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**First loves, dark pasts, and fast cars collide in this high-octane adventure.**

The life he has now was hard won. He went from nothing to running his own high-end Euro auto shop and being part owner in more than one club in town living the playboy lifestyle, yet Nathaniel Vellanova forgets it all when his ex-girl walks back into his life—the the only woman he'd ever let himself love. It's the same day his biological father, the man who murdered his mother, is released from prison reminding him how much he has needed her.

Nate's ex-girl, Eva, is back from her stint at a high-glamour life in Manhattan to help her father who's battling cancer. Yet, as luck would have it, the car she relies on everyday for her magazine gig in downtown Portland, Oregon goes on the fritz pushing her back into the capable hands of her mechanic ex-boyfriend Nate.

Thrown together once more, Nate and Eva have to sort out their fetishes for fast cars and adrenaline addiction with nothing but their bare hands—and maybe a little bit of duct tape. As the language—and the sparks—fly, their demons return, haunting and hunting them down until nothing but love can pull them from the edge.

## Forged Details

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## From Reader Review Forged for online ebook

### Linda says

Eva Lynn Rodgers has returned to Portland after running to New York for college and a career! Eva has come back to care for her father taken in the job of Chief editor of a failing magazine and to add to that she has a temperamental BMW that she can not seem to find a good service agent for it; until her assistant tells her about a new European car service station. Eva decides to give the station a test drive and drops her BMW off to have a leaky door seal replaced when picking it up she gets a surprise the mechanic waiting for it is her ex-boy friend Nate, the same man who was her best friend growing up and the very same man she still loves. Nate however wants nothing to do with her, she left him when he needed her most, but for our handsome, sexy Nate trying to stay away is damned hard and harder still when he discovers she is back in Portland to care for her dad; Eva's father was and has been a better father to him than his own.

Tension and passions boom stronger when Nate's childhood challenges come into the picture and put everyone Nate loves and cares for in jeopardy.

Riveting story line, could not put it down. This book had both a strong heroine but even a stronger hero, whom together share danger, intimacy and great sex!

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### Delta says

Free on 05-23-14 (Contemp Romance)

<http://www.amazon.com/Forged-Becky-Ba...>

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### Angela says

25 November 2015: \$0.00 FREE on Kindle

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### Ann says

What the foo?!? This bk should have been titled Forged Light. A good thing this one was only \$.99 because any more than that I would have felt even more cheated than I did. This bk has all the makings of a really, really good story with interesting characters and some fast and furious action, however, it turned out to be more like one of those shows you walk in and start watching 30 minutes after it started. The story is never fully developed nor are the characters fleshed out and there's very little detail making me feel like I missed something. To top that off, the bk ended at the 78% mark. Couldn't believe it!!! There was 1% spent on acknowledgements and the last 20% was of the author's first bk. Not sure if the 266 pages meant just the main story or a sum of both bks. Yes, I'm p.o.'d (stamping foot), I really liked alpha Nate and Eva his girl from the past who had all the makings of a really strong h. Would have liked their fast paced story even more

if I'd had more of it. There was an excellent car chase scene with the villain that had me all amped up and then it was over too soon. Oh well, (sigh).....It was good and I thank Kati for the rec, I can see how you saw a bit of a KA connection here. I just was left wanting more.

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### **Kirsty Bicknell says**

'Forged' was like a joyride in an Aston Martin DBS - fast, furious and enough turns to make my stomach flip!!

Nate is the perfect male protagonist - strong, hot, bad and damaged - all the qualities which female readers find appealing!! ( Yes, including me!)

Eva is a harder nut to crack, perhaps due to her circumstances and her high-powered job, and because of this I found her a less likeable character. However, Becky Banks, uses Nate and Eva perfectly as a balance - each one as fiery as the other but also as stubborn.

Becky Banks uses third person narrative, but also allows Nate and Eva to tell the story. This seems to be a trend amongst authors who are writing "contemporary fiction" at the moment and in my opinion only works when it is done well. Here Becky Banks titles Nate's chapters which makes me feel less comfortable with the process because as a reader we should know the tone and speech pattern of our characters.

I loved Eva's dad who was able to bring out the humanity in Eva, as she cared for him at the expense of her job, and he also brought both humour and sentimentality to the story. I think this may have been Becky Banks' intention as he was obviously the antithesis to Nate's father.

