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Once upon a time, my life was good. I had a family, I had a girlfriend, and hopes for the future. That was long ago, but I remember it. A hazy dream of what could have been.

That's gone now. I lost it all. Life fucked me over, and now I'm scared of my own damn shadow.

I'm training to be a tattoo artist, but I bet I'm not good enough. I have a roof over my head, but every morning I'm scared shitless that I'll find myself on the street again – or worse, back in prison.

And every time a pretty girl looks at me, every single fucking time, I know I can't be with her. Not only because she'll find out I'm an ex-con and run the other way, no. It's more than that. I just can't. The thought of anyone touching me, the thought of getting aroused from that touch brings back every damn nightmare from my past to swallow me whole.

Can't fucking do it.

Not even if it's the prettiest girl on earth – Cassie. With her long blond hair and her pretty tits, her short skirts and high heels, she's all my fantasies rolled into one. See, the fact she kissed one of my buddies?

That's good. The fact she looks at me like I'm a bug under her shoe? Even better.

Because it means she's not interested in getting hot and sweaty with me, and that I can keep living that fantasy.

The fantasy that she wants to be with me as much as I want to be with her – even though I know it will never happen.

Standalone novel. No cliffhanger.

Warning: this book contains graphic language, sex, and violence. Mature readers only. Not intended for young readers.

SHANE is book 4 in the series Damage Control - a series set in the same world as Inked Brotherhood. The boys of Damage Control were taken in by Zane Madden and Rafe Vestri and offered apprenticeship and work in the tattoo shop Damage Control.

Next in the Damage Control series: OCEAN (Damage Control 5).

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Jan says

Another rescued, damaged boy

Shane has a past that he struggles to escape. Nightmares, flashbacks, battling with his mind is a daily task. One boy who has been through hell and back.

You just want to take him in your arms and tell him it's ok.

Shane is a trainee at damage control the tattoo place with the band of brothers I've read so much about in this series but that bond doesn't flow through this read and sadly I missed it.

I loved the way the guys would fight or die for each other, support each other, that invisible tie of past pain binding them all together and each wearing a dragon tattoo to prove it.

Shane has the support of his half brother Seth then he meets Cassie but the bond I loved so much in the other books the banter the friendships isn't there much.

This solely focuses on Shane and his struggles his battles his insecurities and Cassie who also has her own insecurities, a past she is ashamed of and a determination to change the way her future is heading.

Shane no longer wanting to suffer in silence and Cassie no longer wanting to follow in the footsteps of her mother, they discover each other and learn to trust and fight together.

Cassie

I've always been the girl who fears love, and now here I am. Shivering in my boots as the boy I love doesn't know how to love me back.

Shane:

She's part of why I wanna fight. Being with her makes my days brighter, the nights less dark.

A story of trust, hope, fighting demons, looking to the future and finding your first love.

There's angst and drama, heartwarming and heart tugging moments, hotness and a heat well sort of, it still felt incomplete to me? maybe I wanted to see more good things happening for Shane before I could settle calling it a heat.

Not my favourite in the series but filled with all the Jo Raven goodness I always enjoy.

She's my anchor, my sunlight, my girl.

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Kami Dodson-Perry says

Shane's story is tragic. Convicted of a crime he did not commit and abused in prison. He's tried to move on, get past the dreams, the nightmares.... He is an apprentice at Damage Control, Zane's tattoo shop. He is quiet, mysterious, handsome, brooding, and Cassie wants him. She made a big mistake trying to make Shane jealous by kissing Jesse and the reason this was so bad is because Cassie forced the kids on Jesse. He did not want it and it almost cost him the love of his life. She has apologized but it has taken awhile to get back into the group's good graces. Seth still speaks to her since her friend Manon is Jesse's girl and Shane still plays pool with her. Shane does not really do the talking thing.

Cassie intrudes on Shane's life and even though he does not understand that Cassie likes him he lets her because he likes the company. Things are not going so well for Shane the nightmares are getting worse and now he is having more flashbacks from his time in jail. He feels like he is losing himself. Cassie helps him feel grounded. He's afraid to have sex with Cassie because it triggers some bad thoughts. But when something stirs inside his soul when Cassie is near he wants things with her he never thought possible.

Cassie is not sure what Shane is feeling. The downside of dating the guy that never talks. Are they saying she's not even sure.

Things get hot and steamy with this couple and Cassie struggles to help save Shane's soul and she managed to steal his heart long before so it all comes together just as Kayla predicted.

