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## **Rev It Up Julie Ann Walker He Never Misses A Target**

Jake "the Snake" Sommers earned his SEAL code name by striking quickly and quietly-and with lethal force. That's also how he broke Michelle Carter's heart. It was the only way to keep her safe-from himself. Four long years later, Jake is determined to get a second chance. But to steal back into Michelle's loving arms, Jake is going to have to prove he can take things slow. Real slow...

### **She Aims To Make Him Beg**

Michelle Carter has never forgiven Jake for being so cliché as to "love her and leave her." But when her brother, head of the Black Knights elite ops agency, ticks off the wrong mobster, she must do the unimaginable: place her life in Jake's hands. No matter what they call him, this man is far from cold-blooded. And once he's wrapped around her heat, he'll never let her go...

### **Rev It Up Details**

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### Dee says

Two-haiku review:

Is she in danger?  
He once loved her, now protects  
Can they work it out?

Should read in order  
Begins right after book 2  
Unexpected twist

Re-reading series, September 2015

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### Susan (susayq ~) says

Another great book in this series! It started off with a whole lot of action, and kept up the pace fairly well. Of course, there was romance in there, and it was good too...a little on the heartbreaky side, but I loved it!

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### Lisa says

*Rev it Up* is the third story in Julie Ann Walker's Black Nights, Inc. series. I've really enjoyed all the books in this series so far and *Rev it Up* is no exception. This book focuses on Michelle Carter (Frank's sister) and Jake Sommers, fairly new characters to the series.

Jake "the Snake" is back Chicago and his only goal is to get back into Michelle's life and win her heart. Michelle is the woman he has loved for a long time despite turning away from her four years earlier. Jake is ready for a relationship with Michelle and now feels like he has conquered his demons and is worthy of her love. Will Michelle be ready to accept him back with open arms? Michelle had her heart trampled on by Jake and now he is back with declarations of love. She is unsure if she can trust him again. So much more is at stake now that she is a mother to a three year old little boy. Can she open her heart once again? Will Jake be able to see past her big secret? Can these two individuals who have been through so much have another chance at love and get their HEA?

I loved Jake! He definitely fits in with the Black Nights guys and is Mr. Alpha to the extreme. Being a SEAL like the rest of the guys has shaped him and turned him into a hardened soldier. Despite all this, we see him at his most vulnerable throughout this story. He is there to win back the woman he loves and she is not making it easy on him. I loved Jake's devotion towards Michelle. He fights for her and proves to her that he wants her in his life. Michelle was an easy character to love. Being a single mother with a dead war-hero husband wasn't easy, yet she has given her son the best life she can. She is sweet and kind-hearted and

although she isn't perfect, she is the kind of adorable heroine that I always connect with. As more and more of her story unraveled, we see how strong and resilient she was. We also discover why she is not making it easy for Jake.

All in all, the third installment of the Black Knights, Inc. series is a great read. It's a story about love and second chances. I love this series and can't wait for future books!

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### **ShoSho says**

[the secret baby trope (hide spoiler)]

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### **Brianna (The Book Vixen) says**

*Review copy provided via NetGalley*

**Why I Read this Book:** I've been hooked on this series since book one.

**What I Liked:** After the prologue, *Rev It Up* starts up right where *In Rides Trouble* left off. The prologue was the most intense part of the book. It just, POW! The prologue sets up the background story for Jake and Michelle. And their romance is not your traditional love story; it's quite complex.

Jake is not an arrogant macho man who thinks he's invincible. He knows there is danger present and he takes caution. He also realizes that Michelle can handle herself so there's no need for him to act like a overbearing superhero. And when he does need to leave her side, he leaves her well-armed.

Just when you think you know all there is to know about Michelle, there's more. Something big and something I sure as hell didn't see coming.

There's a secondary romance blossoming in *Rev It Up* and it's between Rock and Vanessa. The chemistry between them is definitely there. And speaking of Rock, what the heck is that guy's other job??

I can tell the author has researched militant aspects in these novels and it makes the stories feel authentic.

**What I Didn't Like:** Not a damn thing.

### **Memorable Moment:**

*"Of course, that doesn't mean I won't sneak into your room while you sleep and slit your throat should you hurt her."*

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*He pressed up against her, butt to nuts in military speak.*

**Overall Impression:** *Rev It Up* is the best book in the series so far. This series just gets better and better with each installment.

