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Book 2 of 3...Must read in order. 18+ BDSM themed Rock Romance.

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Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

Our pain is our strength...

The Rocker Series continues...Abel has just left with the band for their overseas tour...Gia is left weeping on the tarmac...ACTION! That's exactly what you get in Forgiving Gia, lots of action. You get action from the media, you get action from the crazy ex-stalker b*tch, you get action in the bedroom, the bathroom, the elevator, the boat, and um...yes, the dining room table too. You get more secrets, scandal, and suspense. You also get a few giggles from the antics of Gia's BFF's, Cindy and Chance. Yes, Chance is actually Abel's PA, but you know how the girls like to stick together, right? It's so funny how Chance calls Abel a broody-alpha and Cindy calls him a caveman. It's no secret to anyone around him, how could it be when he just scoops her up and throws her over his shoulder, no matter where they are or who's watching. She claims that he controls her with his "Dom-juju" and he seduces her with his "word porn". Don't you just love a dirty-talkin' Dom Rocker? Who could resist that? (wink-wink)

Vanessa says

Gina does it again!! Review to come with my tour date of 10/29...

****FULL REVIEW****

“From a mere touch, I knew it wasn’t him. My body knew. My heart knew. A familiar scent reached my nose, but I couldn’t place it. The body holding me was warm, comforting, supportive, and cooing sentiments. My heart prayed he’d come back for me...begging me not to end my life as he named all the reasons he needed me. However, it wasn’t him. That was why I wanted to stay there in the depth of hell, never to return to my old life again. I wanted to be left for dead.”

Gia just can’t come back from the devastation of Abel’s rejection, her soul crushed and will to live dwindling by the day...never has she let a man control so much of her. When she met Abel, she wasn’t looking for love, but somehow her soul mate found her and love just kind of happened. Problem is, her past came back to bite her in the bum...and her wicked mother was determined to keep her as a “cash cow” in order to maintain a lifestyle she had grown accustomed to living.

*“I was taking a big risk. Risking everything, as well as my mental health. Could I afford to be dropped on my head again and left for dead? No, I couldn’t. But...there was a big fat but there...it was Abel. I couldn’t deny him anything—ever. Was I risking my own sanity, though? Yeah I was. Was he worth every last ounce of me? A resounding f*** yeah.”*

With the help of her friends, and an unlikely source...Abel’s father, Gia makes her way back to the one man who completes and shreds every part of her.

“It was time to screw my head on straight and get my man. There was no time for intensiveness. No time for self-reflection. I needed to own who I was. Finally gain my independence from the witch who birthed me. It was the time for the mighty Gia to show her face. Shake the dirt off of me and be the woman I was meant to be—his woman.”

But will Abel be open to giving Gia another chance? Can he bear the brunt of all being in a real relationship entails? And can he trust that Gia won't lie to him again? If he wants the other half of his heart...the answer is always yes.

“All I can say is...I really miss the way her innocence tastes. If that make any sense. I opened my eyes and my heart to her. She made my life beautiful—fulfilled. She's everything I want. And everything I'm not.”

He only has to listen...

“In life, there are many interpretation of why we do what we do. When you care deeply for someone, the least you could do is listen. Listening would've cost me nothing but time—time I wish I could go back and give. Reacting the way I did cost me dearly and nearly cost my beauty her life—a lie I couldn't live without.”

This second installment of Gina Whitney's Trilogy is truly one about trust and the whole “give & take” in a relationship. The crazy that swirled around Gia and Abel was just an added bonus but not truly what the root of the story is about...at least not for me. The building blocks of any relationship start with attraction, build on knowledge and trust for the other person, and finally love that grows from all the other components falling into place...or out of place in order to put them back together again, as the case may be for Abel and Gia.

I loved this book, Abel is a dirty talking Alpha-Dom and Gia is his perfect submissive. Her innocence and pure heart, despite her shady upbringing makes them 100% made for each other. I cannot wait to see how the story between them ends...

