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Power, lust, legal intrigue. This is where sex and injustice meet. Sid Rivers and Jack Brown are two sides of the same coin. One is a lawyer with his own firm and dreams of money and power; the other is a criminal with a lengthy record and a quest for vengeance. When they meet, sparks fly. But was their meeting an accident? Or, was it planned by the billionaires who want to control their destiny?

The Love of Wicked Men is an erotic journey into the underbelly of the legal profession, the corporate culture of profit-at-any-cost, and the secret world of industrial espionage.

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Simone says

4.5*

While seeking revenge, dig two graves – one for yourself ~ Douglas Horton

True. Revenge might give you a flare of satisfaction, but leaves you hollow at the same time... And this is what Jack Brown learns the hard way in The Love of Wicked Men (Season One).

Jack... the reason why I loved this book! He represents everything I adore in a book character...

Strong, yet vulnerable.

Mysterious, yet caring.

Determined, yet sensitive.

And a sight for sore eyes... ;-))

Jack seeks for revenge and Sid Rivers, lawyer and asshole by trade, is a means to an end to get it. Of course, Sid didn't suspect anything of Jack's motives and it was a cat-and-mouse game at its best.

At the beginning, I couldn't stand Sid. At all. He is an aforementioned asshole, both on and off the job and I found it hard to acquire a liking for him.

But after a while you get to know him better and you find that it's only a facade, one to keep him from allowing somebody to come near him and from getting hurt again. At the end I almost loved him as much as Jack. Almost. ;-))

And the sex... Phew! Let's just say it was "burning up the sheets" hot!!! ;-))

The case, which gets both men together, deals with a quite current difficulty: fracking. It was something I haven't read about in any of my books and I found it rather interesting. It also deals with the ensuing problems and the machinations of opponents and those who want to pursue it.

What threw me off a bit, was the story behind the story. It was difficult and quite tiring at times to keep track of "Who's been played by whom", especially during the meetings in the law firm, when loads of technical terms were thrown around. I couldn't google fast enough to know what's going on... Normally, as a non-native English speaker I don't have to understand every single word, it's sufficient for me to know the context, but in this case it didn't work and the number of names involved didn't help either.

But I will definitely start right away with the first episode of Season Two, since the ending of Season One grabbed at my heart and squeezed it and I HAVE to know what will happen to Jack and Sid!!!

Joseph Tonlet says

I enjoyed this series **so** much and I have Lisa Arbitrary to thank for the recommendation.

It hit all my buttons: It was masculine, free of fluff, suspenseful, a great storyline, likable characters, and some smokin' hot sex scenes. Totally awesome.

You have a new fan, Mr. Shire!

Peace,

JLT

#pleasurethroughdenial

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EPISODE 1:

I have to say that I have never started a book hating a character as much as I dislike Sid Rivers. He is someone who cared for nobody except himself, and this could well be his downfall.

Jack Brown is someone who is hell bent on revenge, and nothing will make him change his course of total revenge.

Jack and Sid actually meet, when Jack is in court, and Sid is there as a witness, but in the end Instead of saying what actually happened, Sid ensured that Jack was released.

Sid seems to care little for others, and this is shown even more when he "deflowers" a closeted shy guy in a hotel room, and also cruises the streets looking for a hot piece of ass he can take home and totally dominate.

Sid is then actually getting himself involved in something really shady, and unbeknown to him, Jack is following his every move. Jack always seems to be around when you least expect it, and at one point Sid wakes in Jack's bed with no idea how he got there....

Was the meeting between Sid and Jack just co-incidental?? What does Jack actually want from Sid?? Is it to just be fuck buddies or does he have a hidden agenda?? Hmmmm, time will tell.

EPISODE 2:

Sid is now turning very secretive, especially when someone he uses to find information is telling him that things are not as they seem - but to me it comes over that Sid is more interested in the money he can make, rather than anything happening to him.

Although Sid is half of a partnership at the firm, he decides not to tell his partner everything about what he is working on, and to me this makes Sid even more dangerous.

Jack, you learn a bit more about, and you realise that things are not always as they seem.

Sid and Jack are still dancing around their attraction to each other, and each thinks they are playing the other, and that they have the upper hand.

Finally it seems like they are finally going to meet and stop all this dancing around each other, but Sid has another plan in place, to me to try and make Jack jealous....

