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A new adult STANDALONE college romance from *USA Today* bestselling author Siobhan Davis.

**A troubled popstar forced into hiding... A sweet small-town girl overcoming tragedy... And the kind of love that only happens once in a lifetime.**

Dakota's dreams of attending Juilliard were shattered the night tragedy struck her family. It's one year later, and she's now enrolled at a local university trying to piece her life back together.

Shawn is one of the world's most famous faces, having lived under a spotlight since his star exploded when he was fourteen. Now jaded by an industry forcing him to perform music he no longer enjoys, he craves normalcy and the opportunity to rediscover his muse. When a crazy stalker gets too close, and death threats start mounting, Shawn's management team comes up with a plan—one which will allow him to work on his latest album while staying incognito on a college campus.

Romance is the last thing on Dakota's mind, but after she crosses paths with a hot, prickly cutie with rock-hard abs and smoldering good looks, she can't shake him from her thoughts.

Shawn can't afford to bring any girl into his fucked-up life, but the gorgeous blonde with the sad blue eyes captivates him in a way no girl ever has, and he finds himself falling hard and fast.

But outside forces are conspiring against them.

When danger draws closer, and secrets are revealed, will their love survive?

## Incognito Details

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## Nadine says

Incognito is one of the better rock star romances I've read.

I'm usually not a fan of rock star romances because they're almost always clichéd and full of tropes. However, Davis uses the typical rock star arc only as a backdrop for her character, thereby getting rid of almost all the annoying tropes, especially the groupies.

Davis excels at creating perfectly balanced male characters so that they have the typical alpha male characteristics without being disgustingly overbearing or domineering. Levi is a well-constructed, swoon worthy male character. He's dominant but not overbearing and protective but not condescending. Davis toes the line of alpha male character with ease.

Dakota is an interesting character in that she wrestles with loss and family issues. Dakota is guarded yet carefree. I enjoyed reading about her family dynamic, though I wish there were more flashbacks to really cement what Davis was trying to accomplish.

Levi and Dakota's chemistry sizzles off the pages, especially at the beginning. They go through an enemies to friends to lovers kind of arc, so if you're a fan of either of those relationship trajectories, you'll enjoy their romance. It's full of witty and seductive banter, drama, and action.

I cannot wait for Tabs' book. She's hilarious and deserves her own story!

Overall, Incognito is an enjoyable rock star romance if you're sick of all the clichés and tropes.

\*\*\*I received an ARC from the author in exchange for an honest review.

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## MiraJane says

This is the first time I've truly been disappointed in one of Siobhan Davis' books. Sure, some of her books I've had some issues with, but I usually found them minor compared with all the awesome drama, conflicts and romance I got in bucketloads instead. In this case it just did not do it for me on any level.

I admit that it was kind of cool that this story played out in the same universe as Inseparable and it was really nice to step into Devin and Ange's lives again, to see them take part in this plot as well (although, why is it a stand alone? This could as well have been called Inseparable, book two). There is however a negative side of having both stories in the same world. Inseparable with all its heartbreak, eye-dripping drama, originality and beautiful and shocking storyline leaves a high quality bar, that this book sadly could not measure up to.

I genuinely felt that there was no unique or original thought or plot here. I found the book filled with overused clichés like the girls becoming besties from day one in college, protagonist not looking for relationship in the beginning, lazy insta-love, guy becoming interested in girl just for the fact that she is "not

like anyone else” and not starstruck. That’s just to name a few. I have a whole list I wrote down. It’s just not the clichés either. The whole plot feels like I’ve already seen it before. In fact it is way too similar to some of Davis’ other books. It had the same aspects as the clueless ex still thinking he has a shot, a bitchy psychotic popular girl bullying the protagonist, overly profound dialogues, too much PDA and similar conflicts and endings where everything suddenly is all handy dandy, everyone is happy and everything works out.

