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Would you spend ten days traveling the country with someone you despised if he promised to pay off your student loans?

Recent college graduate, Harper Leigh, can barely make ends meet working as the books editor for a new online entertainment magazine, Chatter. With \$85,000 of student loan debt about to go into repayment, she has no idea how she'll get by.

Just when she thinks things couldn't get worse, Harper's boss decides to embed her in the North American tour for the hot rock band, Always Rayne. Ten days on the road with the band for her to get an exclusive story. But Harper's a homebody and the last thing she wants to do is go on the road with a rock band. And she definitely doesn't want to spend ten days with the notorious bad boy and band front man, Nic Rayne.

When Nic proves to be too much for Harper to handle and she threatens to quit the assignment, Nic decides to sweeten the pot. If she stays with the tour for all ten days, he'll pay off all of her student loan debt....but there's one small catch.

Harper also has to sleep in his bed every night.

ALWAYS RAYNE is the first novel in the ALWAYS SOMETIMES NEVER New Adult Rock Star Romance Series. ALWAYS RAYNE can be read as a STAND ALONE NOVEL or as part of the SERIES.

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SOMETIMES BROOKE (Brooke & Leo's Story)

NEVER RAVEN (Raven & Xander's Story)

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3 STARS

Review copy provided for an honest review

New Adult isn't my usual thing, but I was willing to give it a try. I had mixed reactions to this book. At the start, I really liked Harper Leigh, a recent college grad with quite a lot of student loan debt, struggling to find a full-time job. As a reporter for a start-up online arts & entertainment magazine, she barely earns enough to pay her bills and is stressing about getting a second job to pay her student loans. She's very intelligent, loves books, is a loyal friend, and has no fashion sense at all. She has a strong sense of self, and is comfortable with herself. She reluctantly goes along when her BFF, Brooke, wins tickets and backstage passes to see her favorite rock band, Always Rayne. While Brooke's goal is to hook up with one of the band members, Harper's goal is to just get through the evening and get back home. She isn't a fan of the band and is shocked at the backstage antics of the band members and the women looking to hook up with them. She's less than impressed when she meets Always Rayne's frontman and movie star Nic Rayne. She has no problem letting Nic know that she thinks he's not very bright, and marginally talented. Nic, on the other hand is intrigued by her. He's found a woman who challenges him and he wants her. And Nic Rayne always gets what he wants. He arranges for her to go on tour with the band to get an exclusive story.

Always Rayne is basically a Cinderella story with a little twist. A young, pretty, badly dressed woman without a penny to her name (and \$85k student loan debt) meets the young, handsome prince. Except this prince is a tattooed bad boy rockstar/movie star with a sex god reputation.

Once Harper gets to know Nic, the real Nic, she can't help but fall for him. He's secretly smart, with an amazing home library. Their conversations were entertaining and I enjoyed watching their relationship unfold. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I was liking this book and these two characters...until Harper started crying. The book is written in first person, from Harper's POV. The first time I read the phrase, "...tears streamed down my face.", I didn't think much of it. But by the fourth time, on page 100, I was starting to lose patience with her. All in all, Harper had tears streaming down her face a total of six times. Six times in a 164 page book! I was struggling to remember all the things I really liked about Harper. All romances need a conflict, an obstacle for the h/h to overcome on the way to their HEA. Harper's ex-boyfriend shows up to provide a very contrived conflict that really fell flat for me. Harper's straightforwardness and strength of character suddenly evaporated and she turned meek, allowing Jackson to run roughshod over her. Fortunately, she rediscovered her backbone, but I found this plot point unbelievable and Harper's actions not true to character. I wondered if perhaps some of Harper's actions could be chalked up to her age and inexperience, but I don't think so. Everyone, including Harper, describes her as older than her years.

While I can't say I loved this book, I did like it enough to read more from this author. The other two members of Always Rayne, Nic's cousins, Leo and Xander, will get their books. I'll probably read them.

politetemper says

DNF

This book was shit.

