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Drummer Nate Campbell is a 'Ruby Riot twin' - and that's all he wants anybody to know. For Nate, girls are a dispensable distraction and the rock star life suits his needs. Nobody will expect him to hand over his heart if he pretends he doesn't have a one.

Falling for Nate Campbell was the second biggest mistake of Riley Sawyer's life. Two years ago the PR girl worked with the band on a European tour, where she earned a reputation as an unapproachable workaholic. One mistake with Nate ruined her reputation, and Riley left vowing never to go anywhere near a tour - or Nate - again.

Two years later, Riley is forced back into the Ruby Riot world. A stolen car, a snowstorm, and Nate's bloody-mindedness leave the pair stranded together. Nate and Riley cross their thin line between love and hate and discover a connection they don't want to leave behind when the snow retreats.

Nate knows Riley's the girl for him but doesn't want to risk handing her the heart he hides. Riley wants to leave behind her secrets to move on and find love. The problem is, she wants Nate and doesn't think he can ever be hers - or anybody's.

Reprise is the third STANDALONE book in the Ruby Riot rock romance series but the series is best read in order of publication

The Ruby Riot series:

Cadence (Ruby Riot #1) ~ Jax & Tegan

Shuffle (Ruby Riot #2) ~ Will and Fleur

Reprise (Ruby Riot #3) ~ Nate & Riley

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# From Reader Review Reprise for online ebook

## Natarsha says

3.5 stars. Review to come

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## Shelley Youngblood says

Lisa Swallow's brilliance shines again in Reprise. As a fan of her Blue Phoenix Series as well as the Spin-off Ruby Riot Series I have known about the infamous Nate Campbell for quite some time. I have seen snippets of him throughout numerous books, but nothing has quite prepared me for the true Nate Campbell. Though you can read this book as a stand alone, I would highly recommend starting from the beginning, truly allowing yourself the great pleasure that makes this series!

Nate Campbell is known as many things; one of the Ruby Riot Twins, a fantastic drummer and the ability to go through girls more frequently than most change their knickers. He prides himself on keeping people at a distance. When he was first rising to stardom, he let one person in and it ended as a huge mistake. Now two years later, his path crosses Riley Sawyer's again.

Riley Sawyer is a hard working PR girl. She has worked her way up from the bottom and prides herself in being efficient. Ever since her almost epic mistake with the infamous Nate Campbell two years ago, she has avoid the entire Ruby Riot band as much as possible. Now due to circumstances beyond her control, she is forced back into dealing with this account personally.

Though she hates to admit it, there is something unexplainable about her connection to Nate. There is an intense love/hate chemistry that sets her off every time he enters the room. Riley has reasons of her own not to get close to people. The problem with Nate, is she just cannot seem to help herself.

I absolutely loved the fireworks and chemistry between these two unforgettable characters. Their utter uncertainty, vulnerability and sense of pride made me fall in love with them even more. Lisa has many amazing twists and turns in this plot, forcing me to devour the story in almost one sitting! I surely hope this will not be the end of the Ruby Riot Series! Congratulations Lisa on another job well done!

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## Louise Seraphim Reviews says

I feel so fickle. With each Ruby Riot band member that I read about, I change my favourite. Even though I still compare them to Blue Phoenix members too. Nate is no exception to the rule, I really thought his twin brother Will was my fave when I read Shuffle, yet here I am weighing up who I prefer, again. \*sigh\*

Reprise is Nate's story, and he was always the band member I thought was the most 'jack the lad' of them all. He was a joker. Loved to play around in and out of the sheets, seemed to have no interest in settling down, and forever taking the p\*\*\* out of his brother and band mates, for being crazy in love. Well this time it's his turn, and we get to be surprised again, at just how different Nate really can be, compared to what we assumed.

This time, Nate has met his match in Reprise with Riley. We already met her on and off in the other stories, as she is part of the PR team for Ruby Riot. And it's obvious something has already gone on between her and Nate, in the past, we don't quite know what, but we are going to find out all in their story.

The chemistry is amazing in this book, as with all of the Ruby Riot books. Edge of your seat with 'will they, won't they' moments. Nate and Riley bounce off each other, and both of them give as good as they get, when things start to get heated. But there are huge secrets wedged between these two, and it's going to be intense working out what.