Was it only me, or was Dakota almost a copy of Faye from the Kennedy Brothers? She had kind of the same - over-confident, preaching about honesty and taking no crap from anyone - kind of attitude. Her whole personality all typical Faye, but with the twist of being awkward (I can’t have been the only one finding it cringey that she went to an abandoned roof to dance her grief away at midnight. Sane people don’t do that. Not even in grief) and a bit too full of herself. Only she was allowed to make mistakes and that showed very clearly in her relationship with Shawn. She got mad at him for the most silly thing (e.g. misunderstanding a situation) and basically broke it off because of it. Twice (or thrice technically). Instead of admitting she overreacted she expected him to reach out and apologize. It always had to be these big gestures as well. Otherwise it wasn’t good enough. Then she, the little hypocrite, goes and does the same thing and she doesn’t even acknowledge it nor does he get mad at her. The whole relationship felt very one sided with him always having to make it up to her, making the first move, reaching out, chasing her, confessing feelings. She had him wrapped around her pinky, dragging him along and could not for once meet him halfway. When she found out the threats Shawn was accosted to, she didn’t even consider or worry for his well-being. No, she got mad at him for putting her in “danger”. Excuse my French, but what a bitch!

For being somewhat of a pushover, I actually kind of liked Shawn. He acted like a decent guy under bad circumstances and made up for past mistakes in a natural, unforced way. That however was probably the only thing that felt realistic and natural. No one in this book could for one second have a normal dialogue or discussion. It was always profound, deep and meaningful. Declarations of understanding and love being the one most overused. Make it a rule to have more ordinary dialogues than profound ones, please. Because you won’t find ordinary people in real life talking like that. Especially all the time. The worst of the worst was the unrealistic antagonists. From the beginning they were described as clever. But how exactly? Because they were straight up amateurs in my eyes. It’s basic villain101 that you don’t identify yourself with names, and under no circumstances do you reveal your whole plan. Not only is it cliché. It’s the most dumb villains ever.

At last we have the huge plot-hole which I’ve come to call the Hannah Montana plot-hole. If you know the Disney show you probably know what I’m referring to already. It’s so ridiculously dumb to think that a wig and different colored contact lenses can make a person disappear and no one will know who he is. Like human kind has lost the ability to recognize a face as long as the hair and eyes are different. It’s unrealism to a stupid degree, because there is just no way, especially if you are the “hottest, sexiest, most-in-demand rock star” (an actual quote from the book). It doesn’t matter if you are a fan or not. As long as you’ve seen the person often enough (which you usually have if he really is that famous), you can put two and two together effing easy. Shawn even met a big fan several times and she couldn’t tell. Just the first week walking around campus around people, he would have been found out if it was real life. Just think if it was ... I don’t know, Justin Bieber or Brad Pitt, walking around a university with a wig on. Is there really anyone out there naive enough to think they would be undetected for months? What annoyed me the most was that they were afraid his singing voice would blow his cover. Not his FACE, but his voice. Need I really explain why his voice is highly unlikely the reason why he would be recognized?

Siobhan Davis really needs to change up her game, think over the plot and protagonists and antagonists. I have seen her write amazing unique and strong stories, one of the best being inseparable. So I know she can be and is an amazing author. She just really needs to find new ideas and originality so it won’t become this

repetitive again.

I am voluntarily reviewing an advance complimentary copy of this book

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### **Dianne says**

Love conquers all, pain from the past, misguided lies of omission and an ever-present danger lurking deep in the shadows.

**INCOGNITO** by Siobhan Davis the slow-building romantic tale of a rockstar in hiding, who has no time for love and a beautiful college student who gave up her dreams after a family tragedy that continues to haunt her.

Prepare for that romantic meltdown as one very hot, very masculine rockstar finds he cannot resist the beautiful small town woman who has no idea who he is, but is definitely that “soulmate” he never knew he was looking for.

Shawn craves normalcy, to be liked for himself, not his fame. He also wants to stay alive as he is stalked by thugs and threats of death. Why not hide away on a college campus?

Dakota has no interest in romance, she is faced with giving up her dreams of dancing to fill the shoes of her sister’s ghost. But every night, she lives her dreams.

Hold on to your heartstrings, because this one is pure romantic bliss with a touch of danger, some definite suspense and a true test of what real love is, through the good, the bad and the ugly. Siobhan Davis whipped up a delightful cast with a few twists to spice things up! The result? A love story that will be challenged by human flaws, human fears and human frailties. High on romantic moments, and low on angst, I’m not sure Cupid could have told a better story than Siobhan Davis!