Do Jack and Sid actually get down and dirty, or has Sid totally blown his chances??

EPISODE 3:

Wow, now we get to see more players in the teams, and there seems to be more than I originally thought!!

Sid, to me, is hopefully going to get his comeuppance, as he really is totally arrogant, and he refuses to listen to any warnings that are given to him. I think I am getting to dislike how he treats people even more!!

However, when someone who is working for Sid rings him with some disturbing information, it seems like finally he realises that things are not as he first thought.

Jack is also slowly starting to realise that there is something else happening.... It is not just Sid or Jack trying to find information, it seems like there is somebody else interested in what they are doing. Jack realises that his cover he has in place in the virtual world is now not as it should have been....

Sid's partner Larry is now starting to realise that Sid is hiding something, and is now demanding answers to

questions, as it is just not Sid that will be affected by the fallout – it is the whole firm in possible jeopardy. However, one person that works for Sid and Larry may not actually be as loyal as they think.....

I am also really beginning to love Jack in the book, he has a hidden soft side that shows itself in episode 3, when he goes visiting someone..... and who it is will surprise you...

EPISODE 4:

Well, things are really heating up now..... more secrets are coming out and to be honest you are now thinking watch out Sid, you are really going to end up on the wrong side of the law here. Sid is trusting people that now you can see should not be trusted at all.

The plot is certainly twisting and turning now, and I for one cannot put the book down. You think you know what is happening, and then all of a sudden you are “huh... how did that happen?!!”.....

I am actually starting to feel a bit sorry for Sid now, as it now Larry has his own agenda on things, and these do not include Sid.... and Sid has no idea.

Jack for some reason now has a soft spot for Sid, and is now determined to try and save Sid from himself. It did cause me to chuckle at times, at what Jack did to Sid.... and some was hot reading too. You also get an understanding of why Sid acts like he does.

However, things get worse than ever for Sid when he returns home.

What does Larry decide to do?? What has happened to Sid on his return home?? Will Jack do anything stupid to ensure that Sid is safe??

EPISODE 5:

Well, what an eventful start to this episode. Sid is really in deep trouble, but can anyone actually save him? Who has taken Sid, and what do they want with him?

Sid wakes in hospital with no clue as to who saved him, and when he is finally able to have visitors, Larry's true intentions come to life - and Sid is left full of rage. It looks like Sid is out of his partnership with Larry, but Sid is not one to go down without a fight.

You also learn more about Jack in this episode and his past - which has been his motivation for all the things he has done.

Events start happening one after the other, and you realise that you have no idea who the main player is in all of this.....

What a cliff-hanger at the end concerning both Sid and Jack - and this is not someone you would have thought of considering having a part in any of it.

EPISODE 6:

All I can say is WOW !! I am finding it hard to write a review about this episode, as I do not want to give anything away on this story.

The author has written even more twists and turns into the story, and even more characters in the book are not who they seemed to be in the earlier episodes. It is full of real surprises, and because of this, this book has now become a can't put down until you finish, as you just know things are not going to be as straight forward as it should be.

I can honestly recommend this book, it is fast paced, but you always know what is happening.... well as much as the author gives away at a given time!!

At the end of the book, it says should there be a Season Two, and I for one would love there to be another book, especially if it is as fast paced as this one.

"Complimentary copy provided by author/publisher for an honest review."

Reviewed by Dawn at Gay Media Reviews

Yoshi says

I got episode 1 free on amazon but I didn't like it because it was just too short and I didn't know what it's all about. I gave it 2*

I am glad that I give the series a try. It's a true page turner. I was not able to put it down. There's plot and twist and just about everything. If you don't mind a bastard MC, it's for you.

I hope season 2 will be released soon.

Joyfully Jay says

A Joyfully Jay review.

4.75 stars

This is a story where you can leave reality right at page one and the first order of recognition goes to Brandon Shire for being the master manipulator. He saw the whole picture from the start and moved the characters around as players in a high stakes drama, complete with action, deception, and a sexually charged atmosphere.