I had a little impromptu interview with the author on Twitter. I asked if this series will continue on and she said "Absolutely!". She also revealed that Book 4 will hit shelves in April, and Book 5 six months after that. There will probably be 10-12 books in total for the series. Book 4 will be Rock and Vanessa's story (yay!). When I asked if Billy and Eve will be getting their own book she said that they will play secondary characters again in Book 4 and that Book 5 is their story. And it's "sooo angsty". I cannot wait!!

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### **Jess says**

Review posted: Happily Ever After - Reads

Jake is back in town to win back the woman he loves. He's known and loved Michelle for years, but four years ago, hurt feelings, anger and miscommunications drove Jake to push Michelle at his best friend. They married and Michelle was pregnant when her husband, and Jake's best friend, died in combat with Jake at his side. Jake, still fighting the demons in his head, lashed out at everyone, including Michelle when she begged him to come home. He stayed away, but now he feels like he's healed enough to come back and try to rekindle the love they had so long ago.

Michelle is a single mom raising three year old Franklin and has just recently been introduced to her brother, Frank's, team at Black Knights, Inc. The only problem with that is there are prices on the BKI team members heads and that extends to their families, which puts Michelle and Franklin at risk. Frank's solution is simple, move in with him at his work compound, or let Jake stay with Michelle at her place. Michelle is still so angry and hurt by how Jake treated her years ago, he called her horrible names, gave her no hope that he'd ever want to be a part of her life, all because he was fighting within himself. Michelle has a soft heart though and she slowly falls for Jake, if she ever really stopped loving him at all. They try to work out their relationship while trying to find out who is out to get the BKI team members and their families.

I liked the story well enough, but I found myself bothered by a few things. All of the books in the series are overloaded with slang and pop culture references. The references are toned down in this one, but the slang is still there. Each character has a phrase or two that they seem to overuse, in this case Jake is a California surfer guy, and I cringed a little every time he said or thought "yo". I don't know if it was his (for the most part) laid back attitude or the laid back surfer language, but I had a hard time warming up to him as a hero. He loves Michelle, there's no doubting that and he's fierce, but there was something missing that made me not fully connect with him and by extension the romance.

Michelle, for all the horrible things Jake said to her years ago, is incredibly forgiving. However, she keeps one whopper of a secret from him that alters their future completely. It's explained how the events in their past went down and Michelle made as much of an effort as she could to get Jake to come home so she could talk to him, but the truth is, she still kept this from him and for a character that I otherwise enjoyed, this was a big no-no. I did like how she "got" the men. Having lived around the life her brother leads, she's very sensitive to what these men go through and will sit and listen to any of them talk, if and when they need to. She's very nurturing and once she starts to open back up to Jake, she makes it easy for him to talk and get everything out.

This story has a different feel to it than the previous two books. The main series storyline is still building, but

it's not centered around the Black Knights, Inc headquarters, which was very front and center up to this point. I overall liked the story, but there was just something missing with the romance for me. Part of it might be the connection I never really got with Jake, and it felt like they went from out of love to in love as a couple pretty quickly. This isn't my favorite of the three books out so far, but I still enjoy the set up for these men and there are a few guys I'm anxious to get stories for. This was a good read, but ultimately Jake just wasn't for me.

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### **Wanderlust says**

Cover & Title - 4 out of 5.

Favorite Character - Franklin

This is my first read in this series & my first book by this author. I found the story interesting & I liked the chemistry between Jake & Michelle. I managed to feel a connection to all of the characters even though i hadn't read the rest of the series.

I laughed quite a lot while i was reading the book, which is always a plus. I also liked that there are kickass females in the book, i get so fed up with girls who are totally pansies who depend on the men to make everything alright. There were a few surprises thrown in a long the way to keep the interest levels up.

I would recommend this book & I would read more by this author.

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### **Carmen says**

I hated this book. And the more and more I read it, the more and more my hatred grew. It was so horrible.

Jake shows up after 4 years of absence, looking to 'lay claim' to the woman he ALLEGEDLY loves. Michelle. He last saw her 3.5 years ago when she showed up at the Navy SEAL base to pour her heart out to him, and he said some horrible horrible things to her. Like that she's a gold-digging slut. And "all I ever wanted was a piece of that grade-A ass." And "You keep that sinfully luscious mouth of yours wide like that, babe, and you'll have Preacher down on one knee pledging his everlasting love within a week." How about "Don't you go thinking you're any different from the scores of other girls I bagged at the [club]. The only thing that sets you apart from them is the fact that you never got me off."