Incorporating addictive characters with an incredible plot, giggling one minute, gasping the next, and you have a trademark Lisa Swallow book. The only question I'm left with is, what's next in the Rock world of Blue Phoenix and Ruby Riot? I don't think I can cope if they have all told their stories, and are finished. I need my fix now. :-/

### **Favourite Quotes:**

*The worst part of all this? When Riley isn't around, there's an emptiness inside I've never noticed existed, one that was filled with bitterness and mistrust until I let her in. The speed with which my heart's changed direction terrifies me; if I didn't see the same in Riley, I'd push her away right now.*

*"How can I explain how much I suddenly want somebody else? All I know is that when I lost you this time, it hurt a hell of a lot more than before. Than anybody before."*

*"I fell in love with that broken Nate because I thought he wanted me to fix him."*

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### **Tina says**

Another beyond 5 star read from Lisa Swallow. You will absolutely fall head over heels in love with Nate and Riley. I know I sure did. You will get frustrated, want to knock some sense into both of them, need to change those panties when they tear up the sheets, and then they will capture your heart. If you haven't read the first two books in the series, you won't have a hard time keeping up. This can be read as a standalone.

Nate is the drummer for Ruby Riot. They are really making a name for themselves after touring with Blue Phoenix. He uses women for sex and then makes them leave. He has a wall around his heart that he never plans on tearing down. He was seriously hurt in the past and I won't tell you how. You will have to read that for yourself. I don't give spoilers. Two years ago he was developing feelings for Riley but he quickly shut that down.

Riley has some secrets of her own that she is hiding. She has a special hate in her heart for Nate. Lol. Two years ago he treated her like absolute sh\*t and she now makes sure to stay as far away from Ruby Riot as possible. When she has a PR person up and leave before the end of the tour, she has no choice but to go out

there herself and finish the tour. That's where everything changes.

When they first come face to face Nate makes sure to give her a hard time and is a total as\* to her. They make it through the last few shows without killing each other, though it's getting harder and harder for Riley to keep her cool. When she is about to get in her car and head home she discovers a major problem. Her car has been stolen. Just as luck would have it a snowstorm is on the way and Nate is the only one who hasn't left to go home yet. All hell is officially about to break loose.

On the drive home, Nate continues to be an as\* and winds up wrecking the car in the snow forcing them to be stuck at a pub for days. This is where the story gets really, really good. Will they kill each other or finally start to break down each other's walls? You have to read to find out.

I highly recommend this read. I also recommend all of the books Lisa has written. She is an amazing author who writes a hell of a good read. So get your one click finger ready ladies.

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### **Brenda Kuhfeldt says**

Enjoyed it

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### **litljen says**

**\*\*ARC was provided by the author for an honest review\*\***

Reprise is the 3rd book in the Ruby Riot Series and one that I was eagerly anticipating. In all of the other books, Nate Campbell has been the epitome of a rock star---always partying with a different girl on his arm every night. He's a selfish, broody, immature man-child who thinks he's the king of the world and everyone should fall at his feet. Riley Sawyer is an intensely private, buttoned-up PR guru who has worked hard to establish a professional reputation for herself and won't let anyone bring her down. She has a tough-as-nails approach and she doesn't take any bull from anyone. Riley and Nate have a history that nobody really knows about and their mutual "hate" towards each other has them avoiding each other at all costs for 2 years. When they are forced to work together again, their volatile relationship comes to the forefront. Riley and Nate both have secrets that nobody else knows and they fight hard to keep those secrets hidden from everyone. When they get stranded in a snowstorm, fireworks explode between them. No matter how much they try to stay away, they cannot since they both harbor feelings for each other that they have buried deep down. When they are finally able to leave the private bubble of the pub they were stranded in and are forced to return to real life, will their new found "relationship" be able to survive? Will they both be able to hold onto their hearts as they continue to spend time together? How long will Riley be able to keep her secret and when he finds out, will Nate run far away?

What I love about Reprise is that Lisa Swallow gives us answers---what exactly happened in the past between Nate and Riley and why is Nate the way that he is? The latter is a doozy that I never saw coming! For all outward appearances, Nate has an inner armor that never allows anyone to get close to him. But we finally see a more tender side to Nate. One that makes him human, exposing all of his faults and fears. His history explained, the reader can now understand what makes him tick. Going into the book, I was not a Nate fan but by the end, I grew to love him and rooted for him to finally find the happiness and love he truly

craves.