The plot of this series is difficult to discuss without everything being a spoiler. So let's start with Sid. Likable? Well, not so much most of the time. Sid is all about profit and all about what works to his best advantage and if he needs to teeter on the edges of ethics, so be it. His designer clothes and expensive car are his shields to the world. As the episodes progress, the layers of Sid are very slowly revealed and there is a moment that his edges are not so sharp, but it's short lived indeed. He comes off as a shark and, while he can

be intelligent and cunning, he doesn't often look at the big picture, is more insecure than he will admit to, and is blinded by dollar signs, which may ultimately be his downfall.

Now Jack was a bit easier to like. Oh, he's a high stakes career criminal that is first presented as a common street thug, but Jack hides a bit of compassion underneath that tough exterior for a few select individuals. If you are used to reading, or even watching, dramatic legal dramas that thrive on intrigue you will be aware that nothing is as it seems and everything and perhaps everyone is connected. I was expecting this so a good portion of the intrigue and deception did not come as a surprise to me, but it was all incredibly well executed

Read Michelle's review in its entirety [here](#).

Nicole Castle says

[and boy did he. (hide spoiler)]

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Grammy 1 says

I must tell you I meet the best people and authors when going to book conventions, why you ask? Because they are just like me, we all share the love of reading!!! So this month I had the pleasure of getting some wonderful books, by new authors to me at the Rainbowcon in Tampa.....

Brandon Shire has quite a following, and I was lent this book, by a fellow reader, raving about his work. Now I can see after reading this over 400 page monster what all the noise is about.

As some authors are doing now, they are serializing their stories so that they keep the interest in their

characters, and feeding their readers ravenous appetite for more Now.

I do not question this, but I was happy to curl up with the entire Season One and I do love a good storyline, well written, l.o.n.g. book. Since this is my first, reading experience with this author, and did not have any expectations, all I can say is thank you Lisa Arbitrary for giving me this book.

This is not a sweet, mushy, m/m romance. This story takes you to the rough side of business, the under belly of corporate legal dealings, deceit, espionage, with strong men in power and what they do with that power. The major characters we learn about slowly, as the author allows us to see strengths and weakness as his story grows. He peels the layers slowly allowing you to learn their secrets. Therefore you are pleasantly or not so surprised that they are not what you believed them to be at our surface view. Like all people everyone has layers.

Sid Rivers and Jack Brown are our two main characters. Sid the hard Alpha that takes no crap and is always looking for more. He lives his life on the top of the food chain; expensive clothes, the best cars and restaurants, picking up rent boys to feed his sexual appetites, then throwing them away when finished. No relationships, no love, just taking. I hated Sid, I loved Sid, I worried about Sid....

Jack is the wild card, a small time hood, Sid meeting him as he is holding up a convenience store... Is Jack what we think he is? What is Jack? Their combination and sexual tension brings the lust level to a ten!!!!Wow what a story there !

Brandon Shire has written a book with such excitement, such grit, and such a great voice, I really cannot give away any more for fear of Spoilers. Please take a chance and read it, I do not think you will be sorry.

Review by Gloria Lakritz

Sr Reviewer and Review Chair for the Paranormal Romance Guild Review Team

Jodi Pushkin says

A great author writes about characters who stick with a reader long after the final page of the book has been read. There is no doubt about the fact that Brandon Shire is a great author, and his latest story, *The Love of Wicked Men*, a tale broken up into six intriguing episodes, is a great contribution to Shire's tome of literature. Shire kept me intrigued and involved, turning pages and wanting to continue reading, even when I didn't like the characters' actions very much.

Jack and Drake are intense characters, and even though I disliked Sid much of the time, his character was a strong catalyst and foil for the plot and other characters. And for fans of Shire's other works, there is a surprising guest appearance from another series.

The Love of Wicked Men is a great read, and as with all of Shire's books, the prose are wonderfully descriptive. The plot is intense and addictive. And the sex, well, let's just say this story is appropriately titled.

Heather K (dentist in my spare time) says

Boxed set on sale for \$5.99 at Amazon US and other retailers!

Kaje Harper says

This is only the first installment of a longer saga, ending with a near-cliffhanger, although not an acute one. The title is very apt. Both main characters live on the dark side of the law - Jack partly by force of circumstances, Sid by more deliberate choice.

Sid is a lawyer, and an all-around bastard. His difficult childhood has turned his life-philosophy into "Do unto others, first and hard, before they get a chance to screw you over." He has rare moments of human caring, but for the most part he forges ahead with his own agenda, sometimes even with gratuitous cruelty.