****5 Listen with Your Heart, Stars****

Katrina Jay says

4.5 Wowza Stars!!

Disclaimer: It doesn't bother me nor would it have stopped me from reading, but there are some f bombs. It is part of the characters' personalities, but if you are easily offended just beware.

Gina Whitney has done it again! In her follow-up to Saving Abel it picks up right where it left off. They are both in their own special kinds Hell separately and she takes you on a ride. You get pulled into and up onto the wild ride that is Abel & Gia's Dom/Sub relationship. They each have their own issues they need to work through like trust, addiction, mental, a "Medusa", a "psycho cancer" ex, and a possible mole within the Lethal Abel crew. They struggle to wade through the crap that is life and come out on the other side stronger for it.

There are some hot hot hot scenes that leave you trying to hang on to just the edge of your seat for the ride and wow what a ride they are if you manage! All in all a good follow up to Saving Abel. Looking forward to the next one.

Kimmy (Sinfully Snarky Reviews) says

Gina you did an amazing job! I absolutely LOVED this book!

Forgiving Gia picks up right after Saving Abel. What happens in the first few chapters I didn't see coming at all (not saying whether it's bad or good...evil I know). There are so many twist in Forgiving Gia that just when you think you have it figured out

YOU'RE wrong!!! I had this happen to me from the 50% point until the very last page. So if you want suspense, drama, HOT musicians, hot smut, a Dom alpha male then what are you waiting for. Pick up Saving Abel now because Forgiving Gia comes out Oct 20th!

Ena May - Swoon Worthy Books/Enticing Journey Book Promotions says

Okay so where oh where to do begin.

Okay in the beginning I was like

OMG he is going to come back right?

He is going to forgive her and take her back!

Nope she isn't going to end everything like that right?

SHIT FIRE maybe, no but wait, what? OMG poor Abel

OMG poor Gia!

Oh and then, than there were many moments when Morgana was being the spiteful bitch that she is I was all.....

Forgiving Gia was sinfully sexy and disturbing at times. There were sweet moments, OMG moments, sexy moments, WTF moments and everything in between. My heart was racing from start to finish. Abel, well hello ladies, Abel is sexy sexy sexy and messed up – holy moly he was messed up, however, he owned that shit.

Oh and let's talk about that bitch of a mother that Gia had – if murder was legal I would take her out so fast she would shit all those pills she popped. She made my blood boil – self-righteous son of a mother.....WHORE!

Well you get the idea right?

AND Abel's dad – yep I didn't care for him too much in Saving Abel but he sort of kind of maybe redeemed himself in Forgiving Gia, you could really see the loving concerned father come out of him and he made my heart go boom boom!

Oh there is another twist to this story – Morgana devil bitch (that's putting it nicely) well she is EVERYWHERE Abel is, how is that possible? Is there a mole? Is there not a mole? Holy crap my head was spinning thinking who can it be, who is telling her things? Is it him? Is it her? Nope couldn't be him, right? Or could it? Thoughts kept swirling and swirling thinking oh Abel is going to murder someone because that bitch is messing with his Beauty. And then it was like boom!

SHIT IT THE FAN and things turned crazy! Made me feel like....

I couldn't tell how it was going to end! I knew what I wanted to happen and I just prayed that Gina felt the same way!

Let's recap shall we...

Sexy messed up rocker bad boy = check

Sweet and naughty heroine = check

WTF moments around almost every corner = check

OMG sex moments that make your toes curl = DOUBLE check

Sweet and sincere, makes your heart warm and mushy moments = check

Great series Gina! Can't wait to find out what happens next for this crazy in love couple!