The cover of this book is hot. I find the model for this perfect for this character description. And I feel that Shane is the hottest of the Damaged boys thus far. It's that quiet, mysterious, and tortured soul I'm guessing.

Rating: 4 STARS

(throw in an extra 1/2 star since the model of the cover is so hot)

Lina's Reviews ♡????????? ♡??Book Blog?? ♡????????? ♡ says

ARC kindly provided in exchange for an honest review.

Omg, this author has the ability to make you cry, swoon and laugh! What a fantastic storyline; original and so emotional.

We have met Shane & Cassie in the previous books in the series, but this book focuses on them. Shane is a tortured man, living with PTSD. He is distant, he doesn't speak much and he cannot stand to be touched. His one and only friend is his cousin, Seth, and the only other person he can count on.

Cassie has been labelled a lot of things, and being a girl who sleeps around is one of them. After a mistake, she is not welcome in the company of Seth and his friends. In this book she totally redeems herself and I have to say that I loved her character!

She sees something in Shane and she wants to get closer to him, but will he allow her to do so?

Shane is fighting to survive in a world where he is labelled as not normal. He finds an anchor in Cassie and

he realizes that life can be a little brighter.

Join them on their journey of self-discovery and love.

Jo Raven always manages to captivate me as a reader. Her books always flow perfectly and her characters always speak to my heart! If you are a fan, do not miss this and if you are a potential reader, then what are you waiting for? Dive into this one asap!

*****5 SCREAMING STARS FROM ME*****

Lora Borzelleca says

Ooooooooooooooooh Shane...Shane, Shane, Shane. He was really awesome to read about. His struggles felt so real when you read them. You just really felt for him. He was an amazing character to read about because he wanted to change and he wanted to fight and get better. I loved watching Cassie stick by his side when other would probably be running for the hills. She stuck by him. The only downfall she had, is she let her mother get into her head about Shane which caused them to fight. It was a fight they needed to have because Shane needed to communicate more but Cassie's mother definitely caused more problems then there would have been normally. Also, I felt like the whole Jesse/Cassie kiss was never really resolved. Yes she apologized but they never said ok, we forgive you and then towards the end of the book, Jesse lays into her, thinking she pushed herself on Shane and humiliates her in front of a big group of people...when everyone tells him he was wrong, he never came to her and apologized, he never even apologized to Shane either....and that sat really wrong with me. I felt Cassie got the short end of the stick...yes...she did wrong and made a mistake...but she owned up to it. I'm not saying her, Jessie and Amber have to be best friends, but at least forgive and move on. I just felt bad for Cassie. Anyway...these two were really great to read about and I just loved this book.

Taylor Freeman says

The entire book he had flashbacks and nightmares with very little progression towards getting better. He can't remember anything either. He seemed to blackout a lot. Memories are suppressed and leaving him confused and blank.

He questioned everything. Thought he was going crazy, but never really told anyone what he believed. He just took everyone's word for it even though he had strong gut feelings and his memory was in and out. I don't know why he hadn't told Cassie or Seth exactly why he felt so uneasy. Could have helped his mental state a bit.

Seemed all he did with her after he worked around his triggers, was have sex. No romance really. They only know the minimum about each others past. It just seemed heavily focused on his PTSD and it overshadowed the romance or love developing between them.

No epilogue but I'm guessing that's because Ocean is getting a book next so the H/h will be mentioned in

there.

Darcy says

I had a hard time with this one due to Cassie. In this series Cassie started out good, but in Jesse's book I really came to hate her, which made it hard for me to root for her as a couple in this one. I did like that she accepted Shane, even sought Seth out to find Shane's triggers and found ways for Shane to cope with them.

Shane's story broke my heart, but most especially when we got to the end and you realize what was being done to him. It's bad enough he had to live through hell, he shouldn't have had to re-visit it.

? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says

Andrea Fleury says

Wow very deep

Words can never be enough to explain how this book has filled me with sadness and happiness. It's hit home for a lot of us. Messages in here page after pages. Well written. As with every one of your books I love them. But this one has filled my heart.

Confessions_of_a_Serial_Reader says

We've met Shane and Cassie before. A broken boy and a heartless man-eater.

It all began with a kiss. What started off as a way to make Shane notice her and make him jealous blew up in her face. She should have never done that to Jesse and she's been paying for it since. She wasn't raised to believe that there was anything real between men and women. Cassie is jaded, tainted in her own right. But there's something about Shane that calls to her. Wants her to be a better person. He makes her feel.