Jack is a data-thief, while also hunting for answers to the disappearance of his sister - an environmental activist - years ago. He's a guy with a moral code despite how he earns his money, the prototypical American romantic hero (as Amy Lane describes them) who will choose his people and his family over the greater good or the law every time. He is fascinated by Sid, after a conspiracy of big oil firms and their lawyers brings them into contact, and his newfound determination to protect Sid, even from his own mistakes, makes Jack's life and that of his team difficult.

Sid's a hard guy to like, and he's not redeemed even by the end of this book. The author is skillful enough to make me hold out hope for his future, but it's going to be an uphill climb. I admit when everyone around Jack said how perfect Sid was for him, I didn't see it. I wanted Jack to find a real good-guy. But that wouldn't be the train-wreck fascination that is this story.

A fast-reading, exciting, sometimes violent, sometimes infuriating, twisty story. I'll have to pick up the second volume, since I can't stop here.

Dana says

Reviewed for Rainbow Gold Reviews. 9.5/10 pots of gold. An arc was provided in exchange for an honest review.

It's hard to write a review for this box set because my mind was blown reading the episodes. I have to say that this series was not what I expected at all. The blurb was a little vague and on the short side. Not that that's a bad thing. Sometimes the best surprises come from the lack of expectation. From the title, though, I had thought it would be a romance. After reading it, I would definitely not consider it a romance. Sid and Jack did find themselves attracted to each other, and at the end of the episode 6 had developed care and concern for each other, but it was far from a love story. There was some erotica, but most of the sex scenes that took place weren't even between the two mc's. I would definitely place this story in the category of Gay fiction, and it was a very good example of the genre.

The characters were the first thing to surprise me. First off, Sid is a lawyer, and maybe I should blame Law and Order, but I expected him to be a good guy. Jack was standing trial for a robbery, in which he had nicked Sid with a knife. He was clearly the bad guy. Almost immediately though, my perceptions were flipped. I couldn't believe the lengths that Sid would go through to win a case or dig up dirt on a rival law practice. Not to mention the way he treated the tricks he picked up for the night. Jack is still far from being a good guy, but he treats people 100 times better than Sid does, and he appears to be trying to stop an unnamed group from hurting people. So I was definitely thrown by them, and wondered how I could like a story whose main characters were so twisted and somewhat bad. But I did. I loved it. Throughout the story we do learn things about Sid and Jack that make them more understandable. While Sid didn't grow on me, Jack did, and I really did like him by the end. There were a lot of secondary characters to love and hate as well. My favorites were Sweeny, Drake, and Lori, members of Jack's team.

There was a lot of intrigue going on in The Love of Wicked Men. It had a good amount of mystery, though neither of the main characters had the job of cop, detective, or FBI agent. That was a first for me. There were so many twists and turns, and people spying on each other. Everywhere you looked someone was trying to take down someone else. Just when you think you know who set everything into play, a new character arises and adds another suspect to the mix. I had no idea who was moving the pawns around the board so effortlessly until the end of the book. I loved being surprised by an ending as much as the characters were, it really lends to the feeling of being transported into the story. Now, the box set is considered a season and each book an episode. I can't say that I pictured this story as a television show, but I could and would definitely see it on the big screen. I loved the book, and the surprises it threw at me. At the end of the book, the author asks if the reader would be interested in a Season 2. My answer: Hell, yes!

Cindi says

Full (NSFW) review can be found at -

There's not really a lot I can say in summary on here. I could go on and out about all 6 episodes, but I'd end up telling too much. I will say that I got sucked in with each one and couldn't wait to see what would be happening next. The author asks at the end if the reader is interested in a Season Two with these guys. Yes. I want to know what happens next and I hope to see the story continue later. While pretty much every issue is resolved, there are still a couple of things left outstanding. If 'the end' was actually the end, I'm good with that. I do, however, hope to see more.

Overall, it's hot, sexy, mysterious, and it throws out surprises at every turn. If you read this, pay attention to all the characters - even those who seem insignificant. There are a lot of details thrown out and quite a bit to process, but I promise you won't regret it.

Highly recommended.

This book was provided by the author in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Donna says

I loved this first season very much! Sid and Jack make a really good couple. It's really just the beginning of their romance though, so I will be reading season two's books to see how things go for them.
