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I walked into the bar and there sat Dax. He was my ex-boyfriend who had been in prison for the last two years. He must have just gotten out. I wouldn't have been nervous if I wasn't dating his best friend, Terrance. I hoped we could be friends but he had other plans. Would I be able to stop them?

## Ruined Details

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## From Reader Review Ruined for online ebook

### Rachel Derby says

Loved Dax and Olivia. Dax grew up around his dads mc and when doing on a run was set up but he isn't sure by who. So he gets two years in prison. Now Dax is out of prison and he comes home to the mc. Just to find his best friend and ex girlfriend are now a couple. He still loves her and she loves him, but Olivia doesn't want anything to do with someone who is into drugs. Dax wants to find out who set him up to take the fall for the drugs that were in his saddle bags. I cant wait to read what happens next!!

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### Lucy Edwards says

I was a little disappointed with this one I'm afraid. It wasn't a terrible book but it lacked the suspense that I need to go ahead and purchase the next part of the series. With her MMA books I bought them all because I HAD to know what happened next. This one was just a little flat for the first part of a series. I'll get around to reading the rest at some point because the overall story was good but I'm not in any rush

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### Sue says

Ruined, the story of Dax and how he was set up to take the fall for his father's club by going to prison when someone planted drugs on his bike, was interesting enough to draw me in. He was a good son, a college student with a promising future and yet (or maybe because of that) he was left to take the fall for someone else. Whether it was his bad luck or someone wanted him to get caught, we don't know yet, but he comes home after serving his sentence to find his ex-GF with his supposed best friend, his dad being a sneaky creep, his mom trying to be a good influence and a hot, but tough parole officer who wants to see him succeed. We are left hanging after a big dramatic moment and with tons of unanswered questions at the end...

I don't know what the rest of the series will bring BUT...this first novella was free and I'm glad it was since it really was just a taste of what could be a good series. I really have a problem however paying for short, less than 100 page stories and by the time you buy all 6 or so "books", you've paid triple what most full length novels cost. This is basically my only real issue with this kind of series...the fact they are not lengthy enough to make it worth buying (I wish authors would just publish one full book!).

\*\*\*\* 3.5 \*\*\*\* "who set up Dax?" stars

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### M says

#### Short read

This book is about two smart young people who woke up to a nightmare. Dax was sentenced to two years in prison for drug trafficking. Olivia his girlfriend couldn't wait for him so she ended things. Even though Dax was innocent he still did the time. Dax is released and the first night home he runs into his best friend and his

ex girlfriend.

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## **Melyssa Winchester says**

Title: Ruined (The MC Motorcycle Club Romance #1)

Author: Alycia Taylor

Series or Standalone: Serial/Novella Series

Rating: Four Stars

Review:

Ruined is a New Adult contemporary romance that is written in dual point of view. First from the main character Dax and followed by Olivia (Dax's ex-girlfriend). It is also first in a series of novella's, short enough to even be considered a serial.

This story follows the life of the son of a motorcycle club named Dax. He has spent the last two years of his life behind bars for a crime that he did not commit and as the story starts, is shown preparing for release. While also preparing for the inevitability of seeing his ex-girlfriend Olivia again.

What jumped out at me most about this story was how similar in looks and even in name that the lead character was to Jax Teller from Sons of Anarchy. Given my near obsession with all things having to do with that show, it drew me in, but was also something I could have done without, considering I wanted him to stand out more than just as another Jax. I do believe that's where the similarities end though. Dax's history was not that of Jax, though they do share some parallels, especially in being the kid of the president, but Dax came across far more clean cut, which I have to say, I enjoyed.

Olivia, not knowing the truth behind what really happened to Dax, breaks up with him before he even goes to prison because that's not a life she wants for herself and knowing that, I did feel for her quite a bit. At the time, based on the information she had, she made a choice for herself and I have to say that endeared her character to me, despite the whole "not standing by your man" thing. Even in such a short period of time within the first book, I sympathized with her, which made me want to continue reading.

The way the two characters are together is another thing I enjoyed. It's quite obvious that time and distance has not changed much between the two and from their two or three brief interactions, it made me want to delve into it even more, which means I will definitely be picking up the second installment.