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### **Dali says**

Sex, secrets and rock and roll. With Incognito, Siobhan Davis puts a new adult twist in one of romance’s most attractive genres, because who doesn’t like a rock god bad boy with a heart of gold?

Her dreams of going to Julliard were within her grasp until a tragic event shattered not only Dakota’s ambitions but her family as well. Moving forward seems impossible, especially when she’s living someone

else's live by enrolling at a local university. But an accidental meeting with the school's new grumpy hottie is proving to be a welcome change of pace.

Shawn needs a change of scenery. Having found fame and fortune at the young age of fourteen has made him weary, untrusting and uninspired. He needs to work on his new album, but it's impossible with the constant threats and lack of a muse. So when his team proposes he hide in plain sight on a college campus, he readily accepts. He never expected to fall rooftop ballerina who light his soul and fueled his creativity. He shouldn't bring trouble to her doorstep, but can he stay away? A will she forgive him for the secrets he's kept?

Davis is a master at writing characters with tormented pasts that drive her drama filled romances. *Incognito* is one such story that kept me turning pages desperately wanting to see how the plot would unfold. I was saddened by Dakota's loss and troubled family life which seeped into her relationship and enjoyed Shawn's transformation from immature bad boy to adoring and protective boyfriend.

Shawn and Dakota's relationship toed the insta-love line. It was intense and went through a series of ups and downs as they got to know one another. Overall though it was sweet, swoony and sexy.

And as an added bonus, Siobhan did a wonderful crossover with the main characters from *Inseparable*, another emotional and touching standalone by Davis. I enjoyed catching up with Devin and Ange and liked how Devin served as an older brother type figure for Shawn.

*Incognito* is a rock star standalone new adult romance by Siobhan Davis. It is an engaging read, told from both points of view with a happy ending.

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\* I was given an ARC of this book courtesy of the author. The excerpts are from that copy. I am voluntarily reviewing this title. \*

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## **Tasha and Megan Mahoney says**

I really enjoyed reading *Incognito* by Siobhan Davis. It wasn't your basic rock star romance or your basic college romance. It squished the two together in a blender and made a wonderful mix of sweet, sexy, suspenseful and had a really good twist at the end that totally bamboozled me.

There were some wonderful characters, Dakota's circle of friends, so different yet so caring and fun and the wonderful head of security Devin and his delightful family. There were some tense moments, and some moments when I cussed out the male protagonist but admittedly I have a soft spot for him. There were a healthy dose of people that, if this were a pantomime, we would hiss every time they got on stage.

I really did love the ending of *Incognito* and felt like I'd been taken on a fabulous ride. All in all this was a solidly paced, interesting, tense at times, romantic journey.

Thanks to Siobhan Davis and Social Butterfly PR for granting me an ARC copy of *Incognito*. This is my

honest review.

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## **Randi ♥ LoveSawyer.com says**

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4.5/5

Isn't this just a gorgeous cover? I absolutely love it, it's sweet and simple. Although I have to admit, I am rather jealous of her hair...

Incognito is a book with all the drama of university, and the passion of a rockstar romance! Of course, I loved it!

My heart absolutely broke as we learned Dakota's story. She was far too young to have experienced so much pain. It seemed the poor girl could never catch a break. I could feel her utter hopelessness as she broke down time and time again.

I liked Shawn a lot. He had big secrets, but I cared about him. As much as I don't like some of the choices he made, he was going the best he could given the situation he was in. However, there were a lot of convenient coincidences that kept him from telling the truth.

I really wanted to give this book 5 stars. But when push came to shove, I really couldn't find it in me to like Dakota. I felt for her, I wanted her to be happy in the same way I want everyone to be happy, but I couldn't like her. She refused to fight for Shawn and I found that so off-putting. Every time there was a problem in the relationship, she would sit on her butt and wait for him to fix things. When he didn't do it fast enough she would write him off as being over her. she would quickly give up on him and their relationship.

The rockstar in hiding was an interesting twist on a much-loved but overdone trope. This book touched upon issues of stalkers, dysfunctional families, grief and mental illness and handled them all in a compassionate manner.