Helena Rizzuto says

Lol yes, you are seeing that right... I inhaled this book. But what can I say?? Gina just hits the spot.. Of course super HAWT Dom Abel and sexy smart mouthed Gia might have had a lot to do with it... Now, my take on this book. Holy turmoil in a kindle covered with every other freaking emotion I possess! Starts out with an ugly cry and ends in a good cry. This book filled in so much of my curiosity of Gia and Abel. Not just them, but other characters as well. Yes, I still hate Morgana. However, I have a newfound respect for Abel's parents. I even came to love Chance a lot more. Even despite the awful situation he was forced into. I found myself flowing with the words in this book and just could NOT put it down. It was soul hugging, emotion wrenching and just all around a grand book. I loved the background I finally got into Gia's past and it has actually put Saving Abel into a whole new perspective as well as made this book on my top 5 favorite reads of the year. While we do have to wait for book 3, I'm fairly confident that all readers will be left with a sense of zen after they finish this book. You'll fall in love all over again with the sexy Abel and want to hug and cherish Gia more. I loved the interaction with all the secondary characters and truly hope they all get their own books. So hats off to Gina Whitney for what will likely become of the most talked about books/

series for a long time to come. Sorry Christian, there's a new Dom in town and he's kicking ass and taking names later!

Sassy Southern says

So I was lucky enough to review the first book in this series, Saving Abel. And to be chosen to review the second book was great!

Abel is this alpha male. He is a little twisted and a lot DOM! He is lost without his Beauty. Secrets torn them apart and left them both broken. But in Forgiving Gia, it isn't so much about forgiving Gia as it is both of them forgiving and accepting each other. One can not breathe without the other. There is only darkness while they are away from each other.

Gia has had her life thrown upside down when Abel walked away from her without looking back. She went to that dark place. There was no light, no feeling, she was empty. She was his Sub and he left her. Gia was brought up to believe that no one would ever want or love her. So when Abel walked out of her life she had no reason to be. She wanted to die and she almost did. Sometimes help comes from those that we wouldn't have thought cared.

I love this story. There isn't one thing I would change about it and that doesn't happen often when I read a book for review. The way that Gina writes is hardcore at times. But the work that goes into her writing doesn't go unseen. You can feel what the characters go through. I felt Gia's pain when Abel left her on the airstrip. You can feel the emptiness they both felt when they are apart. You can get a feel for both of their insecurities. That is what I love most about this book it makes you FEEL. Gia and Abel's love is real and raw.

I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone. I personally can't wait to read the final book in Gia and Abel's story. It is a love story even if there is some BDSM!!

She Hearts Books says

Abel has left to go on tour broken feeling betrayed and Gia has gone to a very dark place when he left her. Gia is a sub without her Dom and is completely empty. He just confirmed for her what she has always known - that she isn't worthy of anyone staying. She wants to die and almost succeeds in taking her own life. Someone she never would have expected comes to her with a plan to make everything right.

What I loved about this book is that is one about two people who have to learn to forgive each other and let go of their pasts. Abel and Gia's relationship grows in this part of their story. They are so sweet with each other as they open their hearts completely and fall further in love. I also love the people around them. I am dying to hear more about Cindy and Woody. And I loved Abel's daddy. I can't wait to read more about all of them.

I give Forgiving Gia 5 hearts!

Rebecca says

Titan. Caveman. Beast. Dom.

Warrior. Princess. Beauty. Submissive.

In the simplest terms, these are the words that both describe and illustrate the complexity of Gina Whitney's main characters, Abel Gunner and Gia Mastro, in her marvelously written Rocker series. But as well as these expressions define who Abel and Gia are, they aren't nearly enough...because these two defy definition as well – together, they are forces to be reckoned with, and apart, they are chaos incarnate, shadows of themselves. They are two parts of a whole that can only be saved by each other, sustaining one another from a past that constantly threatens to pull them under and a future that isn't quite paved yet.

At the end of *Saving Abel*, Abel and Gia's relationship is blown apart by Abel's conniving bitch of an ex, Morgana, and Abel, without waiting to listen to an explanation from Gia, jets off for his band's tour, leaving Gia to pick up the pieces of her broken heart – something that she isn't capable of, which sends her spiraling into a dark tunnel of self loathing and disgust. Her reaction to Abel's rejection is heartbreaking, and Gina Whitney brings Gia's anguish and desperation out through her carefully chosen words and depiction of a tortured woman succumbing to her demons and the voices that have always told her that she's not enough to make anyone stay. Thankfully, Gia has a fantastic support system who reaches out to ensure her recovery and sets in motion her reunion with her Dom, her Alpha, her everything. Gia and Abel are a burning flame that can only be extinguished by one another, and while they're hot tempered, off kilter, and even fucked up at times, they don't work apart – Gia feeds Abel's beast and the control that Abel takes from Gia allows her to clear her mind and feel loved and free – something that she desperately needs.