I'm not even kidding.

Every single character in this book annoyed the hell out of me. It's so unrealistic it's not funny.

Nic and what's her face? Seriously?

What's the connection? Can someone please tell me?

Nic was an absolute dick! Seriously. He's "waiting for Harper" (is that her name?), because he's falling for her or whatever, after knowing her for a day to less than a week. I'm thinking fine, ok, this is some insta-love type of shit so I treated it as such BUT! what's even more unrealistic is the fact that he's supposedly fallen for her in this short of time, yet he continues to fuck anything that breathes... And dickhead Harper still likes him. I mean seriously? You catch him getting a blowjob in the back of his car and you let him take you on a "date" or whatever? And that's not even the worse thing that's happened!!

Harper was simply a pushover. She had nothing going for her. At the start of this book, I thought she was going to be headstrong and say it like it is. Unfortunately she was just a weak little bitch. (Excuse my language)

I think the whole Raven situation is quite frankly disgusting. It literally makes my skin crawl. I just... eww.

All in all, I think they're all idiots and the half hour or so that I spent reading it was a complete waste of time... that I'll never get back.

Unfortunately.

Sarah Murphy says

I was given this book by the author for an honest review, and I honestly LOVED it! I was so enthralled in Harper Leigh & Nic Rayne's love story I stayed up all night to read it, and I don't regret it one bit. Harper is a sweet, love-able reporter for a start up internet Arts & Entertainment magazine, Chatter, and Nic is a cocky, womanizing, heartthrob movie star/lead singer in the rock band Always Rayne. They meet after her best friend/roommate, Brooke, wins tickets and backstage passes for one of his concerts. She proceeds to tell him all the things she does not like about him, starting with his cocky smirk. What she doesn't realize is that his image is not all there is to the man, and he's been waiting for a woman like her to come along- even if she is a fashion victim who dresses like a "hippy librarian".

You'll fall in love with these characters. One-click it, you won't regret it! My only regret is that this book just came out, so I have to wait to get the next book in this series!

Oh, and the steamy sex scenes will not leave you wanting! Whew! They are just the right amount of heat for

me.

Anne Bembeneck says

Really enjoyed it. Already started the next book in the series

It was nice to read what is the typical rock romance that wasn't all unicorns and sunshine. I wish it were longer and the characters a little more fleshed out, but only because I enjoyed the story. If it had been a hundred pages longer, I probably would want 200. So it's all good. Far better to want more of the story than just be glad it ended:)

Karen says

I like the direction of the book super intelligent rock star perceived as a grunting womanizer. However, it focused a lot on the shallow side.

For me it needed more depth & dimension as well as editing.

Michelle Schroer says

5 Rock- STARS!!! Rock-star romances. Movie-star romances. Who doesn't love movie or rock-star romance? A fictional look at who they are and what they do behind the curtain. A look into who or what will break through that show-stopping persona.
Who doesn't love a good movie or rock-star romance?!!

The cover is stunning and the blurb already puts you on the edge of your seat! PLUS its a ROCK-STAR romance!

I loved everything about this book! I could not stop reading it! It was fantastic! And has characters that were complex, witty, smart, charming and funny!! With almost every page I was surprised! There was nothing predictable about this book.

"I never thought I'd catch myself thinking these four words but they keep going through my head like a mantra: I want Nic Rayne."

Harper works for a start-up web magazine. She has recently graduated college and the book first presents her as the stereotypical nerd. With her librarian clothes and studious attitude. She wants to be a serious journalist/editor for this magazine but is having a hard time making anyone see that through the superficial attitudes of her co-workers. I won't tell you how, but she's thrust into Always Rayne as an embedded journalist to document the last leg of their tour. As she tries to integrate herself into their world, it's eye-opening to her. She's surprised pleasantly and taken back by other things she observes.

