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--- Don't talk to strangers. ---

Zak. Tattoo artist. Independent. Doesn't do relationships.

Stitch. Outlaw biker. Deep in the closet. Doesn't share his property.

On the day of Stitch's divorce, lust personified enters the biker bar he's celebrating at. Tattooed all over, pierced, confident, and hot as hellfire, Zak is the bone Stitch has waited for life to throw him. All Stitch wants is a sniff, a taste, a lick. What follows instead is gluttony of the most carnal sort, and nothing will ever be the same. Forced to hide his new love affair from the whole world, Stitch juggles family, club life, and crime, but it's only a matter of time until it becomes too hard.

Zak moves to Lake Valley in search of peace and quiet, but when he puts his hand into the jaws of a Hound of Valhalla, life gets all but simple. In order to be with Stitch, Zak's biker wet dream, he has to crawl right back into the closet. As heated as the relationship is, the secrets, the hiding, the violence, jealousy, and conservative attitudes in the town rub Zak in all the wrong ways. When pretending he doesn't know what his man does becomes impossible, Zak needs to decide if life with an outlaw biker is really what he wants.

As club life and the love affair collide, all that's left in Zak and Stitch's life is mayhem.

WARNING Contains adult content: a gritty storyline, sex, explicit language, violence and torture

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Cory says

This book solidified the fact that I could never be involved with a biker. Sure they are all hot and sexy and scary and badass blah blah blah....but as soon as he interrupted my reading with something trivial like hiding his guns or riding on the back of his motorcycle it would be all she wrote.

This brings me to how I feel about Zak. If I was him, I would have really been asking myself if Stitch was worth the trouble. I'm not talking about trouble like 'that darn Stitch didn't put the toilet seat down again' or 'Shoot, Stitch forgot the milk again.' I'm talking about the type of things that you don't want to have any association with AT ALL. Things you can't come back from if you go along with them. Things that make you start to lose your humanity.

I really like Zak for MOST of the book until it got close to the ending. There was definitely something that happened to change my feelings and anyone who reads the book will know what I'm writing about.

Stitch's most redeeming quality is that he is hot. Other than that he was pretty much an ass. Closeted his whole life, used to getting his way, and extremely jealous. Not such a great combination when trying to win over a fuck buddy.

The answer is 'Zak and Stitch'...the question is 'What two people have no business being a couple?'.

So.....with all that being said, I keep thinking about parts of the book and why they happened and that's why I'm giving it a 4 star rating. At no time in the book did I think 'this is really boring, I'm going to go watch some ants.' I thought things were fucked up and messy, but in no way did I want to stop even though I didn't particularly care for all of the people that I was reading about. To me...that's a great book! So 4 stars from me and I will definitely read the next one as I want to see where life takes Zak and Stitch even though I might have to read it while peeking through my fingers :)

JustJen "Miss Conduct" says

4.5 star review by The Blogger Girls.

I could not wait to get my hands on this one. Right off the bat, I knew it was going to be a good ride.

Zak is awesome. Tatted all over, pierced and sexy as sin. I loved his confidence and comfortableness with himself and how he made no excuses for any of it. He falls for Stitch, a bad ass biker, who is deeply closeted (mainly due to the MC) and recently divorced. He knows he is gay but is in such a situation there isn't anything he can really do about it. He thinks he has the perfect solution in Zak, so long as he can convince him their mutual gratification is worth continuing in secret.

Zak is drawn to Stitch, even though Stitch is quite the bastard at times. At others, he is beyond sexy and hot as hell. When Stitch gets out of hand with Zak, Zak makes it clear he won't stand for it. He doesn't let Stitch

run over him...too much. Unfortunately, he can't seem to stay away from Stitch, no matter what he does.

Stitch's main issue is the MC, who are homophobes to the extreme. He has aspirations of removing himself from the Club, but that isn't as easy as it sounds. He gets drawn in deeper the more he tries to get out. Stitch is also dealing with his ex-wife who has custody of their daughter. She's pretty unhappy with him most of the time, and even more so when she finds out the reason why their relationship didn't work.