Becky Banks is a master of initially building up the relationship between Nate and Eva, followed by the tension around Nate's dad.

I enjoyed this book and the pace of Becky Banks' writing. I would recommend it to any readers who enjoy a different take on the romance story with an added bit of suspense!!

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### **Kati says**

This little high octane book is perfect to help tide you over while waiting for the next Kristen Ashley book. While Eva is not your usual sweet heroine she is interesting and feisty, owning up to her mistakes and dedicated to the people she loves. Nathaniel is in the same league as KA's heroes. The side characters are interesting and I loved Becky Banks writing. The story and your understanding of Eva and Nate's complicated past is done in a really unique and interesting way. My one complaint? Wish it was longer!! Highly recommended.

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### **Annie says**

I can't wait for this book to come out! Should be a high octane, combative, super sexy romance!!!

Below is a very early review of Becky Banks upcoming novel Forged. I am sharing with you what my initial reactions were to this amazing novel and what I would tell people so they immediately add Forged to their "to-read" list.

While author Becky Banks has remained a believer in the power of love, her upcoming novel Forged is a dark, sexy and gritty tale when compared to her debut novel The Legend of Lady MacLaoch. I was

privileged to read the early unedited version of *Forged* and was blown away at how different it is in style from *The Legend of Lady MacLaoch*. Once again Banks creates characters and situations that are believable with descriptions that throw you into the scenes. Eva (our heroine) is a kick ass woman of our time, she is someone we all wish we could be at one point or another throughout our life. I am not going to get into too much of the story and plot (Banks still has work to do before *Forged* is released later this year), but I will say that it is about Nate and Eva; two characters who we meet separately only to learn that we have been dropped into their story years after it began. They grew up together, dated and their love just was not enough to survive the traumas of youth and murder. *Forged* occurs after all bridges are burned between these two. What lies ahead (for them and us dear readers) is the story of Nate and Eva's reunion, which questions if what they had and what they will experience will be enough to forge their friendship into a love that will last lifetime.

Banks paints very visceral scenes with amazing descriptions that, while reading them, are like watching a play in my head. *Forged* is going to be one of those great novels that you find yourself invested in and do not want to put down. However, for our time management, I appreciated that Banks puts breaks with the ends of the chapters by switching to other characters perspectives or scenes. Trust me, this was essential for me while reading so I could get dinner on the table and sleep at night. I also found that Banks has created a real energy with the main characters, Nate and Eva, and their relationships/interactions with their friends and co-workers. It flowed seamlessly and had me feeling like one of the pals, talking trash, feeling concerned, and giggling at their inside jokes. I appreciated this quality because I find it helps when the secondary characters have personality.

Overall *Forged* is going to be a steamy, sexy, high octane adventure (in and out of the bedroom) with some suspense and grittiness thrown in, of the strength of love and forging the path to see if it is worth the heat of making it stronger or if it will remain a burned out lie.

For more check out my blog as we will be following this author- <http://small-book.blogspot.com/>

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### **Carol Mccallops gutierrez says**

#### **Love this author**

Ms Banks is a very good story teller. I cannot wait to read more of her books. This is the second one.

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### **Jodi Stacy says**

Don't we all wonder what might have happened with the first love we left behind? When Eva once again meets up with Nate, we all get to be witness as their relationship re-ignites. Along with intense feelings and steamy sex scenes we get an action packed, suspenseful story full of colorful and entertaining characters. This book is a page turner for sure! I read it in one evening, I just had to find out what happened next. The only negative thing I can say is the book was too short! I want to know what happens next with Eva and Nate. Write us a sequel Ms. Banks. :)

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### Aileen Kim says

Great book! I love how she showed the different perspectives and how she ended it to the imagination of the reader. Look forward to when it comes out...October 26!!!

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### Diane says

Disjointed and immature and trying to get past that I just couldn't keep reading and gave up. Not sure I read the same book as other reviewers.

