It felt shallow.

Carissa says

Sentenced is one of those books that seriously throws you for a loop. We're given two broken persons, two souls. Each living in their own self-imposed prison. Fighting for some semblance of normalcy while surviving each day.

When Johnny- the ex-con, man-whore, meets Bexley- the sassy, foul mouthed and bitchy lead singer of Jaded Regret, there is an intense desire and draw, that Johnny can't resist. Even though Bex knows Johnny's type, she can't seem to keep her mind and her fingers from drawing his attention.

These two each have their own devastation pasts that haunts them daily. Learning to live with regret and guilt, it eats then up inside, making them lash out in differing ways. Johnny, covers his pain by deflecting and whoring himself out. While, Bexley's mask is indifference and her bitchy persona. She's tough as nails and such a strong willed woman, but when you get a slight glimpse of that soft heart. There is no turning

back.

Johnny and Bexley butt heads and their so called rivalry is filled with sexual tension and, desire so thick it sizzles on the pages. I loved the way they fought, it was filled with pain, anger and determination. Yet, you couldn't help but understand the WANT. They worked so hard at trying not to get close, that when it happened, they didn't even know.

What drew me in to this book was the characters and their intensity. They were each strong willed persons that worked hard at distancing themselves, from intimacy. I loved the way the story was told and the differing dynamics among all the secondary characters and how they all entwined into the story.

In giving themselves snippets of each other, they both changed their sentence.

My sentence had been served. It was time to live. She'd freed me, and I'd freed her. Together, we put the past behind us and moved on to bigger and better things.

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