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An ATF agent who lives for danger finds what he craves from an outlaw biker.

It's impossible for a one-percenter motorcycle club member to simply walk away—and no one knows that better than undercover agent Bram, who's almost killed for trying. His cover isn't blown—yet—but it's only a matter of time. The Heathens won't be satisfied until he's dead, so he decides to lay low and heal.

But when his younger brother's disappearance throws a wrench into his plan, Bram ends up in Shades Run, a town ruled by the notorious Havoc MC. In less than twenty-four hours, Bram finds himself at the mercy of Sweet, Havoc's president, as he throws himself into the undercover role of a lifetime: himself. A man who's never belonged anywhere, and who will do anything to protect his younger brother.

When finding Linc seems impossible, Bram is torn between Sweet, Linc, and revealing his true identities . . . and there appears to be no way out. Once again, he risks it all trying to save it all. Only this time he's got no backup to save him if he falls.

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Becca Waldrop says

This one was intense. I liked this one better. It is one hell of a ride. Of course, undercover work is no picnic. This one kept you on the edge. Not quite sure how things would turn out. It kept you guessing.

The story starts out on an intense note. Bram has suffered a beat down from the Heathens for trying to leave the club. Someone ratted him out, but he has no clue who just yet. Although he has an idea. He was supposed to be able to make a clean get away. Thank heavens no one knows he's ATF. He would have really died then. Instead of almost. And now they're never going to leave him alone and he needs to find his brother. That alone right there made me want to wisk Bram away. This poor man has been through hell. All his undercover work has taken a toll but this one tops them all. And knowing he has to go back in club territory is setting him on edge. He does it and before he knows it, he's in the middle of something he didn't want to be. He doesn't want to trust Sweet, the Havoc club leader but he's down to no choice. But trusting Sweet is putting him on a path he may not come back from. And he doesn't know if he wants to.

Life in any MC is never easy. Most toe the line of right and wrong, some are so far away from that line, it's a blur. The only way a lot of 'cops' can get anything on them is by going undercover. And that is a huge risk. You're lucky to find a body sometimes. For Bram, he knew the risk but never expected it to really turn out the way it did. I know through most of this book I was 'biting my nails'. Knowing they were going to be after him for the rest of his life was terrifying. The more he was in with Havoc, the more he had to share of himself and that was the most terrifying of all. But what I loved about Bram, is despite his PTSD, despite being terrified, he never gave up. He was determined to save his brother. Family is everything to him. I just wanted to hug the man. Poor guy.

Sweet is just a sweetheart. Yeah, he's a badass. He has to be. He's the head of Havoc. He has things to oversee. And in his line of work he's been hurt. But something about Bram kept him coming back. He couldn't stay away. And if he tried, he was miserable. Even when he found out the truth of who Bram really was, he couldn't stay away. He wanted to help him. He could see Bram was broken in so many ways. I love the way he wants to help. His methods may be a little unorthodox, but his heart means well. He has to be the ferocious leader but he's a teddy bear too. Of course, don't say that to his face lol.

This book is jammed packed. Keeps you on edge. I was rooting for Bram the whole time. Hoping he made it through. I think you guys will love it.

<http://lovebytesreviews.com>

Trio says

oh my god, this book is *out!*
<https://riptidepublishing.com/collect...>

Aly Jones says

Just read this book and loved it sweet well what can I say about him he was the right amount of bad arse love him so much and bram love how loyal he was to his brother and try's in his own way to protect everyone they are so go together when they let go can't wait til next one .

Sarah says

I was given a copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads.

Oh. My. God. The grit, the angst and the heartbreak in this book! The second book in this series starts with an undercover ATF agent searching for his lost brother. Bram's investigation takes him to a notorious MC and into the path of the club's president, Sweet. Bram is in hiding and still recovering from a horrific assault. Sweet has to figure out how far he can trust the man he can't stay away from.

Bram and Sweet are fabulous together. Secretive, stubborn alpha males, these two don't know whether to fight or fuck. I love the vulnerability behind their hard exteriors and the slow revelation of their difficult pasts. I also loved the smokin' hot chemistry between them and the dirty sex that almost ventures into BDSM play.

This is an exciting read as much as it is a romance. Bram needs to find his brother and he's scared to trust a MC - especially since the club that left him battered is still searching for him. Neither Bram or Sweet knows who to trust and Bram finds himself crippled both by his physical pain and by PTSD from his attack. I loved the suspense as much as the action and I fell way too hard for the men of Havoc MC.