Shane wants Cassie. Wants her with every fiber of his being. But a past plagued with monsters and the inability to have contact with another person makes wanting just that...a want. When Cassie barges in on Shane's life and makes him open up, will it end in catastrophe or will it bring people broken in their own ways to heal each other?

This is my confession: Shane will break your heart and put it right back together.

Stephanie Campbell says

I am so into the Inked Brotherhood and Damage Boys books by Jo Raven. Each of the boys has suffered through so much in the past and are still dealing with the aftereffects when their stories open. Shane especially comes from a very dark and troubled past. I knew a little of his back story from Seth's book, but you learn the full scope of the darkness, heartache, and despair he has/is facing in this one. You couldn't help but feel deep-seated compassion and empathy for him. I wanted to step into the story and help him fight his battles. Cassie seemed like a flighty, selfish character in the earlier books, but she redeemed herself in this one. She turned out to be just who Shane needed to move forward. Her past history with her older brother helped her to really understand him and how he was struggling with his demons. Her mother was unbelievably awful. No wonder the dad left her! I'm both looking forward to reading Ocean's story and dreading the end of this line of books. Another winner.

P.S. One thing I think didn't compute: what trouble did the "prison kings" get into because Shane spoke to the prison therapist? Nothing seemed to come of that from what was told in the story.

Bev says

I wasn't too sure about this book, what I saw of Cassie and Shane in Seth's book I didn't like. But being Jo Raven is the author I knew she would take me to my happy place, and she did. I ended up totally changing my mind about both Cassie and Shane.

What I struggled with was constantly being in Shane's head, over and over. On repeat. I get he had PTSD, I get he was struggling, I get he suffered horrific violations but I didn't get why the majority of the book was spent going over and over his jumbled thoughts, ad nauseum. A lot of this didn't really make much sense (as it wouldn't - the poor bloke was severely traumatised and not coping with life) and didn't really add to the story. The actual parts that did make sense and add to the story didn't come till very late in the book, and all at once and blink and it was done. I would have much rather had this and the very sudden ending (view spoiler) fleshed out a lot more. Instead I found myself skimming a lot to avoid getting back into Shane's head.

Syndi says

as you know i read some of jo raven books. the ink brotherhood series. i felt luke warm.

then i start listening to damage control series. shane is my first choice. it has a positive reviews in the goodreads. and i did not disappoint. the damage control is much more deeper than ink brotherhood. the story have more dept.

the slow burn steamy sex is still there. the characters are much more alive and had a depth on it.

in shane, it deals about post traumatic disorder. and the alpha male is damage and broken. so broken that i am not even sure i can continue listening. but i march it forward.

at the end i fall in love with shane. he is such broken soul. but he is strong that he rocks this book.

4 stars

Christine~justlovemybooks.com blog~ says

ANOTHER AMAZING READ FROM JO RAVEN! One of my favorite authors!

Stephanie Witter says

Another amazing book by Jo Raven.

Shane is an amazing character with a strength that can't let you indifferent. Cassie is also the kind of female character I like to read about. She's strong too and doesn't back down when it becomes tough.

This story is full of emotions depicted to perfection by Jo Raven.

Nance says

Every time a new Jo Raven book comes out, I just have to download and read it immediately. The woman never disappoints me with her knack to tell a broken hero's story so passionately with heart and soul! And, Shane's heartbreak story is no different. I felt like I was right there witnessing this poor damaged man's story. And, when misunderstood Cassie makes it her mission to save him, we get another whole story when her past is explored also. It's painful. And, sad when her truth is revealed. But, she gets Shane. She knows him like no other. And, when he admits that he wants to survive and never give up on living, she knows he's telling the truth. He's a survivor, as painful as his past may be. I just can't get enough of Ms. Raven's writing. It's beautiful! It's emotional! It gets me hooked right into the story every time by not wanting to let go of these characters and their stories. I just always wish that the books were a little longer, though. I love how the author incorporates all the past characters into all the new books. It's refreshing to check up on them and see what's going on in their lives at the moment. And, of course, we still get that loyalty, protectiveness, and friendship between the guys with their babes. They make me laugh. They make me shed tears. They make me swoon. Such a close-knit bunch of males to love! So looking forward to the next book in this series when Ocean's story is told...