As with the last set of Alycia Taylor books I read, this one's pacing was well executed as well. Everything moved in a timely fashion and there were no moments where I was left trying to play catch up or losing track of what was really going on. Nor was I dragged down by useless facts and details either. There were some questions poised that need to be answered, and I'm sure will be as the series moves on and that worked just fine for me.

Secondary characters in this series are a must. They have to pull you in almost as much as the MC's themselves and in this case they did. The way that Dax's mother is portrayed and even his father and (ex) best friend, along with the other members of the club, it works for me and there were times were a couple of

them even had me laughing.

Overall this was a very good read. Quick and breezy, but done well enough that I was engaged throughout and wanted to know more on multiple different occasions.

A solid 4\* read.

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### **iloveladyporn says**

This book is a quick read and will be part of a series- Not sure how many the last series the author released has 6.

Dax had a lot going for him until one fated day when his life was turned upside down. He's out of prison now and has to put his life back together. He is slowly learning things about that fated day. He also knows he still wants his ex-girlfriend- yep the one who turned her back on him when things got tuff. Things start to heat up between the two when it ends- Cliff hanger end yeah but you will be ok until the next installment comes out. No sex scenes.

\* I know some people hate when authors release a book in installments but to me it makes no difference. I do love reading a short book because a lot of times I will finish a book during the day then don't want to start a long book in the evening. These kinds of books provide me the luxury of starting and finishing the book in one evening.

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### **lynnette desiree says**

The first thing that I noticed when I first started reading this book was that the main character's name is eerily similar to the main character's name in Sons of Anarchy (Jax/Dax) as well as his description is almost the same so when I'm picturing Dax I'm picturing Charlie Hunnam and I love Charlie Hunnam. This reminds me of a remake of SOA with a twist. Gail seems like a very sweet lady but too blinded by her husband's charm to care. Olivia and Dax are without a doubt meant to be and the sooner they realize it the better. I can't wait to finish this series. Moving on to book 2 pronto!

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### **Jan says**

short cliffhanger read

Dax has done time for a crime he did not commit and lost his girlfriend in the process.

Olivia loves Dax but didn't want to be with someone she felt had lied to her and she doesn't believe his innocents.

Now Dax is back and finds his best friend who's now an ex bestfriend, not only did he not visit him inside but moved in on his girl.

Strong feelings between Dax and Olivia are still present and the plot cliffhangs were just getting warmed up.

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### **Karen Anderson says**

This is the 1st book in a series which is about 70 pages & the story is about Dax who is the son of the president of an MC who is sent to prison for 2 years for drugs that were found in the saddle of his bike which he claims someone else planted, really good so far

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### **Stephanie C. says**

Short read ending in a cliffhanger.

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### **Ashlyn says**

This isn't a book I would typically read, and hopefully I will never will read something like this again. If you like this type of book, then you can read it. This just wasn't for me.

The book wasn't bad. It was about someone whose Dad is in a motorcycle club and wants to be free of that life, however, he was set up for drugs and just got out of prison. Basically, the point of view switches between him, Dax, and his ex girlfriend, Olivia.

The writing was okay. But I found the characters and story line to be lacking. I had a hard time picking this book up to finish reading it.

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### **LastBreath says**

Short sweet read of jilted young love and trying to survive the maelstrom of belonging to an MC.

Dax & Olivia came across a little too naïve and young to be enjoyed as an MC novella. There were a few inconsistencies with the timeline but that was no big. Also there's a huge love triangle going on.

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### **Donna Parrott says**

#### **Amazing**

Loved it. It is a cliffhanger so make sure you get the other parts. I loved it non the less. Passionate, well

written, and just amazing. The characters are everything i wanted. I picture SO A actors when I read this book. You just feel sorry, and love DAX immediately. You start to think awe poor guy then you think what a slut I wouldn't do that to my line, to wtf someone did what to him why? You just want to hold him and fight for him.

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### **Siriniti Kidd says**

this seemed very dull. ain't no way he wouldn't have beat that boy ass fit stealing his girl and why she act slow about that guy.

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### **Jennifer Eden says**

I really liked this short story and the way the characters related to one another. I won't finish the story because all five are so short being between 72 and 82 pages. The second one is .99 but the last three are \$2.99 a piece.

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