I'm so glad SE Jakes is back and I can't wait for the next book in this series. This book worked as a stand alone for me. I going back to read the first book now but I don't feel like I needed it to enjoy this one.

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

"But really, with the number of secrets and lies between them, how far could this really go?"

I read ***Running Blind*** as a standalone. It was my introduction to S.E. Jakes. Yeah, those that follow my reviews probably guessed right away that it was the motorcycle on the cover that got my attention. It's no secret that I'm a badass biker addict and MC Romance is my favorite genre.

While this is the second book in the ***Havoc*** series I read it as a standalone. I had no problem jumping right in. The characters that were featured in the first book were present but I wasn't lost at all. From the very first page, I was in Bram's head. At first that was a confusing place to be but eventually, all the pieces fell into place and I was fully on board with his predicament. He was hiding from the motorcycle club that he's been on the verge of patching into as an undercover ATF agent. Before that could happen he attempted to bail but was caught and beaten to within an inch of his life. He needs time to heal but the pain won't stop him from searching for his missing brother, Linc.

As S.E. Jakes is a new-to-me author I wasn't aware I was reading an M/M Romance until I got to the first sex

scene, and boy was that an eye-opener. Let's just say that Sweet wasn't so 'sweet', and he liked it. ?

Next thing I knew all hell had broken loose and he learns that Sweet is the president of Havoc MC and the other MC that wants him dead has learned where he is and they are coming for him. Will Sweet's throw him to the wolves or protect him? Should he reveal his ATF affiliation or will that guarantee his death? Where is his brother and is he safe? Will Havoc help him find him or turn him over to his enemies? Does he want to be on top or does he prefer the bottom?

So many questions, right? You'll have to one click to get your answers. Just consider it ***Running Blind*** until you do.

Bev says

Not my fave SE Jakes it has to be said, and it's my fault for trying to get into this series when I normally have issues with Motor Cycle club reads.

Will definitely be looking out for more Tommy and Proph, but stick a fork in me I'm done with this one at 45%.

JenMcJ says

This was, unsurprisingly, a good book. Strong characters, engaging story, adrenaline spiking adventure/danger and kinky sex. Looking forward to the next one.

Elise X a.k.a Ryder's Pet X says

??????*Had expected more*??????

The second book in the Havoc series centers around undercover ATF agent, **Bram 'Monk'** (32) and the president of Havoc, **Samuel 'Sweet' Sweeting** (how old?). Sweet we met in book one, same with Bram's younger brother who has now gone missing. Bran however, is a new character. Broken and quite ready to accept that death is right around the corner, he's willing to do everything it takes to find his brother, even entering a MC club. This is where he meets Sweet, who is also looking for Bram's brother but for different reasons. **Overall, I was quite disappointed.** For some reason I thought the ATF again we were gonna have a the main character were Jethro Holmes, who we met in book one. Wouldn't that have been interesting? Anyways, this book had a case of insta-love and too much sex and too little depth.

Sweet came a second later, somehow still managing to half hold Bram up against him. God, how long had it been? Months and months of his own hand, he realized as he tried to get his breathing under control. Because prospects in the Heathens fucked women—no bisexuals or gays allowed. So he'd turned himself into a goddamned monk—hence the nickname—and pretended he'd been wounded in battle so he didn't have to fuck

indiscriminately.

Although he loved women, he mostly missed the goddamned weight, the pressure and brute strength of a man on him. Sweet had given him everything he'd asked for.

OTHER CHARACTERS:

- **Linc**, the brother missing and their sister, **Linnea**.
- **Parisi**, Bram's ATF boss, the one who approached him about becoming a Heathen MC member in order to take parts of their operation down from the inside. And (view spoiler)
- **Bones**, XO of the Heathens MC and one of the meaner motherfuckers Bram had ever had the displeasure of meeting. (view spoiler)
- **Gypsy**, the bounty hunter who was part of the Havoc MC and has a personal interest in finding Linc.
- **Dozer 'Doz'**, one of Bram's oldest friends from the academy. They hadn't partnered together, but they'd always looked out for each other on the QT.
- **Tug** and **Ozzie**, Sweet's two best enforcers.
- **Virgil**, was from the Sons of Bastards MC, a rogue member who could always be counted on to keep the SOBs, Havoc, and Hangmen from getting caught up in Heathen and Pagan shit. Former Special Forces, the guy was like a goddamned shadow and a slick goddamned bastard. If he didn't trust you, he'd kill you without a second glance (Sweet's mind).
- **Misha**, Sweet's sister and a doctor.
- **Sean Rush** (24) and the lieutenant for the Havoc Motorcycle Club **Ryker** (35?) <- both main characters in book one.

