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In one breath of shotgunned pot smoke, Grant Adams breaks every taboo Mackey knows—and Mackey refuses to look back. In the shadows of their small town, Mackey and Grant carry on a precocious affair under the noses and behind the backs of girlfriends, parents, and overprotective older brothers. When Mackey's band finally has a chance to make it big, Mackey and Grant are put to the test.

And fail miserably.

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From Reader Review Beneath the Stain - Part One for online ebook

Debra says

Great start to what looks like is going to be a classic Amy Lane story. Review to follow on completion of story. here

Bev says

Loved this first part, Amy Lane is definitely back to her best!! Mackey, Grant and the boys...just wonderful BUT I suspect things are about to go pear-shaped!! Sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll...gotta love it. 5 stars from me.

Amy says

Outstanding start to this series! As if I would expect anything less from Amy Lane.

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

Part of me feels like I've read this series/serial before. There's things that seem really familiar.

But I'm definitely hooked - first or second time around!

Nick Pageant says

I'm hooked! We all know how great Amy Lane is, but this is something special. I'm amazed by the writing here. This is so freaking good! Get to reading, folks.

Isabel says

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I loved it! My full review will be posted here at the end of this series!

Catherine says

Holy hell! These boys have grabbed me by the heart and are squeezing the ever-lovin' shit outta it. Already. I'm a little afraid of what's to come...

Karen says

I read this back in 2015 and the story was put out in 7 separate installments and I'm not sure how things went amiss but my review is on Booklikes but not here so I'm just going to copy and paste each post to one review here and then I'll add my update re: the audio book...

Part 1 - rating: 4 stars

I got through part 1 and yes, I'm hooked and loving it so far. These guys are just a bundle of sad events and so far no tears but I'm seeing them in my future. On to part 2 and a full review at the end. Wish me luck.

Part 2 - rating: 4 stars

So far this is turning out to be everything my friends have promised and more. So it's on to part 3.

Part 3 - rating: 5 stars

I have no words so I'm just going to read book 4.

Part 4 - rating: 5 stars

Just one thing to say here before I go sliding into book 5...way to make a girl cry Amy Lane. I think you broke some more of me with Tony.

Part 5 - rating: 5 stars

And that's all I'm going to say for now because I'm done so I'm going to be doing my reviews of the full story soon.

Part 6 - rating: 5 stars

This story does not let go once you start it snags your heart and holds on tight from start to finish and I am actually finished. So on to #7 and my actual review.

Part 7 - rating: 5 stars

Words...I have none...yep, I've been sitting here for the past 30 minutes staring at a blank screen hoping for some magical words but I have none. I think Ms. Lane used all the magical words when she wrote this story because there just don't seem to be any floating around in the air right now so I'm pretty much at a loss for what to do here. How to explain what an amazing journey I just took with the most incredible collection of people. I know it's probably going to be a long time before my heart stops aching and I feel like I've got some equilibrium back in my brain.

Right now the only thing that I can even think of to say is if you haven't read Beneath the Stain you need to seriously think about it. I'm not going to go into the details of the story because that's what the blurbs are for and quite frankly that's what the book is for to tell you a story and this is one hell of an incredible story...seriously, think about, look at it...read it. Yeah, it'll probably leave you feeling battered and broken and shedding more than a few tears but in the end Ms. Lane fixes that which she breaks so like the rest of us who have read 'Beneath the Stain' you'll be ok.

I'm going to add a brief blurb here about the audio which I just finished listening to this morning and now that I'm done with my wookie tears and have my glasses cleared I can do this. Nick J. Russo was the narrator for this audio book and in keep this short and sweet and in the words of Mackey...he was f*cking awesome!!! As much as this book made me cry and damn did it make me cry. I loved listening to every

minute of it...from start to finish and I it's definitely going on to my 'I need to listen to this again and again' shelf...I should probably go make one of those...maybe, in the new year. Anyways, 'Beneath the Stain' was every bit as emotional, heartbreaking and wonderful as I remember it being. Interestingly for me this time around even more than what Mackey went through and believe me Mackey broke my heart more than once this time around it was Grant who left me a totally weeping, sobbing mess and I think he did the first time as well but I maybe didn't realize how strongly I felt about him. But at the end of it all this time around I think I saw more clearly not the things that Grant did wrong but all that he did right and how much Mackey and his brothers meant to him...Grant was in his own way both a villain and a hero in this one and at the end of it all Grant's story was the most tragic of all.

If you've never listened to or read this book maybe, it's time to think about changing that and if you're like me and you have a lovely friend who's been kind enough to send you an early Christmas present make sure you thank them...Simone, thank you for sending me this treasure on audio and allowing me the opportunity to revisit one of my favorite Amy Lane stories...heartbreaking...yes, but so very much worth it.

Alona says

This book just reminded me why I'm stuck with that m/m book addiction!
When Amy Lane is the first book you read in the genre, you are left with little choice!
Locker Room was the first, Sidecar was my second... I was doomed!
This book, right here, just threw me back to why Amy Lane is one of the best writers in m/m romance.

When you read her "The Bells of Times Square" you think to yourself "oh, I didn't know she was Jewish!", when I read this book, I was thinking "is she in the music industry?"... Yes, that's how good she writes, she knows the job, she research, she is the Queen of writing emotional stories, and transfer feelings.

This book is amazing!!!

Trio says

Whoa, angst alert! Good buildup for the story though - the stage is set...

Victoria love books says

Second read: And still love them just as much as the first time.

4.5 River Shadows stars

I had to remind myself that these guys are only kids other wise I don't know what the hell I would have done to Grant for hurting my boy Mackey like that. I would probably have thought something like this:

Ok more crazy shit after book 2

Otila says

Oh god, this series is going to wreck me. I LOVE IT!

U2-With or Without You

Review of complete series here

Lelyana says

***** 5 Heartbreaking stars!*****

******* SPOILERS!*******

The river makes music just like you and I make love
And the sunlight cuts through shadows like a pie knife from above
And we sit inside the purple shade of a place we've forged from sin
And we listen to the river whisper 'bout the end.

Amy Lane... Amy *freakin' Lane!
What did I do to make me deserves this, you sadist? Because I'm a masochist?
Because I enjoyed torturing my weekend and breaking my heart and brawling my ayes out?
You know, tissues is expensive, right??? Right?
I don't even have words to tell you how I feel right now.
I'm heading book two, just ripped off the Band-Aid faster, I hope.

Full review coming soon, if I can finally gather back my broken soul.

Oh, btw, you're still the best!

This is the link to the song that I thought match Mackey's heart right now.. Broken, by Livingston

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFpNJ...>

The Lyrics...

(view spoiler)

"“Will you see me crying or would you rather see me high?””

"Even if the diamond was flawed, it was the first diamond he'd ever grasped so tight it left edges imprinted on his palm, and he would clutch it to his chest until his heart bled, sure nobody but Grant Adams, his brother's best friend and the kid he'd grown up with, could give him that feeling.

"“You ever steal a kiss?” he asked them, and that vibe, that noisy, we're-gonna-burn-the-place-down vibe, turned suddenly dark and smoky, and Mackey felt reassured. Yeah. They'd all stolen kisses. It was okay. He wasn't alone. The whole world had stolen kisses, and he was playing their song."

Cory says

[Grant and Samantha (hide spoiler)]

Eva says

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Amazing

Review of the whole series here
