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This novella is intended for those 18 years or older due to mature and sexual content.

You've seen Charlie and Clink's romance blossom and grow. You've seen it implode when the secret of her true identity was revealed. To know where a couple is headed, you have to know where they've been.

Take a look at what drove Charlie to do the things she did in the name of revenge, what had gotten her to that point. Find out what in her past made her into the person she became, and led to the choices she made.

Clink thought he had finally found his rightful Ol' lady. She was everything he could have dreamed. He let down the guarded wall he has so carefully built over the years to let her in and take another chance on love. When her identity was revealed it shattered his world and made him regret ever letting her into it. She wouldn't be able to break his heart if he took it back.

This is a short companion novelette to lay more background in to Clink and Charlie's life before the Kingsmen MC, book 4.5 to help you better understand this couple before we see their resolution in book 5, BITTER SWEET CRAVINGS, due Summer 2015.

Bitter Sweet Beginnings Details

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Tanya Rae ~ TaSTy WordGasms says

Bittersweet Beginnings starts where Bittersweet Deception left off. Bittersweet Beginnings is a Novella and another great book by Tara Oakes. You must read Bittersweet Deception before Bittersweet Beginnings for you to understand this book.

I would say that Bittersweet Beginnings is bittersweet. Wow Charlie really didn't have it easy and I can't say as I blame her for her actions. I really can't say more because I don't do spoilers. But, I want Clink and Charlie back together and I hope they do in Bittersweet Cravings which I am looking forward too and will be out in September 2015.

This ARC was gifted to me for an honest review. I give Bittersweet Beginnings 4.5 stars and I say come on September so I can read Bittersweet Cravings.

Keri Grammer says

Poor Charlie and Clink, I love them, they're both struggling but both too stubborn to talk it out.. and now her sis Dana is staying around.... uh oh... can't wait to find out what happens next

Crissy Sutcliffe says

holy wow! Tara knows how to grip you from the very beginning and make sure you do not put one of her books down until you are through with it!. this book was beyond fantastic and i cannot wait to read the next book in this series!

Lita Thomas says

I was given an ARC of this book for a honest review. Bitter Sweet Beginnings Book 5 (The Kingsmen MC series) By Tara Oakes is the next installment in the series. The story is told in a different manner than the previous book but picks up from almost the end of the last book with Charlie leaving Clink to go into the hospital to save her father Vince: the man she originally came to town to destroy. Charlie now is rethinking what she originally came to town for as she tries to recover. She misses Clink and is having a hard time dealing with what she has lost. While we see what is going on in real time we get to know more about Charlie through flashes of her life growing up with an indifferent mother, spoiled baby sister and a father who she felt was the only on her side. We also get to see Clink at a pivotal part of his life in the past as well as where is went when he left Charlie in the hospital. Each person tries to reconcile their feelings about each other and if they can live without the other. The story is a novella and sets the reader up for the final instalment in the Kingmen's saga. Looking forward to the last book to see how things end for all parties involved. I give this installment 4.5 stars.

LeeAnne says

I was sucked into this series after reading the boxed set of books 1-4 (which I highly recommend you check out!) Clink and Charlie's story continues with Charlie having donated her marrow to save her father, that she came into the picture to destroy. When Clink finds out she's lied about her identity he, of course, flips out and leaves her. They're both struggling to live without each other but Clink is determined not to accept her because she's a liar. Charlie is determined not to let Clink treat her like he is, not letting her explain herself. She decides she's had enough and leaves "for good."

This book is written a bit differently than the others, which I loved. Also, love that it's dual POV, it really sucked me in. This is a unique series, and it's so well written. I really enjoyed it and highly recommend it!

****Given this book in exchange for an honest review!****

BadDirtyBooks says

I've been anxiously waiting for this to come out. I wanted to know how Clink and his Sugar ended up. Make sure to take heed to the authors note at the beginning. If your anything like me you'll be reading so fast, you won't know you've reached the end. This little puddle jumper is gonna bring a shit storm in the next book. I can feel it brewing. Clink still has his stubborn ways with his sexy ass and this story gives you look into his back story about his son.

Charlie was a real mystery in Bittersweet Deception but we knew she was out for revenge. If wasn't as sweet as she wanted it to be. She ended up being more of a savior right? Now we hey some more answers as to why she wanted revenge and what she was exposed to growing up! I'm absolutely surprised by Charlie!