“How?” he managed.

Sweet glanced up at him. “I have my ways. Pays to be in charge.”

“I thought—”

“I know. And you would’ve done it anyway,” Sweet told him. It wasn’t an accusation, merely a calm statement of fact Bram agreed with wholeheartedly. He’d surrendered to Sweet’s wants, his needs . . . he’d shown the other MC members that Sweet was not only in charge of the club, but in charge of his man. And in this culture, that was possibly the most important sign of an effective leader.

He’d trusted Sweet, and Sweet hadn’t let him down.

Quick basic facts:

Genre: - (Adult) Contemporary Romance (M/M).

Series: - Series, Book One.

Love triangle? - (view spoiler)

Cheating? - (view spoiler)

HEA? - (view spoiler)

Favorite character? - Ryker.

Would I read more by this author/or of series? - Yes.

Would I recommend this book/series? - Unsure.

Will I read this again in the future? - No.

Rating - 2.5 stars.

Laura DeSimone says

I will start by saying welcome back S.E. Jakes you did not disappoint with this story. I loved Bram and Sweet, and their chemistry was wonderful together.

Natalie says

SE Jakes is back and hot as ever! I reread Running Wild right before this and it was good but didn't really hit all the right notes for me. Sweet and Bram were everything I love about Jake's books. It reminded me a little of some of the Men of Honor series, which are all-time favorites of mine. Adding the whole MC background and atmosphere throttled it right up! The characters are nearly always tough, broken men who deal with life and death and dark situations; bad boys with their own code of honor. These kind of books are my crack!

Sweet and Bram are hot as fire in bed, with a shared love of kink but little trust when the safety of their brothers is at stake. I loved the volatility of their connection and the rapid pace of the action putting them in opposition only to find they were really on the same side. It could have become annoying with so much pushing and pulling but because it was each trying to protect the other, the connection and love showed through. Their chemistry was awesome. The shifting scenarios of the plot were complex and satisfying. I don't know what kept the author out of the scene for so long but I'm just thrilled she's taken to the keyboard once again.

Random Earthling says

I suck at reviews. (this really isn't a review) Hundreds of books & I think I've written 3. But I just had to say words can't express how much I have missed reading S.E. Jakes writings. I'm hoping this isn't a one off & she is really back. Just spent the whole morning reading this & absolutely loved Bram & Sweet story.

Doris says

Biker With A Twist

This is a first time author for me and even though it was the second book in the series I was able to jump right in and not miss a beat. Since I love MC reads and seen that bike on the cover I knew I had to check it out. This is an M/M biker book and of course the bad*ss alpha males were coming out of the woodwork.

Bram left the hospital after being nearly beaten to death by the Heathens MC of which he was a patched in member of and went searching for his missing brother in Havoc MC territory. This is where Bram met Sweet who was the president of the very powerful Havoc MC. A man like Sweet didn't stay in power by trusting anyone and Bram was hiding a lot more than his association with the rival Heathens.

Kris says

I received a copy of this book to read and review for Wicked Reads

I had not read anything by Jakes before so it was with a pleasant surprise that I really enjoyed this book! I also have not read Havoc #1, so i believe that this can be read as a stand alone although I would like to read Havoc #1 now! This is an MC book but with an M/M twist. I found the men of Havoc to be just the right amount of masculine and rough with the perfect amount of comfortable with their orientation. Sweet is the leader of the MC and he takes in Bram on a hunch. Bram is hiding from another MC and has his own secrets and lies. The whole story moves quickly and is full of great adventure. Really enjoyed my time in Havoc's world.

Chris says

Really great - dark, gritty and intense ! Bram is on the run after being beaten and left for dead by the MC he was undercover in. After being sold out, on the run, Bram looks for his missing brother and ends up at another MC. Bravado aside, Bram has a melt down and catches the eye of the Pres Sweet. The connection begins and the story unfolds. Loved it

Jewel says

Thank you **Jolly Sparkledust** for gifting me this!!! You rock!