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### Natasha says

Another fantastic novel by Becky Banks! Becky's first novel, *The Legend of Lady MacLaach*, was a favorite of mine. Recently she informed me that a sequel is in the works, which she never thought she'd do. So, for all you *Legend of Lady MacLaach* fans, *there will be more!!*

*Forged* is again, an exciting romance with a strong heroine and a stern, alpha male hero. Which is how I like it. \*winks\* Both novels are unique and have a dark, thrilling theme, where you get sucked into the characters world and find yourself on the edge of your seat, rooting for the couple.

If I had to sum up Eva and Nathaniel in three words each, I'd choose strong, smart and passionate for Eva. And stubborn, handsome and loyal for Nathaniel. I could also choose a few other choice words for Nathaniel at first, but it's plain to see he was only angry because he was still deeply hurting from his past.

With strong emotion and excellent writing, you can't go wrong with this thrilling romance. I can't wait to see what Becky comes up with next. I also can't wait to get my hands on *The Legend of Lady MacLaach's* sequel! I highly recommend you check out her novels!

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### Carrie says

This was a pick up, put down, pick up, put down book for me.

I just could not connect with the h, Eva. She was just so... hard... and the event that was supposed to blow off her hard shell wasn't convincing for me. There was just something missing. Nate... I believed Nate. I *felt* Nate. I barely felt a pulse from Eva. She just never thawed out, imo.

So while it was a fast paced interesting storyline, I kept thinking how incredible the story would have been if I could have connected with the characters as some of the other readers did.

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## Amy says

I adore Becky Banks. I will read every story she writes. I fell in love with Nathaniel and Eva just as I did with their story and was hooked the entire way through. Banks had me second guessing myself and hangin' on tight for more. FORGED is for sure a wild ride but one full of passion from the first page to the end.

After years of living in New York, Eva moves back to her hometown of Portland only to be faced with a past she thought she buried a long time ago. When Eva and Nate run into one another again for the first time you can feel the tension, almost hear the sparks fly. Neither of them will take no for an answer and neither will back down. Eva is a strong confident woman and will have to learn how to loosen up again while getting re-acquainted with her former self. Her former life.

Nate will ask over and over if he should trust himself, trust how he really feels inside about Eva, the one woman he loved, the woman that broke his heart. As we go through the story and take a trip down memory lane we run into obstacles that each of them have to deal with while trying to figure out their present situation. They're always on high alert and always on the move. Something new to deal with every day. Nate wants so bad to forget Eva and block her from his life but inside his heart is crying for what is real. What he and Eva had before and after one night together he can't refuse it's there. The passion that erupts is like an earthquake and you definitely want more.

In this steamy novel you will experience heartache, fear, rage, crave and passion. You will take a first class ride through the past and see detail to detail all the way to their future. The ride is dangerous. It's steamy. It's love.

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## Cynjin says

Yep, that was me, reading this book. I cannot even believe how much I loved this story! I loved the anger, and the fact that they said exactly what was on their minds. Although their situation had to be worked out, this was not a book where there was a simple miscommunication that we, the reader, would roll our eyes about and shout at our readers, 'Just talk it out already!' The h was in error, and the H had to forgive, and that took some time, but, wow, the ride was worth reading. There was scene after scene, exchange after exchange that I highlighted and chortled over in delight; Nate pulled no punches telling Eve to hit the road, several times! And yet, they couldn't stay away from each other. (le sigh, lol)

The supporting cast was great as well, from the h's workmate, the h's father and his situation, the H's boys, the H's *office manager* (one scene but totally not a pushover, despite the h's best efforts), the H's villain of a father, to the **cars!**, cuz, yeah, oh boy, they were definitely supporting characters.

And speaking of rides, man, I have never been interested in the need for speed, but Banks wrote what was going on in the driving scenes so well, I was there! "If you're not slidin', you're not drivin'", indeed!

Best of all, this book is done. Finito. Caput. End of story. The End. No stupid trilogy, no cliffhangers, no unresolved angst or drama that we have to wait who knows how long for until the next book comes out. Nate and Eve will be characters that I will think about and wonder how they're doing in Bookland, but they got

their HE at the end of this story. Of course, if Ms Banks should feel the need to give us more of Nate and Eve, there's definitely room to create some more happiness in Portland(ia). Cuz really, as hot-headed as these two are, there's more that could be pulled out of them.

All in all, what a way to kick off a whole new year of reading. Here's to more of Becky Banks soon! (Btw, the cover? Awesome!) :)

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