Gia and Abel both have demons...truths that they're afraid to lay bare, but that's exactly what will allow their relationship to endure, and when Gia fully gives herself to Abel after they almost lost each other due to Morgana and Medusa's meddling, Gia and Abel's connection only grows stronger. In *Forgiving Gia*, Gina Whitney allows readers to see a different side of Abel as Gia sheds her past at his feet. As much as he is a controlling, arrogant caveman as Abel the Dom, as Abel the man, he's compassionate, tender, and caring, giving Gia what she needs to move forward and embrace her feelings instead of running from them. We see a more dynamic version of Abel in book two, which only endears us more to him and what he wants for his and Gia's future.

The amount of feels this story gave me speaks to the quality of the characters and the storyline. I laughed...I cried...my heart broke...my heart soared. I went through a menagerie of emotions with all of the ups and downs Gia and Abel faced, questioning whether they were going to make it through all of the revelations and underhandedness that occur throughout the text. But that's exactly what makes Gia and Abel's story so addictive. It keeps readers guessing until the very end about the fallout of every action, and while that can be nerve wracking, it's also intriguing, forcing us to read on to see how it all plays out, and at the end of *Forgiving Gia*, there's still so much more story to tell in order for Abel and his Beauty to get the ending they deserve, and I, for one, can't wait to find out what Gina Whitney has up her sleeve for Book 3.

A complimentary copy was provided in exchange for an honest review.

5 poison apples (The Fairest of All Book Reviews)

Purpinkrose says

***** THIS WARNING SURPASSES ALL WARNINGS I GAVE TO YOU IN SAVING ABEL. THIS IS THE MOTHER OF ALL WARNINGS*****
SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED

THIS BOOK IS EXCEPTIONAL BRILLIANCE.

If it's possible this book is better than Saving Abel. ANYTHING I thought this book was going to be about couldn't of been FURTHER than what it was about. The Lockable room you needed for Saving Abel, you need for Forgiving Gia. Plus extra LOCKS. The WHAT? WTF? at the end of Saving Abel , was turned into WTFH, SERIOUSLY, OMG.

Again I am not telling you ANYTHING. I will say I WANT AN ABEL GUNNER FOR MYSELF. ABEL Gunner is THE EPITOME of every HOT, ALPHA, DOM, BOOK BOYFRIEND you have ever read, then some. And you will be surprised in places as well.

This book is AMAZING, STUNNING, EXCEPTIONALLY BRILLIANT, FLAWLESS, FANTASTIC, EMOTIONAL. This book will be with you long after you have read it. It will leave you emotionally and mentally drained, in the best possible way. This is the book you give a big sigh at the end after not realising you have been holding your breath. I again read this in one go.

This book is everything little thing you ever wanted for Christmas and never got, you get and more in this book.

Gina, what can I say except.....WOW, WOW, WOW

This book get 5/5 stars and 5/5 for movie moments.

Red Cheeks Reads says

“Chains of steel will rust with time. Chains of the heart will only grow stronger,”

OOOHHHH Lawd...I am absolutely loving this series!!! Sooo freaking good!!

Forgiving Gia is the 2nd book in this series, Saving Abel being the first. And I can not wait to get my hands on the 3rd book!!! (which I read that Gina is hoping to release by the end of the year...EXCITED!!!)

This book starts off where Abel leaves Gia on the airplane tarmac and this is where my heart continues to break for both.

The deep connection they share leaves him desperate for something he never expected – her love. Her pain brings him the pleasure he craves. Her smile calms the beast that rages within him. Gia loves Abel more than life itself, but Abel is disillusioned by love and wrecks Gia in the process. Her life hangs in the balance. His life depends on forgiving her. This couple must face many truths. Is love enough to overcome the damage that dwells within?