Things get out of hand as Club activities increase and the guys are found out. Violence heats up both in regards to the Club, as well as towards Zak. Over time though, Stitch has realized that Zak is way more important to him than he ever thought possible. They go over a few really big bumps before they are able to finally be together.

This was gritty and violent at times, but also sexy and heartwarming at others. There is a lot of dirty talking and almost no fluff. I found this completely refreshing for a change, and it had me turning pages very quickly. This definitely won't be for everyone, but if you like things darker and a bit edgier, you'll be adding this series to your list as quickly as I did. I know I'm more than ready and looking forward to the next one

Catherine says

*** 3.5 What a Fucking Wild Ride Stars ***

This book swung pretty wildly back and forth between a 2.5 Star and a 4.5 Star rating for me, so I'm going to leave it as a 3.5 stars for now and meditate on this a little.

All I'm gonna say for now is that this was definitely *not* S.E. Jakes' Disneyfied version of bikers, you guys. Stitch and his ilk are *bad dudes*. Like, really, *really* bad dudes, and they drag our other MC, Zak, right into the muck with them.

Hopefully I can scrape together a more coherent review when my heart rate returns to normal.

Also, you should know it *pains* me to say this (given that Natasha Snow is responsible for ALL of my favourite cover art in 2014) but I hate this cover. I get the dark, raw vibe that she was going for, but there's just too much going on here. Combined, all of the elements compete with each other and cause the cover to read as a muddled mess rather than a single clear image. I will say that the font choice for the main title is spot on, though.

Baba says

2 stars. DNF @70 %. Review posted July 15, 2014

For the first time Zak saw real confusion on Stitch's face. "But you're a--you're gay, you said it yourself."

*Zak eyed him, startled. This guy had no idea how the world worked, apparently. "You might have noticed that I am also pretty hot. I don't need to settle on whatever someone throws my way. If you want me, you need to convince me why should I want **you**. There, I'm waiting," said Zak, feeling very twisted and cruel.*

Road of No Return started off good. The MCs physical appearance was nothing to sneeze at and I enjoyed some of the dialogue (see above). At the same time, however, I had to wonder if the plot would keep up with the amount of man-on-man action. It is very unfortunate that the first half provided no plot to speak of and I came to a point where I completely lost interest. Neither the (practically) non-existent plot nor the shallow characters appealed to me. There's no getting around it to point out how much I hated Stitch. He's a mental asshole and I despised his stupid temper tantrums. Carrying a gun and going apeshit all the time don't make him badass at all. If anything, I wanted to punch him and tell him to shut the f@ck up. Geez...and speaking of badass biker dude: He threatens people on a regular basis and has an overinflated ego, yet when he had to take care (view spoiler) I couldn't help and smile sardonically. And then to mix the badassery *cough* with some fluffy cheese, I had to witness a gush fest including a declaration of love when (view spoiler) I did not buy it. Well, at least I got a good eye-roll out of it. Fact is, the sappy pillow talk made me cringe and was in stark contrast to their "characterizations". It didn't feel authentic.

Like I mentioned there were a lot of temper tantrums, yelling, screaming etc.

@58 %

(view spoiler)

With all due respect but Crystal is a stupid cow. She's probably twenty-three-years-old (view spoiler) And then in the next breath more BS comes out of her immature mouth:

"Don't you dare!" hissed Crystal, her big eyes turning away with a deep shine. (view spoiler)

First she's annoyed to be (view spoiler) She should seriously reconsider **why** she didn't figure out (view spoiler) That's so obvious it's simply ridiculous. She shouldn't act so surprised.

His heart was trembling in his chest like a little caged bird.

How cute. Not. It doesn't figure.

@68 % more drama and angry outbursts....