"I'm not sure why I'm so taken off-guard. It's everything. Him having a key to the room. Him walking in on me almost asleep. That he likes to read."

It's a true growing experience for her. For Harper to live a life that she was opposed to initially. She is a character who doesn't take crap from anyone and she certainly won't from Nic or his band. Harper is probably one of my favorite heroines! She's grounded and smart in every sense. Harper takes things at face value and when she learns that there's more beneath the surface she begins to transform. She's felt this connection to Nic but she's held back because how could this sexy movie and rock-star ever be truly attracted to her? As their time together continues, so do Harper's thoughts and feelings for Nic. And it's pure entertainment! Magic at its best!

"We're so different. We're from completely different backgrounds. We lead completely different lives. How could there ever be anything serious between us?"

Nic Rayne goes by Rayne... Always. There is no one who calls him Nic. Except Harper! I just love her! Ok back to Nic for a minute. He's painted, for a hot second, as the stereotypical front man of a rock band, Always Rayne. But he's also a movie star. A genuine celebrity. He seems brooding, hugely opinionated, and as Harper says...

"He's a pretty face with limited talent and not much going on upstairs..."

He has sex with a different girl almost every night. And as I usually find that extremely off-putting, the author was able to sway my opinion. I was a huge fan of Nic Rayne! I noticed immediately that those pictures in my head of the typical rock persona wasn't really who he was. Nic is intrigued by Harper. But not in the 'let's go backstage and have sex' way. And that in turn made me intrigued by him. He's extremely intelligent and witty. He surprises Harper at every turn with his intelligence! He wants that forever love. That one girl who he can make dreams come true together. The one girl who sees him and everything he truly is. He's someone who can banter with Harper and who keeps her and the reader on our toes.

"You may want to consider spending more nights sleeping and fewer nights engaging in bedroom gymnastics. Just a suggestion."

"Maybe you need to spend more time engaging in bedroom gymnastics and less time sleeping. Just a suggestion."

It was a quick read for me but there is so much to this book. It's not just superficial. This book goes beneath the surface to every nook and cranny. It draws you in with complexity and surprises. And the characters.... omigosh! There is so much care and effort put into each of the characters in this book. Even the secondary characters. I am incredibly impatient with finding out about when the next books will be released. Each a standalone about characters we meet in Always Rayne. I was sucked in, literally. Magnetized by the writing style and devoured every word. I know this is shorter than most of my reviews, however, this book can certainly stand on its own two feet. This is a must read for anyone who loves rock-star romances and the new adult genre!!

Alexa Nichole Demers says

Review can be found [here](#)

Even with every single cliché from Nic Rayne I still loved this cute rock star romance. Nic Rayne is the rock star that can and will have any girl that decides to try and sleep with him. But he only wants them for the night. Harper Leigh is a book editor for a new start up magazine. Now her boss wants her to follow the band on the last 10 days of their tour. Harper is anything but thrilled. She knows from interviews that Nic is not smart and is a huge player, until she meets him. Now he offering to pay off her student loans if she stays...and sleeps in his bed.

Harper Leigh is a straight-laced book editor for a new internet magazine. She is a home body and going on this tour is the last thing she wants to do. I wasn't sure about her character at first. She was awfully judgey of someone she had never met before. Granted Nic and the other bands mates definitely love their women he is actually ridiculously smart. It took me a while to warm up to her character but that was because it took her a while to stop judging everything everyone did. I eventually did like her character. She was smart and was really into her job. She was a very confident person even though she didn't know it. Yes she had moments where self-consciousness would come into play but she wasn't intimidated by Nic's fame or his intelligence when she got to know him.