Goodness! This book can tug at all the feelings you have, heartbreak, love, passion, and people trying to pull them apart. You just want to smack them across the head to make them straighten up.

I just love this couple tho, Abel is such an Alpha male...umm correction, he is a Hot Rocker Alpha Male. And he is soo much fun!!!!

Abel Gunner is a rock-star with legendary skills both in and out of the bedroom. He swore he wouldn't fall for another woman after being schemed and manipulated by an ex-lover. He kept that vow until he met Gia Mastro. The Dom inside of him awoke the moment he set eyes upon the submissive beauty. His dark soul hungered for her submission and affection.

Gia does the whole submissive thing pretty well for her Dom...ummm. Pretty Well.

Gia's experiences with love have been nil until meeting the infamous bad-boy rocker, Abel Gunner. Swept up in a mind-bending, Dom/submissive love affair, she's forced to make decisions that both help and hurt their relationship

This book would have me laughing out loud at their banter and I Loved..loved loved Gia's BFF Cindy and Abel's P.A. Chance. Everybody needs a BFF like Cindy and a P.A. like Chance!! Chance is just like one of the girls and he is an awesome care taker/personal fashion assistant to Gia..he is a mess. I just love him, he should probably get his own book.

They both have to face their demons before they can embrace a future together. In the end, they're faced with two choices: Fight for their love, or die with their demons

Sooo what are you waiting for?? Pick this series up. You will not be disappointed!!!

I gave this book 5 Smooches!!!

Trish :)

Jennifer Pierson says

Let me start out by saying that Gina Whitney can't write books quickly enough for me! I LOVE Forgiving Gia and will never get enough of Abel!

Abel Gunner is a famous rock star with darkness in his soul. He's not a big fan of relationships thanks to an ex-lover and has vowed to never get in another one until he meets Gia Mastro. Gia is a beautiful girl filled with pain from her past, however something about her calms the beast inside of Abel. She loves Abel so much that he was able to wreck her completely and her life hangs in the balance.

Gina Whitney left us with a HUGE cliffhanger in Saving Abel but just picked up where we left off in Forgiving Gia very smoothly. She didn't make us wait until the end of the book to get the question answered. Gina also showed us what made Abel and Gia the way they were in more depth. She has a way of writing that the emotions of Abel and Gia flew out of the book. I found that I had tears in my eyes several times while reading this book. I don't want to forget to throw in the HOTNESS factor, and HOT it was!!! I'm not going to lie, I NEED more Abel!!!!!! If you haven't read Saving Abel, you need to pick it up before reading Forgiving Gia, because trust me when I say, you will LOVE Abel and need more of him as well

Ann Marie says

Ms. Whitney you have done it again!!!

“Sometimes life closes doors, because it’s time to move forward. That’s a good thing, we often forget we won’t move forward unless circumstances force us too.”

I absolutely love the story between Gia and Abel. They are great together just enough of that tension between a couple who love each other so much that you can't seem to look away **coughs or close the book! They are ying and yang. Abel truly loves her and she truly loves him and this book gives you all the of the drama and suspense of their relationship that is Abel Gunner. I have learned some new things in this book about the Gunner family, things that make you say hmmm. I also was very annoyed by a certain someone (no not mentioning names here you will have to read it). Morgana of course she rears her ugly head here! ugh can't stand her! She really goes all out crazy here! And Cindy what is up with her and Woody? I hope we get to learn more about their relationship. Gia, she hasn't had an easy life at all. I really felt sorry for her and all the things that happened to her.

Oh and then we have Mr. Gunner Abel’s father...umm yeah he should be another spin off too. We need Cindy and Woody, Mr. Gunner, Ender andhmm that’s all oh... wait Chance!!! yup!! I hope we learn more about these guys.

“In the end, isn’t that what we all craved? To feel needed and wanted?”