Finally, at 70 % I decided to call it quits because I was extremely annoyed as well as bored. This was going nowhere...

If you like smut and don't mind the meager plot and you can deal with annoying characters, then you might as well give it a try. I hope you'll enjoy it more than I did!

ARC courtesy of K.A. Merikan in exchange for an honest review

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

2.5--**Stitch is an Ass**--Stars!!!

This book was....I don't even know. Did I like it? Eh...I don't think so. I mean maybe there was a few things I liked. Hmm...let me think about it. Nothing's coming to me. I guess I liked Zak. And there was plenty of sex. See there....

Sadly I think Stitch ruined this one for me.

Stitch was an ass. And not in that hot way....where you're like rawr! But in that....ugh, why on earth would anyone want to be with you way. But here's the weird thing...there was this flip side to Stitch and I kid you not, he said some of the lamest, cheesiest stuff to Zak.

Some of it, for real, made me cringe.

So Stitch is part of the Hounds MC. He is in the closet. Buried under piles and piles of shit. He meets Zak at the local MC bar. Zak who is new to town and a tattoo artist.

I know what you're thinking....hot MC biker dude + hot tattoo artist = what could get better than that???

These two were TOXIC! Britney Spears toxic. Stitch was jealous, rude, hotheaded, ugh....I don't think there was a time where I ever liked him.

Zak...I did like him for the most part. But there comes a point where you're like dude...

Your "lover" (view spoiler)....what are you thinking?

I just couldn't find anything too redeemable with Stitch.

The plot....eh, was there one? I mean it had the typical guts and gore of an MC book. This was no fluff read.

Stitch dealt with the issues of keeping his sexuality a secret....not wanting to be a part of the biker lifestyle now that he's in love...

Still....things didn't work for me. I didn't understand how (view spoiler) I can't tell if this is more HFN or what. Seemed so...it had a bit of an abrupt ending.

So yeah, there you go. My thoughts in a nutshell!

Read on....

Emma Sea says

[The ending was tough, but also catharti

Jenni Lea says

FUUUUUUUCK!

What a kick-ass ride!

When I first heard of this book and read the blurb my exact words were “OHMYGAWD I WANNA READ THAT SOOOOOO BAD!!!!!!!!!!” It looked to have everything I could ever want in a book. Bikers, tattoos, piercings, bikers, sex, bikers, bad boys, bikers, did I mention bikers? When I got an ARC I thought I was gonna pee myself I was so excited. I was a bit nervous too as I hoped I didn’t get myself so worked up just to be disappointed.

Well, let me just tell you; it was **everything** I hoped it would be and more.

It was dirty and ugly and violent and rough and raw. And just fucking **gorgeous**.

Stitch is a rough and tumble member of the Hounds of Valhalla, the local motorcycle club. He’s tough and brash with a “take no prisoners” type of mentality. And he’s also got a secret that can never get out or his life may possibly be forfeit. You see, life in a motorcycle club does not allow one room to be gay. So he just goes on pretending to be straight and tries to push his urges to the back of his mind and not act upon them. That is, until he’s sitting at the bar celebrating the day his divorce is final and in walks sex on legs. Or Zak, if you want to be specific.

Zak, mmm... Zak. Zak is a tattoo artist who has just moved to town and set up shop in his home. He’s pretty much covered in tattoos and piercings from head to toe. That right there was a guarantee that I was going to love him. It flips all my switches and hits all my buttons when a character has tattoos AND piercings.

Especially the nipple piercings... mmm... but I digress.

Their first encounter totally captured what I imagine it must really be like for a man who's never been with another man. Stitch tries to treat Zak like he's treated the women he's been with; calling him 'baby' and going the caveman route, trying to *own* him.

“Lets fuck the chit-chat. You want to suck me, don't you?”

He's not misogynistic; it's more that he's ignorant. This is the only way he's ever known how to be when he's with a lover. But Zak's not having it and reminds Stitch that he's with a *man* and demands to be treated as such. It surprises Stitch and he's not sure how to react at first. There're a few stops and starts and it is uncomfortable and awkward at times but that just made it all the more real to me.