Nic Rayne is a rock star/ actor from the wrong side of the tracks. He didn't have the greatest childhood but he escaped through his music. Now he is taken advantage of the company that comes with being famous. He is in the middle of sleeping his way through Hollywood when he meets Harper, who has a list of things she already doesn't like about him. Nic has been looking for someone he can relate to and now he just has to get Harper to see it. Nic was great. He was sexy, smart, and musically talented. Who doesn't love a rock star? I loved his character. Nic didn't let the fame go to his head other than with the women but whatever. He was genuine and blunt and I loved that. Harper needed it.

The romance was so cute in this book. The two characters had to fall in love without sex in the beginning. They got to know each other with the sexual tension instead of sleeping together and getting to know each other after. The story was well writing and flowed really well. Each character seemed to jump off the page and bring their own twist to the story. Even though we didn't get to know everyone well Sierra Avalon made them interesting enough that I want to read the next books!

This is the first book I have read from this author and I will definitely be reading more! This is a great book for anyone that likes the rock star/ actor romances!

AndiG says

3 stars

"..I seriously doubt the guy has ever read a book in his life."

GASP well we can't have that, now can we?

I don't know exactly how I feel about this book. I have mixed emotions, but they are mostly negative with a few good ones, just for fun.

Harper Leigh. Very clever name. She is a journo, who takes her job very seriously, and don't take crap from nobody. She believes in herself, she believes in her rights, and doesn't really care about what she wears or what others think of her.

Usually I like the male leads better, but this was very conflicting. Harper was very indecisive, and she would not accept this teeny weeny little fact that maybe, just maybe, she had any kind of feelings for Nic Rayne, the super hot muso and actor. She even denied liking him as a person. Stubborn chick.

She was forward with him since the beginning, but just not honestly. **I actually wanted to slap her in the face**. Well, most of the time. When that realisation hits that she might actually.... like him. (I say that like a teenage boy talking to a girl for the first time.) And the realisation finally hit like this:

Haha I love that gif.

Nic Rayne handled things better than I thought a guy would (Not judgement or anything.) He was even more forward with her from the beginning, and told her the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth (I watch way to much Law and Order lol.) I did like Nic Rayne, but he came across as quite douchey at times.

I read this **WAY** too often:

"Shakes"

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Believe it or not, out of all of the times the word "Shakes" was used, none of the times anyone was referring to a milkshake. That disappointed me.

Overall, I found this book one part cringeworthy, two parts annoying, and one part enjoyable. (And only a tad creepy.)

Here are a few of my favourite quotes!

"[Harper said] Just because it's online, doesn't mean that it's not a real magazine.'
[Brooke said]'And what's the circulatoin? Twelve?"

**"I don't care what's going on upstairs. I just need to know what's going on downstairs.
And from all accounts, his downstairs works just fine."**

"There's definitely no shortage of arrogance in the room."

And I just really wanted to add in this one:

This book was given to me in exchange for an honest review. All opinions are completely my own

Heather says

I received a free copy of this book in exchange for an honest review

Harper's boss sends her to tour with the band, Always Rayne. But Harper wants to give up the assignment because the singer, Nic, is driving her crazy. NOT in a good way! Nic wants her to stay and if she agrees he'll pay off all her student loans. And that's a considerable amount of money! Seems fairly easy except he also wants her to sleep in his bed each night.

This was a fun, sexy read. It was able to read it in one sitting. I really liked the characters. Especially, Nic. He's exactly what you want in a hot, bad boy rocker! This is the first book in a series and I definitely want to read more.

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J says

This could have been a sweet little romance except ist not!

H is lead in band which includes best friends and groupie friend who sleeps with all the members - they are family, she's kinda like a sister to them, all with tragic back stories to go with the image (eyes rolling here).

Her job is to approve the ons for the "boys" - her pseudo brothers/lovers.

So H, tired of the usual groupies found the bookish, no sense of style, totally opposite of skanky material age so fascinating after one meeting, he made arrangement for her to be on tour with the band to write up close and personal story.