Written from a dual POV, Reprise is a fun, sexy and emotional read that you won't be able to put down. It will take you on a roller coaster of emotions as the story progresses. In the end, it will leave you satisfied and with a bit of a book hangover as you try to move on from the epicness that is Nate and Riley.

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## **Kimberly Givan says**

\*\*\*\*\*ARC given for an honest review\*\*\*\*\*

Honestly the best Ruby Riot book of the series.

Nate and Riley have either been avoiding each other or cutting each other down since a night two years ago when things between them turned from heated to hated. Their animosity is legendary but little does everyone around them know that they actually were friends first. Having met before Riley became part of their PR team.

After two years of avoiding all things Ruby Riot, Riley finds herself having to step in on their last two tour dates. She is none to happy to be around Nate again, or to leave her son. A son that no one knows about. Just when Riley thinks she is once again free of being around Nate, things go from bad to worse when her car is stolen and she is forced to ride home with Nate.

Nate isn't going to make this easy on Riley. He is still pissed over her behavior two years ago and his perceived abandonment by her. He doesn't understand what gives her the right to hate him the way she does. He sets out to make the ride home uncomfortable for her but winds up screwing them both over when his plan ends up with them stranded in a snow storm. Days spent together without much distraction leads to the hate cooling and the attraction ramping back up between them. I like how Riley handled his obnoxious behavior, especially the challenge she throws down after over hearing his bet with Will.

After they are freed of their snow seclusion they decide they will continue to see each other with a firm date of expiration. Though they promise themselves that feelings will not come into play it is obvious that they are already there. And just when they decide to try for a real relationship, secrets and past hurts come out and tear them apart.

I really wanted to smack Nate around a few times. Yes he was hurt in his past, his ex did him a real wrong, but he used that to be a real sh\*\*head. I wasn't impressed with his wishy washy back and forth playing of emotions.

Riley, I honestly really liked her. She was just trying to protect her own. She had a valid reason for keeping her son a secret, fear of discrimination that many women today will attest to. She wasn't trying to trick anyone and she did try time and again to tell Nate the proper way.

The ending was an HFN with a lean toward an HEA though I did appreciate that it wasn't an instant fall into trust and happy singing birds for either of them.

Down the road I would love to see an update on all the Ruby Riot clan.

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## **♥Bibi's Book Blog♥ says**

### **Ruby Riot reviews**

Cadence ♥♥ here

Shuffle ♥♥♥♥♥ here

Reprise ♥♥ See below!

*Reprise is the third and final book in the Ruby Riot series, which is a spin-off from the Blue Phoenix series. It's not necessary to read the Blue Phoenix series, or Cadence & Shuffle (first two books in the Ruby Riot series) first, but I'd recommend it as some of the characters do overlap.*

This is the story about Nate (Ruby Riot's drummer) and Riley (part of Ruby Riot's PR team).

The band are doing great after touring with Blue Phoenix. When Nate hooks up with someone, it's purely for sex, there'll be no cuddles afterwards. Nate has been seriously hurt in the past and now he's guarding his heart appropriately. With thick solid walls around it, and just because the other band members have found love, doesn't mean Nate is looking for anything similar.

Riley is not only in the PR business, she's also in the secret-keeping-business. For years' Nate has treated Riley like shit, so now she goes out of her way to stay as far from him as possible. However, when one of the PR people on her team bails on a job, she has no choice but go there and finish the job herself.

When Nate and Riley first face each other in this book, Nate is being a complete dick! But they do manage to make it through a few appearances without killing each other. For Riley this makes it harder and harder for her to keep up her cold front. However, when it's time to leave there's a problem with her car (well, it's gone, stolen) so ends up catching a ride with Nate. Nate still wants to show Riley who's the boss and somehow his stubborn and immature behaviour ends up getting them both snowed in. For days.

Nate and Riley need to learn to get along, at least long enough for the snow to melt. However, without the pressure of everyday life on them, it doesn't take long before they slowly start to let down their guards and let the sparks fly.

Personally, this book wasn't for me. I'm having proper issues with Riley. The secret she's keeping is absolutely ridiculous but at the same time, it says a lot about one's character when you go to such great lengths to hide something like that. At the same time, Nate, he's just a man child that needs to grow the F up.

*I still love Lisa's writing and her attention to details. She's so careful with the words she chooses, and it shows throughout the books. So even though, they weren't all for me, I'll still be looking for more books she's written.*

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