At first it may seem as if their “relationship” is toxic but as the story progresses it turns out these men are made for each other. What they each bring to the table complements the other. Oh, Stitch may resist but he can't ignore the fact that Zak is what he needs. Because Zak...

Made him remember he was still human, not a man whose muscles were made out of violence and bones out of fury.

This book is dark. There is no fluff to be found here. What these men had to endure throughout the course of this book was heart wrenching and horrific. There was even a moment where a full body stop, along with a HOLY FUCK!, was required. It's not pretty. Yet I was still left with a sense of relief by the end. I do wish we had just a little bit more at the end. It was a bit abrupt. But what there was of it was satisfying.

Do I think this book was awesome? Fuck yes! Do I think it will be for everyone? Definitely not. But for those who enjoy a dark, brutal *realistic* read, this is the one to pick. I was captivated throughout the entire story. I was barely able to put it down because I just had to know what happens next.

Bravo, K.A. Merikan. You now have a loyal fan in me.

ARC provided by the authors in exchange for an honest review.

Shelley says

Thhhssskkk ...what to say, what to say...

Probably best to say nothing but dammit all, I just can't help myself. This was so corny I could have died from the full body cringing shudders I endured while reading it. The biker dialogue is just so, so bad ...

“Come on, I just want that cocksucking mouth... sucking cock.”

Loads of things like this really bugged me: "Stitch needed to get a new phone for communicating with Zak, in case Zak decided to send him some dirty texts." So uhm ... he couldn't send a text on his old phone? I don't think there has ever been a mobile phone that you couldn't text on :/

The gay-for-you, if that was what it was, was so instantaneous it was incredible, especially when the authors allow us to think him heterosexual without a hint of his aversion to women for so long. It's like an after thought that he actually was gay all along.

The plot: Has been done before, only better. The violence is over the top and the death of a certain character WAY too contrived, unnecessary and quite frankly turned me even further away from any feeling of respect I might have had for the MC's (view spoiler)

I much preferred the Special Needs books by these authors than this.

Positive point: Yes! I have one, It's really very, very HOT! I have booked marked certain ...situations and mentally filed them away for special treat time :)

Bitchie says

[image error]

Tina says

4,5 stars

I want to start my review with a warning, a warning you should be taking seriously. Road of No Return isn't a sweet and fluffy romance, and it's definitely not the typical biker book we're used to in this genre. It's a violent book, it's raunchy, gritty, and pure torture. If you can't deal with tougher themes and would rather read about sugar-sweet love and butterflies, you should stay away from this one. Of course THAT was exactly the reason I had to read the book, warnings like the one in the blurb don't scare me off, in fact they have more of a reverse effect because I'm drawn to dark and dangerous like a moth to a flame.

The motor club The Hounds of Valhalla are homophobic outlaws; trafficking, drugs, mayhem and destruction rule their lives. Stitch, a member of said club is a tough biker who just got divorced, he's deep in the closet and has never been with a guy before. When tattoo artist Zak walks into the biker bar, Stitch knows immediately he has to have the hot tattooed, pierced man.

Zak is a laid back, carefree guy who's been out for several years. When he spots the alpha male hard ass biker for the very first time, his dreams come true. I instantly fell in love with the emotional but tough guy who doesn't take any shit from Stitch. He grabs the bull by the horns and gives him the low-down! I loved that Zak stands up to Stitch and isn't intimidated by his size and reputation.

Those two just collide, they can't fight off the mix of magnetic attraction, lust and anger they feel for each other. When this explosive combination combusts... Holy Smoking Hot Biker! Do these two guys burn up the sheets! The sex scenes... and there are many... are amazing written, they are dirty and messy, rough and steamy, filled with passion and emotion, and they are scorching hot.