The h armed with her list of dislikes for the lead (while lusting over his amazingly hot body of course) was up close and center to see his amazing bed gymnastics with groupies and even found him taking part in backseat of a car gymnastics as well still manage to find him hot and simply irresistible! So not believing this HEA - both H & band members made remark that it was unheard of that H was without groupies for a few days - makes you wonder what will happen if he's on tour without the h --oh the pseudo sister is around so - there's that I guess.

So, I managed to finish without gagging but get this, we will have book on the h's friend her story his her struggle with substance abuse, she had ons with a band member in this book and will continue into book 2, 3rd book with be on the pseudo sister of the band and one of the band members so yeah - so passing on those.

Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says

I wanna be embedded with a band too...

This was my first Sierra Avalon read and I look forward to more in the series. If you are a rock star addict like me, you will enjoy this story. It's a little outside the lines of likely, but right inside the bubble of our rock star fantasies. The characters have lots of personality and I'm glad that I will get the opportunity to get to know the other band members in future installments. The dialogue and witty banter among the friends, family, and band members was fun. Harper is cute and quirky with her hippy librarian wardrobe. She has a job with an online magazine but rather than using her iPad to read, she chooses to haul around 50 lbs of hardback books in her luggage. Nic Rayne is a sexy muscled, tattooed, cocky, manwhore rock star. He's always had women falling all over themselves to be with him, until her. She's not impressed and has a list of reasons why she doesn't like him. Can he change her mind?

Stace says

DNF @ 50%

I thought I'd like this story. I love me a dirty rock star. First major issue was Raven. The childhood friend turned rock band semen depository. Ew. According to her the boys do what they're skilled at (music) and she does what she's skilled at which seems to be taking them on either alone or in multiples on those nights they don't find somebody else. Not sure this situation screams friendship or love which is what she claims. Then there's Harper....the beautiful girl who doesn't realize she's beautiful. I can overlook a few TSTL moments but the weeping put me over the edge. She came off as weak and spineless. And finally we get to Nic. The rock star so desperately looking for something different. Wanting someone who can keep up with his uber brain while still stimulating his baser urges. So he connives to get miss weepy on his tour then continues to bang skanks. Sigh. He couldn't keep it in his pants for the 10 days to see if Harper could be it for him?

Really? I finally gave up after Harper went home with him after catching him getting a bj in his car and they were finally going to do an interviewin his hot tub. The skeeve factor was off the charts for me so I finally called it quits and returned the book for a refund. Maybe the 2nd half was better.....could be that Raven finally shut her legs and got a real job, Harper grew a spine and plugged up her tear ducts and Nic removed his head from his ass, got a dose of humility and learned that he really didn't have to stick his dick in

everything that walked in front of him.

Mari?ina says

I was sure something like that was bound to happen. After a string of great books, with amazing heroines i ended up yesterday reading Always Rayne. And i'm still asking myself: How much can you dislike a book character? And why?

Well the answer about Harper is easy. I didn't like her disposition one bit and i'm sure that happened because of her childish ways, lack of humor, professionalism, attitude and so on.. She is one big mess of a person..

Nic on the other hand was cocky, a know it all, but very straight forward and so much more interesting than little old Harper.. I could have liked this story so much better if it wasn't Harper's constant problematic "innocence"..

As for the story, it was disjointed, immature, filled with cliché plot twists and a bit dull.
I have no interest in reading the next book, but i will read the third one that is Xander and Raven's story..

THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BOOK

- He dog-eared a book! No true book lover does that..
 - There were too many random thoughts on Harper's mind and she was quite judgemental at first and then very insecure.
 - Xander and Raven are the only interesting characters in this book.
 - For the first half of the book i didn't like Brooke at all.
 - Why they both think their so smart is beyond me. Nic maybe but Harper? Definitely not.
 - He wanted something more but he kept having girls around.. Not cool..
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✿kawehi.reviews says

?I received a review copy of this book for the blog tour. Thank you!?