\*Carmen excuses herself to be sick.\*

Our hero, ladies and gentlemen. Now. Would you ever allow a man back into your panties after he said such things to you? NO. You would never, ever engage in any sexual contact with him ever again. Y punto. End of discussion.

So this book's whole entire premise is already beyond the abilities of MY imagination. I don't care if he shows up, three years later, on his knees, begging me to give him another chance, claiming that he loves me. I DON'T GIVE A CARE. You didn't only lose your chance, asshole, you blew it into smithereens.

She tries to call him. She writes him letters. She's still trying to have a life with him. He ignores it all. Why is she trying so hard after he's obviously shown her that he's a piece of shit? (view spoiler)

So already this book is grating my cheese, right? I mean, I can't even with this shit. What an asshole.

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL. There's other problems. Let's talk about them.

I'm going to ignore the little problems, like the fact that our asshole hero thinks the fact that Michelle is putting on lipstick indicates that she wants to impress him and have sex with him, or the fact that the author refers to breasts as "funbags." Yes, funbags. That's just exactly the terminology I want used in my romance novels. NOT.

No, let's focus on the bigger problems. Like the fact that "our hero" keeps fantasizing about Michelle down on her knees sucking him off. This is REALLY disrespectful and skeezy. I *do not* want to read a romance (Romance!) in which instead of reading about love and sweet things and stuff like that, I get this. I mean, I don't care if the MCs engage in this in the bedroom, the problem I have is that what's running through his mind while looking at the heroine isn't something like "She's so smart/pretty/fun," or "I want to kiss her" or "I love her" or "She's such a great mom to her son" or "I've missed her so much" or something it's like "I really want to see her lips wrapped around my cock."

Listen... there is NOTHING romantic about that. It's skeeving me out and making me view him as a creeper.

Another problem I had: there's one black person in this novel - the babysitter/nanny - and she is brutally murdered and I mean it is really icky. And I have a soft-spot for babysitters and nannies. It was just very disgusting. And they refer to her "milk-chocolate skin," which makes me rabid.

Let's see, what else?

Oh, yeah. He is always using force to get what he wants from her and he doesn't take 'no' for an answer. I was cringing at how many times he is physical with her, grabbing her and shaking her or

*"Get. On. The. Bike. Shell," he grumbled, dipping his chin, glaring out from under his sandy brows.*

*"Get bent, Jake," she choked, hoping he mistook her anguish for anger.*

*"Okay," he sighed, swinging from the back of the bike. "You asked for it."*

*He lifted her into his arms as if she weighed nothing.*

*"Hey!" she squawked, her tears vanishing as she smacked him repeatedly with her beaded clutch. "Put me down, you big jerk!"*

He's such a bully, I hate it.

*"I said no!"...*

*"Uh-huh," he took a page from her book and rolled his eyes. "And remember what happened the last time you said "no?" Do you need me to throw you over my shoulder again and haul your sweet ass inside?"*

WTF? Do you think it is okay to treat other people this way!??!!? No, it isn't. Because you're bigger and stronger than her, she has no rights to assert herself or her wishes? It was SUCH a blessing that you were out of her life for four years. I wish you'd never come back.

I spent the whole book praying for this "hero" to catch a stray bullet and die.

He has sex with her, and when (view spoiler) he's all like, "Well, what are you going to do?" And "These things happen" when she's obviously hugely upset and already a mother and he's a fucking asshole. She (for VERY understandable reasons!) does not want to have this guy's kid. I can't blame her!

And to add a final jerkbag cherry to the whole thing, we have fat-shaming in this book as well.

*Carl shook his head, taking a bite of the perfect cookie he'd finally managed to locate. It was obvious from the paunch around Carl's belly, he didn't do much surfing anymore, and he partook of his cookie stash far more than he should.*

Fuck you, asshole. And just for your information, I'm saying that in a perfect imitation of Arnold Schwarzenegger. I'd take a sweet guy with a belly over an asshole with a six-pack ANY DAY OF THE WEEK, jerkface. Where the fuck do you get off judging this guy? Asshole!

Anyway, I won't discuss this book's ending with you, but let me just tell you that it made my head explode it was so enraging.