Nothing is sugar coated. Stitch is a huge prick, a bad guy, and he drove me to the verge of lunacy more than a few times. At the beginning I hated the bastard. I hated him for all his worth and it took me a while to see his vulnerability behind the mask of violence and homophobia. But then the motherfucker got under my skin and I started to like him, even though I hated some of the things he did.

The romance part is far from conventional, it's emotional and ruled by unfortunate circumstances. Stitch's secrets and the life of crime he wants to shield Zak from are taking their toll; it's impossible to keep it out of Zak's life and when Stitch is trying to back off from the criminal affairs The Hounds of Valhalla are in, everything comes crashing down. Their love is tested to the extreme, they are threatened, beaten, involved in murder and forced to endure the worst pain, just for being gay.

“No, please, be close to me,” Stitch whispered, feeling the wetness under his eyelids. He lived in a culture where being tough was the only currency. He didn't even cry when he was alone. Being able to let it out made him just as relieved as having the amazing hot body on top of him. Made him remember he was still human, not a man whose muscles were made out of violence and bones out of fury.

The writing is gripping and entertaining and I was sucked in from the start. I was literally on pins and needles wondering where it would lead and I couldn't put the book down. There were some twists and turns and some horrible events that I did not see coming, at one point my mouth literally dropped open.

Overall, Road Of No Return is a book that is not for the faint of heart, it's action-packed and violent. Yes, I wanted a bad ass biker book, a book that doesn't glorify the lifestyle, and I got it with this. Now I want more of this series. Count me in, girls!

Eda # Dax Lahn's Golden Tigress # says**

**** 2,5-3 *“Can I at least rent you?” STARS* ****

“How badly do you want me?”

“I can't afford you, so I guess I will have to steal you.”

#MyFirstMaleOnMaleRomance #SoFreakinProud #IAmAddicted

When I fell in love with **Søren and King** while reading *The Prince* and felt intoxicated by the sizzling chemistry between Determined to Obey's **Felipe and Kid**, I just knew I was a *perfect* candidate for M/M romances. *Apparently, I was so f*cking right!* This stuff is right up my alley and I can't stop now that I've started! You guys will be reading **TONS OF** gay romance reviews by me from now on. *Just a fair warning.*

“You’re my choice of poison. Gonna kill me, but I can’t stop.”

~ **STITCH**

Not satisfied by a husband that can't “*get it up*” for her, **Stitch Larsen**'s wife cheats on him and finally divorces his sorry ass. You see, **Stitch** has a tough life: Being a closeted homosexual when you're a member of the “*Hounds of Valhalla*” MC and not getting caught in bed with some dude is not exactly an easy job to pull off, after all. **Everyone knows what happens to a “fag” biker in this town...** And in order not to end up dead in a ditch somewhere, **Stitch** keeps his fantasies to himself and stays the hell away from all hot dudes.

Stitch's 27 years of denial will come to an end though. Because when a tall slim man with the darkest hair and the deepest blue eyes, all tattooed and pierced, walks into the club bar where **Stitch** is celebrating his divorce, all he can do is drool over this guy's tight ass trapped inside the narrow pants hugging it.

Zak Richardson is a young tattoo artist who is new to the town. He comes to the local club bar in hopes of finding some customers for his new tattoo studio, finds a *scary biker dude* who wants to get rid of the name of his cheating ex-wife's name tattooed on his inner thigh and makes an appointment with him immediately. *During their session though, ignoring the eager piece of meat between **Stitch**'s thighs that is demanding all kinds of attention from him becomes IMPOSSIBLE* and **Zak finds himself fallen into temptation...**

So why only 2,5 stars?

#1 // **STITCH!**

He is a bossy caveman...and not in the good way! He is controlling. He is overly jealous. He is too demanding and rather clingy. He acts like a controlling and obsessive freak sometimes, and it's not sexy **AT ALL.**

But most importantly: **HE IS A PHYSICAL ABUSER!** He loses his temper easily, actually hits and hurts his partner a few times through the book and then tries to manipulate him with sweet-talk! **I CAN NOT STAND THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.** No. Just no.