Bring on Bitter Sweet Cravings so we can get to the conclusion!

4BadAssDirtyDamnSugarStars

Diane says

This book begins where Bitter Sweet Deception. It gives a look at how they are coping with Deception of Charlie.

Charlie is not coping and wants to be left alone. But her sister and the Kingsman are always around.

Clink leaves town to try and come to terms with what Charlie has done. Can he forgive her for deceiving him?

This finishes on a cliffhanger and leaves ypu waiting on the next book.

I was given a copy of the book in exchange for an honest review - Naughty Book

Carol says

I totally get that Clink was mad at what he found out but I expected him to man up and fight not to runaway like a baby.

As for Charlie, yes she had a hard time growing up. Playing second fiddle to her younger sister and always been overlooked except by the one person who she thought was her real dad.

This book was just okay, it didn't really add anything or resolve anything at all.

I seriously can't stand her sister Dana and not sure why she allows her to stick around. If my sister had done what she done all her life she would be the last person I would count on for anything.

Sarah - Vanilla Twist Reads says

I had the privilege of reading this ARC today and must say it does not disappoint. Bitter Sweet Beginnings takes off where Bitter Sweet Deception finished both Clink and Charlie feel the pain that was caused by Charlie's secret.

Like the first two books in this series Bitter Sweet Beginnings goes back and forth between the past and the present giving us a look into their lives before each other. Can they find their way back to each other only time will tell but each of them is left with issues from their past that they must deal with.

Its a short novella with the 6th book due out later this year. I would highly recommend you read it as you feel the emotions that both Clink and Charlie experience.

Jecca says

Read for NDF

4.5 stars of CANNOT WAIT

This was just enough to whet your appetite for what promises to be the big finally. This was a short glimpse into where Charlie and Clink are now. They are both miserable without the other and two broken souls too stubborn to do anything about it. It is also about where they came from and what led them to be who they are now.

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Charlie has a lot of explaining to do and still a number of hurdles to cross. She came to Chisolm seeking revenge and that is not what she found when she got there. Clink was not looking for a happily ever after until this mysterious girl stole his heart. Can they work out their differences, can get past the lies and deception? Well, we will have to wait and see. The both need a good hard look at their past in order to move on, either together or separate.

This was another well written installment of the Kingsmen MC but I think it left me wanting more than anything else. While this piece was needed, give background and understanding, to us impatient readers it left me crazy when I ran out pages...is it September yet???

WTMO Words Turn Me On says

“Anyone can love someone when it’s easy. It takes balls to love someone when it’s not.”

This book was nowhere near long enough for me, but I knew that going into it. Not sure what I can say about this author that I haven’t already said, she’s amazing. I felt the pain of the child feeling less than, the anger of the abandonment, the sadness of the loss, then the hope for what could be. This book has left me jonesing for the next, I see some good and bad stuff coming and I need my fix of Charlie and Clink. Not as sexual as most of Ms. Oaks work, but it didn’t really fit in this story. There are a couple of steamy scenes so don’t be disappointed. I give this book 5 stars!

~Bookaholic Mama

DJ Sakata says

My Rating:

4.5

Favorite Quotes:

“Leave it to mom to worry more about what things would look like if her perfect family showed even the slightest bit of imperfection while on display.”

“Just the mere memory of that encounter has my body reeling in a conflicted web of emotion. I hate him on one hand, while I crave him on the other.”

My Review:

I always struggle a little bit when reading individual books as they are released in a series, as between books I tend to forget what was going on. However, Tara Oakes’s stories are so unique and vivid, that poses less of a problem for me than it typically would be. This installment was short and tantalizing, I want more and I want it now. I hope Ms. Oakes is currently locked in her office pounding out the promised conclusion to the Kingsmen series - and I will beg and plead that it has a HEA for Charlie and Clink – as she currently has me worried.

Heather Talbot says

A well written novella and perfect lead up for book 6

This was a well written novella that fills in some history and sheds light on to some more of the kingsman

characters. This was the perfect bridge to the final book coming out in August. I can't wait to see if the matters of the heart get resolved with Clink. Looking forward to it. Will Vince make amends with his daughter? This and more I hope to find out in the last book.

Beth says

I love it but hate that is short!!!!

I have loved this entire series and this just kept me just as hooked as the rest. I just want Clink and Charlie back together!!!! Now I have to wait until September!!! NOOOOOOOOO!!!!

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