### **How's the sex, Carmen?**

\*glares\* Even if the hero hadn't been such a piece of shit, it was boring.

ONE REAL STAR, ONE ROMANCE STAR

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Tl;dr - DO NOT READ THIS. It is horrible on many levels.

P.S. I'm not even going to complain about this not being available in Spanish. As far as I'm concerned it shouldn't even have been published in English!

P.P.S I forgot to mention that he says "yo" all the time. "Yo, mama!" when he's really excited. Just think about reading the inner monologue of someone who uses the word "yo" as much as normal people say, "uh" or "well." It would have been laughable if I didn't hate him so much.

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### **Emily says**

"Jake "The Snake" Sommers knew the second he lost his chance with Michelle Carter that he would do anything in his power to get her back."

Full review on Single Titles  
<http://singletitles.com/?p=7457>

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### **Mara says**

I tried, I swear I tried, but really I couldn't bear this idiocy. I don't know what other people's idea of romance is. I don't think mine is something like this.

I find awful that a woman's life is on hold because eons ago she loved a prick and could never overcome this love. (It's demeaning to her husband and whatever love she had for him, too.) I find awful that he expects to come back to her life and she has to roll with it. I find awful that a brother wouldn't stand on his sister's side and would choose his fellow soldier. At least do wonder why she's taking a stand.

This series is a wishful thinking on the part of the author, writing contemporary and mistaking it with fantasy. I do believe if you write contemporary, it has to be *real*, not some kind of fairy tale. Didn't we survive the Harlequin phase?

Anyway, I was cringing for all the third of the book I was reading. So I said myself? Why? Did I do something for which shall I be punished? (Well, there was that chunk of chocolate I ate today, but it can't be, can it?)

Sorry fans, keep loving her. You have all the reasons to. Just don't grab me in the rush to buy her books.

For the rest of the world, you can read Romancing the book's review:

<http://www.goodreads.com/review/show/....> She loved it.

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### **Sarah says**

I have really enjoyed the previous stories in Julie Ann Walker's Black Knights Inc series but I have to say that Rev it Up was my favourite book so far and it has left me eagerly waiting for the next instalment. We met Shell in the previous book when she was introduced as Frank's sister, she is a single mum to her young son Franklin but we didn't really know much more about her background as Frank had worked hard to keep her out of his life at Black Knights Inc. When Shell introduced her to the rest of the group while Frank was in hospital she picked the wrong time to let people know about her connection to him. With a face from the past looking to get revenge on the team they have all had a price put on their heads and are now facing the constant threat of assassins trying to take them out. The Knights aren't too worried - their compound is secure and they all know how to look after themselves - but when they realise that the assassins have their families, and Shell in particular, in their sights things escalate into all out war.

Shell had her heart broken by Jake four years ago when he pushed her into the arms of one of his friends. She married Preacher but was left to raise her son alone when her husband was killed in action. Jake has always loved Shell but he had his reasons to push her away all those years ago and he has stayed away ever since because he blames himself for Preacher's death. He has never stopped loving her though and now that he has finally dealt with his inner demons he has come back to prove how much he cares and to convince her to give him a second chance. Shell is understandably wary of Jake, she never really got over him and refuses to let him break her heart all over again. She also has a very big secret that she is terrified he will uncover.

Jake may have acted like a complete ass when he walked away from Shell all those years ago but at least he has the balls to admit it and try to put things right between them. I have to admit I fell hard for Jake, he was so sweet and open with his feelings towards Shell that I just couldn't resist him. I loved that he was so understanding and patient with her as she kept pushing him away and that he was determined to break through her tough outer shell and show her how good things could be between them. The spark between them practically leapt off of the page and when they finally give into their passion it was well worth waiting for. I also have to mention that I loved little Franklin, he is such a cutie!

Along with the hot romance the story also has great friendship and banter amongst the team, we see more of the characters we already know and love and get to know some new faces too. I absolutely can't wait to read Rock and Vanessa's book - I can already tell they are going to be off the charts hot & I really do have a thing for a man with an accent so Rock already makes me melt! The action was great too, scenes towards the end were particularly dramatic and had me on the edge of my seat. Rev it Up was a fantastic instalment to a great series and I can't wait to read the next book!