I highly recommend Forgiving Gia not only for it’s obvious reasons (if you read Saving Abel). I also feel this story is about more than forgiving just Gia, maybe it’s about forgiving yourself and forgiving family. We all are not perfect and maybe we need to humble ourselves and realize that. Forgiveness doesn’t mean you're saying what was done is ok it means that you are ready to let go of that hurt and that pain. I think I just had a personal moment. Anyway please pick up your book today you will love this journey!!

Julie says

5~ Ahh, Panty Melting Stars!

Praise to the alpha king~extreme, I don't know if they get any dirtier and hotter than Abel Gunner! I wouldn't care if I didn't even like the story because he is worth it. Maybe there isn't much and I just haven't noticed!

Yep. That's me, baby. A demented, fucking pervert.

This read is loaded with dirty/raunchy sex (hell yeah!), if you don't want to hear about it often, I'd say this isn't for you! Some may think he's too controlling, possessive, and jealous... he is but in a delicious way and he remains that way all through this one as well and God, I hope he doesn't change. That's what a true alpha

is to me plus he's a Dom, a perfect one! He's very loving, caring, and affectionate as well.

We pick up from a cliffy I saw coming, I just wasn't exactly sure how it would happen or what the result would be. I was happy this took right off at the beginning because I didn't want "it" to be extended for a long amount of time. Medusa and the evil witch are still around playing their part and the band members are trying to figure out who the traitor is among them, a lot of finger pointing and speculation. I can easily say this was my reaction, not only to Medusa but evil bitch herself, Morgana...

I really like Gia. I didn't at the beginning because of her initial plan but I learned exactly why she was like that and I felt the pain, she had experienced all her life, just the verbal abuse was beyond comprehension. Abel made her feel worth something and she just keeps continuing to grow. I adore what they have together, especially that Abel is now over the moon in love and feels worthy for once. Those two balance each other, their Dom/Sub relationship is pure freakin' on fire.

Let's not forget his dragon decorated with that Jacob's ladder and the Apadravya... Lord help me!

I realized he was caring for me the only way he knew how. Though, foreign to me, he needed it. I needed him. It was us giving to each other.

Towards the end... during an announcement that Abel is making to his adoring fans, the unthinkable happens. I didn't see that coming. I'm going to say, I was ok with this cliffy and I can't wait to see what happens next as I move on to the conclusion of their story.

The BookChick says

My Rating: 4½?

Gina Whitney continues Abel Gunner and Gia Mastro's story from Saving Abel in Forgiving Gia. I have to admit that I was fairly ambiguous about Saving Abel -- especially for most of the story. I just thought Abel and Gia were over the top with their reactions and responses to one another. I just didn't like them together. However, as the story evolved, I began to understand who they both were as we gleaned glimpses into their backgrounds. By the end of Abel, I was left speechless. Gia's past was a wreck and her mother, Medusa was loathable.

When Forgiving Gia opens, Gia has made a drastic decision -- she tries to end her life. She sees no future or life for herself since she has lost Abel after he discovers Gia's past. Gia is distraught and lost. But fate intervenes in the form of Abel's father and his friend Chance. Gia's life is turned on its ear as they hatch a plan to get Gia and Abel back together. And it this plan has to go into effect immediately because Abel is

self-destructing and badly. Once Abel and Gia get back together, their relationship seems to change and this is where my feelings changed toward them. Abel and Gia are very sweet and endearing in this story. Abel lays his heart on the line and Gia turns her hurt and her past over to him. I really enjoyed seeing the evolution of their relationship and their love. But sadly, fate throws a lot of obstacles in their path. Addiction, jealousy, and attempted murder threaten to treat them apart. It was endearing to see how they worked through those challenges together.

The only small thing I did not "like" was the happy for now ending. I know...I know...I'm spoiled but I love my happily ever-afters. I desperately wanted that for Abel and Gia in Forgiving Gia but I'm so happy with how the story ended for them and can't wait to see what else Whitney has in store for them...something tells me we haven't seen the last of Medusa and Morganna -- hussies! LOL