Incognito was an engaging read. I was hooked from the first page and putting it down simply wasn't an option. There was a whole lot of angst, insta-love, suspense and a few grand romantic gestures. It was a well written and engaging read that had me staying up until 3 AM to finish.

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## **Denali says**

\*I was a lucky fish to receive an ARC

Incognito, like all of Siobhan's books are just plain amazing. Siobhan manages to make you feel for the character and makes you grow to love them. Within the first page of Incognito, I was sucked in to Dakota's and Shawn's story.

Dakota I have got to say is one of my favorite NA heroines. She's so strong. I love how she doesn't take any

BS and really grows up in the novel. There are so many demons she has to fight. I love how she is courageous in growing and really achieving her dreams.

Shawn I have to go say really took a while to grow on me. Shawn was one of those heroes who I really wanted to bang in the head and then hug ? him at the same time. However, Shawn's heart of gold really made me fall for him. I can see what Dakota saw in him.

The romance and suspense in this book really added a lot to this book. I really love the forbidden element in this book. Shawn and Dakota are so wrong for each other yet they are so right. Their qualities really make them perfect for each other. They are stronger together. Another thing I love about their love story is the steaminess. I like how there is real emotion to the sex scenes. There was great chemistry in the pages, but it didn't feel forced. The suspense in this book really threw in some nice unexpected twists. I really like how there are lies and deception. Siobhan does a great job resolving the conflict.

The secondary characters in this book really added a lot. I really loved seeing Devin and Angelina from Inseparable. But, man the best friends and some of the people Dakota and Shawn encounter are truly really cruel. However, the good thing was there wasn't any OTT drama.

In summary, another amazing book from the diva ??? Siobhan Davis. I really enjoyed this book and I hope she continues to write more new adult contemporary romance.

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## **Carrie (The Butterfly Reader) says**

4.5 Stars

I feel so lucky to have gotten an ARC of this book. It sounded so good and sadly, I'd never heard of this author, now I plan to binge read as much of her stuff as I can. This story was that good. Dakota has been through a lot in her short life and it's changed her and not really for the best, she's now trying to become her sister, just to make her family happy.

Enter Shawn, a famous pop star hiding out from a stalker that's tried to kill him and even broke into his house trying to find him. They end up at the same college, the same major. They are drawn to each other rather quickly but they start this cat and mouse game where they keep pushing each other away and then pulling each other close. But once all the secrets come out and Kota finds out who Shawn really is, will it be a happily ever after?

I really enjoyed this book, it had me laughing out loud at Tabs and her blunt mouth, crying at the way her father treated her, and then smiling like a loser during the sweet romantic moments. This book gave me all the feels and it's now become one of my favorites. The only thing that keeps me from a full five star rating is the ending.... it ended perfectly but there was something right before the end that just didn't sit well with me. I will just say that Kota is too forgiving of someone she shouldn't have ever forgiven. That's just my personal opinion and it no way really effects the story at all.

The writing is fun, witty, and modern. The characters are all great and I do feel they are all flushed out nicely, the humor in this best reminds me a lot of JLA novels, which I love. All in all, this book is great and I love it so much.



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## Amanda says

First of all, what a **smoking hot** book! Ugh, I love Siobhan Davis's writing, it's so angst-filled and addicting.

I think my favorite thing about Incognito was the *slow-building* romance between the Rockstar world's bad boy Shawn Lucas and the small-town sweetheart Dakota. From the very start their relationship was fun and meaningful and I love how long it actually took them to be together.

*"I can't lose her. I can't lose this connection. Not when I'm finally starting to feel like me. Not when I've finally found a girl worth living for."*

The biggest problem though? Shawn is in hiding so Dakota thinks he is someone completely different. This book is jam-packed full of secrets, lies and so much pain. Shoot, even death threats and kidnapping! It's also full of the most **intense** love-story I have read about in a long time and I was completely hypnotized by it. I mean can't take my eye's off the pages hypnotized.

It's a crazy combination I know, but trust me when I say, it flows so well together that you will just want to fly through the pages to get to the end like I was. Plus suspense and romance go together so well and I think that's why I was so hooked.