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Rhayne's review posted on Guilty Pleasures

### **5 Stars**

I really can't say enough about these books. Every time I read a new Black Knights, Inc. novel, I am completely blown away that this is her first series. Ms. Walker has such a remarkable talent for letting these stories play out in your mind. It seems as though you are part of the scenery watching it happen. Rev it Up is book 3 in the Black Knights, Inc. series. If you haven't had a chance to read the first two books I can't express to you enough that you're missing out on an incredible, thrilling, sexy series. They are crammed with extremely hot alpha men who know how to make things happen, and some incredible, strong willed women who know how to push all their buttons.

We continue with this book only a week after book two ends. It picks right up where we left off. This story is packed full of past and present situations. There are more twists, turns, ups, and downs, than a roller coaster ride. I really don't want to give too much information on the actual story line. I feel as though by doing so it will take away from the suspense and enjoyment you get when you read the book.

Jake is back in town after being gone on assignment for 4 years. He knows that he made mistakes in the past and he has finally neutralized the demons that have been haunting him. He is ready to claim the only girl he has ever loved.

Michelle is doing her best to give her son, Franklin the stability and love that she never had as a child. After losing her husband on a mission in Afghanistan the only thing that is important to her is his happiness. She wasn't prepared for Jake to show back up in her life and she sure as hell wasn't prepared for him to be the one to protect her and Franklin from a Psycho killer.

I love these two together. Their chemistry is consuming and their funny, sexy dialog adds an additional kick to the plot. I love that we continue to see the other Black Knights we met in the first few books appear and play a large part in this story. I love the way that she is able to scatter humor throughout every page. Even in the most intense moments, she throws a one liner in there that catches me completely off guard and makes

me laugh-out-loud. I really just love everything about this story.

We get teasers all through this book about Rock and Vanessa. I am anxiously waiting on pins and needles to see what is in store for those two.

Even though this is the 3rd book, it does give enough character depth and information for you to be able to read it as a standalone just fine. I don't really recommend that at all because the first two were just as amazing as this one. It's fast paced, but not in a way that seems rushed. The action is exciting, the sex is headboard rocking hot and the emotions are real and very intense. It's everything I look for in a book.

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### **Jennifer Lanak says**

[ The threat becomes very real as a killer targets Shell and little Franklin. Shell and Jake are forced to

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### **Lorraine.Hates.Cliffhanger.Endings! says**

Excellent read. Edge of seat ride & the romantic aspect of the story was ace!

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### **UniquelyMoi ~ BlithelyBookish says**

*Rev it Up* is the third book in Julie Ann Walker's *Black Knights, Inc.* series and my favorite of the three, so far. The story was both action-packed and poignant, opening with a heartbreakingly intense scene that had me feeling anger, sadness and loss. From the very first pages the tortured hero, Jake Sommers, grabbed hold of my heart and didn't let go.

*Soldier. Hero. Ladies' Man. He's the one who broke her heart...*

Career soldier Jake "The Snake" Sommers has made a few mistakes in his life, but none so terrible as forsaking the only woman he's ever loved. But he's finally conquered his inner demon, the one that thirsted only for blood. So, now he's back. And he's not leaving without Michelle. Unfortunately, her enemy has other plans. Plans to see her dead.

*Mother. Warrior. Lover. She's the one he left behind...*

Michelle Carter has never forgiven Jake for abandoning her all those years ago. Now he's suddenly back, after she's finally begun to make a life for herself. But her safe, orderly world is about to be blown apart. With a psychotic Las Vegas mobster gunning for her, she has no choice but to turn to Jake. Only there's more at stake than her life. As they all head for a showdown, something that was never meant to be revealed is suddenly thrown into the light. And with a secret this hot, there's bound to be an explosion.

I've enjoyed all three BKI stories but this one drew me in on many levels. A truly emotionally tortured hero, a widow whose husband served with Jake, raising her small child alone, fighting the memories of her own

dysfunctional childhood that we learned of in the last book... yes, this story has it all and kept me turning the pages faster and faster wanting to find out what happens next, yet not wanting the story to end.

One of the things I most love about Ms. Walker's writing is her ability to take us from poignant to sexy to funny to intense... and she does it so well that you can actually imagine yourself there, caught up in whatever it is that's taking place. And I love that! I want to be drawn in. I want to feel the passion, the fear, the hope... to be engrossed, enthralled and captivated by the story and the characters, and with *Rev it Up* that's exactly what I got. I can't ask for more than that!

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