And then there are those occasional declarations of love and the **TACKIEST, CORNIEST, MOST RIDICULOUS** words coming out of his mouth, leaving you confused and thinking this guy might have Multiple Personality Disorder or something! Here are a few examples:

"You're priceless to me."

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"I would never do that. I would care for you and keep your heart safe."

Ω

"I want to be everything to you."

Oh and Stitch can actually quote Beyoncé songs and sh*t!

A BIKER. QUOTING BEYONCÉ. YEAH.

#2 // UHHHH... Was this REALLY an MC book? And did this book REALLY have a plot?

Yeah, Stitch's a biker but we didn't actually see that much MC action in the book because Stitch was too busy having f*ck-a-thons with Zak. And the so-called "plot" was only Stitch trying to keep his sexuality a secret and coming to terms with being homosexual.

Oh no, poor Eda... How about the stuff that you liked?

ZAK.

Yes, he was an idiot sometimes, not leaving Stitch even after all his wrongdoings, but what I really liked about this guy was the way he refused to be insulted by his partner! He always stated firmly that he is not a "boy" or a "c*cksucker", but a **MAN**. I admired that.

*"You like to be f*cked like a little b*tch?"*

*"No, I like to be f*cked like a MAN. A man isn't a b*tch. He's CHOOSING to get f*cked up the ass and he's PROUD of it."*

Does Eda recommend this book?

K.A. Merikan says

And it's out! Oh my :D!

AMAZON - <http://www.amazon.com/Return-biker-er...>

Life is too short to read books that are doing nothing but pissing me off. When the sex scenes start making my eyes glaze over in tedium it's time to DNF. 45% complete before calling it quits.

Zak is a tattoo artist and new to town. Stitch is a crusty biker soured on women, men and apparently life. As Stitch is drinking his recent divorce woes away in a local bar, Zak walks in and feelings that Stitch can't outwardly express start a-stirring. He's secretly in the closet, probably the reason his wife had had enough (well, there's also his not-at-all charming personality). The two strike up a conversation, as you will, and Zak offers to cover up Stitch's misguided tattoo of his ex-wife's name. It's waaaaay up on his inner thigh but Zak decides to take a look right there anyway, as you will, and agrees to take on the job.

After he fixes the tat, well, things happen and then Stitch acts like an a-hole because he chooses to remain in complete denial about his sexuality. Well, there's that and the fact that he'd probably be murdered by his MC if they knew. But basically he's just a drug running, jealous, violent a-hole and I won't be swayed into thinking otherwise. So don't bother trying to change my mind in the comments.

Stitch comes across as a pushy jerk and worse and there isn't much character development, if that's what you're looking for, but there's plenty of action – if you know what I mean.

Tanu Gill says

This book was simply adorable and fantastic.

When the story started, Stitch came across as a pampered little kid, whining about not getting his demands fulfilled right when he made them.

But thankfully, Zak helped me understand that because Stitch was experiencing what he deeply desired for the first time, the newness of it and the fear of being discovered is what was making him desperate and eager to grasp it all.

From start to end, I did not take a full breath while reading. It was like sitting on a ride in an amusement park, waiting for it to stop so that you could swallow a deep breath and bring your heartrate to normal. All the events, little and big, were so captivating and breathtaking, I just hung on for dear life and didn't let go of the safety rope (the eventual HEA that the authors always present with a flourish). I loved Zak, Stitch and Versay; I hated Stitch's MC members; I loved the romance development, the constant arguments and cute dialogues by Stitch that just turned my heart into a gooey chocolate lava.

The whole journey is bloody enjoyable, irritating you, making you laugh, making you cry, shocking you, but always keeping your emotions engaged. Not one moment dry.

An amazing takeoff to the series. ♥?