*"My heart beats only for you, and I know you said you only wanted to be friends, but I can't just be your friend." He pulls me closer. "Not when I want so much more."*

If you're looking for a book with characters you will absolutely love, words and feelings that pull on your heartstrings like no other and some suspense to pick up the pace then Incognito by Siobhan Davis is for you! I loved it and I highly recommend this one!

Plus, I'm totally in Shawn Lucas's fan club now ;)

*\*\*Thank you to the author and publisher for a copy for review.\*\**

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## ? Jeri's Book Attic ? I like says

If you would request that I describe Incognito by Siobhan Davis with one word that word would be

DOOMED

When you are reading a lot of books you might have come across a plot looking like this one once or twice already. But I am pretty sure it only LOOKED like this plot - because honestly sofar I never read a story of

two persons in this situation that felt so doomed from the beginning.

Imagine a typical storyline ... and then think again adding a twist and turn at every possible corner. When the focus of a relationship should be going forward - here in this story the author tortures his leads not only by going forward and backward but also by going in circles. So its character torture at its finest. And I loved every second of it.

Being on Top of everything - separated from the real world and being in the spotlight - dissected - subjected to the mercy of the public eye - basically public property - that is Shawn our male lead here.

At the Bottom of everything - at least when it comes to personal wishes, hopes and loss - that is Dakota

These two could not be more different and more perfect together. Their story is a trainwreck waiting to happen. As a reader you get the front row - including the "no don't do that please" moments where you know what will happen, that it will be bad but you still get the reasons. Talking about a rock and a hard place.

A thought that crossed my mind was that I felt our leads should have been a year or two older. There were some plot related moments that had me feeling this way. Everything was perfectly working from the timeline its just a very personal feeling.

On a sidenote - I was pleased to read that the author did not let go of two of my favorite previous characters. I was delighted to see them here in a secondary but still center role.

I am not sure if Inseparable and Incognito are meant to be a series or not but due to the reoccurring characters I would suggest reading Inseparable first - also because its a great story.

Incognito is slightly sweeter than Inseparable was. Reading the story of Shawn and Dakota did not nearly hurt so much as the other book. But here it was really interesting how many misunderstandings could be placed in one story and magically the story did not suffer. If anything it became more intriguing.

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## Jessica Calla says

LOVE LOVE LOVE. Another great romance by Siobhan Davis, this time, in a college setting (my fave) with wonderful, emotional characters (not to mention that cover with all the gorgeous hair!), and a story that will

have you swiping the pages of your Kindle all through the night. Wonderful book from a wonderful author!

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## **Siobhan says**

Since my first Siobhan Davis read, she has been an author I will dive into the moment I get her next release on my Kindle. In other words, I'm a big fan. *Incognito* screamed out to me more than the average Siobhan Davis read, though, as rock star romances are some of my favourites. In fact, they're probably my biggest weakness.

Unfortunately, I was moving house when this came through to my Kindle. I had wanted to dive straight into *Incognito* the first moment I could, yet I had to hold off until I was able to update my Kindle and was done with moving things around. It was a painful wait, especially when I could see other people were reading and enjoying this one, but it was worth the wait.

You see, once I started reading *Incognito* it quickly became another Siobhan Davis read that I had to complete in a single sitting. Once I started, I could not put it down. The story sucked me in and left me wanting more, leaving me turning pages at a rapid pace as I ignored the world around me.

All in all, Siobhan Davis has given us another winner.

If I'm being completely honest, of her first two books that are complete standalones, I loved *Incognito* so much more. Sure, *Inseparable* was an enjoyable read – yet it pales in comparison to *Incognito*. This may just be personal preference because *Incognito* is more in line with the storylines I like, but I'm fairly certain a lot of people are going to agree that *Incognito* is an even more powerful standalone than *Inseparable*.

Whilst I'm on the topic of *Inseparable*, before I go deep into this fan girl review, know you get a bit of cross over with this one. Did you want to know what happened to the *Inseparable* characters a few years down the line, did you want to know what comes next? Well, the characters appear in this one. You do not need to have read *Inseparable* to understand their role in this story, but it is a nice little insight for those who wanted to see the 'what came next'.