3.5 stars!!?★

“That’s because you already had your mind made up about me before you ever got the chance to know me.”

Always Rayne was very soft core compared to the many rock star romances I come across.

After her best friend wins a contest to have VIP access to her favorite rock band in concert, **Harper Leigh**, finds herself in the company of one of the last people she'd ever want to meet in her life: **Nic "Rayne"**: A rock star. A womanizer. A player. Someone she'd never fall for EVER.

So Rayne.

Rayne has it all: money, good looks, charm, sex appeal, an abundance of women, and a hidden high IQ. What he does not have is someone he can "click" or connect with on a deeper level other than a mindless one night stand.

When he sees Harper, he immediately knows she's different

"No one would ever mistake you for a groupie that's for sure"

--***"Why do you say that?"***

"Your clothes are like some crazy mashup between a hippie and a school librarian."

And decides that he wants her to get to know the REAL him that he hides away from the world.

"I know you have some hesitancy towards me. You've made that pretty clear. I just want the chance, even if it's a small chance, to change your mind about me. I want you to get to know the real me."

After all, despite Harper's reluctance, what Rayne wants he gets. And he plans to make Harper his.

"There's nothing I can't do, Harper. Haven't you figured out that out yet?I always get what I want."

So what will Harper do when the man you despise holds slowly breaks down your walls and holds the cards to not only your job but your way out of your student loans? That is, in return for traveling with him throughout the end of his band tour and sleeping in his bed every night? Read and you will find out!

#An over all, "easy, squeezy" type of read with very little swearing and only a sprinkle of manwhoring. Nothing dramatic or out of the ordinary. I'll definitely be on the lookout for book two and three of this series, *Sometimes Brooke* and *Never Raven*!!, as I had a feeling that these couples in these upcoming books were going to get paired together!! I can't wait!

Michelle ♥ The Romance Vault ♥ says

Like Rob (my co reviewer) this is also my first time reading this author and I can absolutely shout loudly that it won't be my last. Crikey, this book started full pelt and carried on in exactly the same vein. I really and I mean really LOVE Sierra's writing style, there's no bullshit, no waffle, no over descriptions. But everything is there laid out before you and so easy to follow along with and know exactly what's going on visually as well as the reading. One thing I am going to mention, if you love Kylie Scott then I really think you will love Sierra's style and how she brings her characters to life too. I am not saying Sierra writes the same, but the connection is there instantly to want to sink into the book from the starting line.

Nic Rayne was a perfect movie star/rock star. A complete egotistical twat that has you routing for Harper all

the way through and actually hoping she doesn't fall for his well professed charms. He oozed sex appeal of course he did, but he also oozed being a total prick where women are concerned, he's insatiable through and through and how his revolving door didn't hit up the arse I don't know! I loved that though, I enjoyed hating his ways but actually really liking him. I can see why Harper didn't stand a chance.

Harper is a character that is one of my favourite kinds. She's quirky, she's 'normal', she's led a bit of a sheltered life, she's a book nerd and a wannabe writer, trying to make a name for her self. So why the hell does she end up on tour with a man she doesn't like, that may ruin her for any chance of a serious career? Well you'll just have to read this book and found out why ;0)

I also agree with Rob, considering Rayne is a total manwhore and a rockstar to boot then it was surprising there was little 'action' till towards the end. But having said that this book is in no way tame per se. What Rayne gets up to and Harper witnesses and listens to the goings on, is that you know it's happening but it's not in your face. So this book I would still consider on the hot side and sexy as sex is ubiquitous but behind closed doors, it doesn't become 'erotic' till much further in.

And yet again I agree with Rob too on the uncomplicatedness of the story. It's one of those books that reads fast, but when you get to the end you realises, cripes that whole book only spanned about a couple of weeks! So that may leave some questioning a few things. Me, personally I didn't care, the story was well written, easy on the eye, great characters, both main and supporting and very visual. I will definitely following this whole series that's for sure!