Now, onto the good stuff.

As I've mentioned repeatedly, I'm a big lover of rock star romances. Mix a rock star romance with one of my favourite authors and I had extremely high expectations for this one. Fortunately, it more than delivered. Whether you're a Siobhan Davis fan or a rock star romance fan, I'm positive this story will grab you tight and refuse to let go.

You see, although I adore rock star romances, I sometimes feel as though we're not given anything new. With *Incognito*, we take a step back from the norm in the genre. Sure, we see some of the usual rock star romance tropes, but Siobhan Davis brings her own spin to the story. We have the usual abundance of emotion that you find in a Siobhan Davis read, we have scenes that are more in line with your typical college romance rather than your typical rock star romance, and we have an overall refreshing story.

Things are a little bit on the insta-love side of things, if I'm honest, and it did take me a few chapters to fall completely in love with the romance building between our leads, but once the story was going I was addicted. I feel in love with our characters and the drama that surrounded their lives, I feel in love with all

the different emotions that came to light as we learned more about the different situations, and I feel in love with all the different events that played out. There was plenty of everything to keep you hooked – drama, some humour, emotion, action, and plenty of the wonderful romance Siobhan Davis is known for.

In fact, I'm willing to put this down as one of my favourite rock star romances. It really stood out as something different, ensuring it will remain with me for quite some time. Having read so many rock star romances and having some long-term favourites it is hard for any new book in the genre to knock my number one spot down to second place, but *Incognito* certainly earns a spot in my top ten. Actually, it earns a spot in my top five.

Without a doubt, Siobhan Davis has done it again. I could wax lyrical all day long about how wonderful this story is (or, at the very least, I could try, but I'm dubious about my ability to sound like anything other than a mess of a fangirl), but whatever I say will pale in comparison to the feels you will get throughout *Incognito*.

As I said, if you're a fan of Siobhan Davis or rock star romances you need to read *Incognito*.

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## **Cassandra (Thebookishcrypt) says**

\*ARC provided in exchange for an honest review\*

Trigger warning: This book deals with dark topics. I'm keeping it vague cause of spoilers but just be careful. Do not read this if you're in a bad place, like I was. I had to take a break because I was hit with these things out of nowhere and I was not in the mood for them.

Either way, my 2 star rating mostly has to do with the fact that I didn't believe the chemistry between the two main characters. I just couldn't get on board with it no matter how hard I tried. It wasn't anything they did in particular, it's just that they seemed more interesting as individuals than as a couple.

This book follows Dakota, who is dealing with grief due to a tragedy in the family and Shawn, a famous musician who has to go incognito due to a stalker. Shawn ends up at the same school that Dakota is attending and even though they are both dealing with their own issues that prevents them from opening up to others, they can't avoid their feelings for long.

This was my first Siobhan book and I won't go out of my way to pick up another but I won't say no either. I am curious to see how I would feel about her other characters.

But the major problem I had with this novel, besides the romance, was the writing. Siobhan tried so hard to make it sound modern that it was not believable whatsoever. At one point there was a line that literally said "in the feels" and I don't know about you but I did not like that at all. It wasn't even said in a sarcastic, ironic way; It was serious and I just couldn't get past it. Some of the expressions were... unsavory and I couldn't picture real people speaking that way in any real life scenario. There were also some things that happened that were way too sudden to believe. They felt like they were just thrown in there for shock value instead of actually being thought out. I don't know if it makes sense but it prevented me from actually caring about most of the plot line and that wasn't fun.

One thing I did like was that this was a fairly quick read to get through and it is a new adult novel so I don't recommend it for readers under 18.

2/5 stars.

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## **Siobhan Davis says**

Last chance to grab the ebook for 0.99 as the price is increasing to \$3.99 in September.

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Exclusively available on Amazon and the book is enrolled in Kindle Unlimited.

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## AJ says

*“Sometimes, people come into our lives with the power to change us forever.”*

### 3 stars!

Shawn Lucas is a popstar who has lost his way. Famous since he exploded onto the music scene at age 15, he has become the puppet of his label, performing music he doesn't even like, and he has completely lost himself. He has recovered after spiralling into a life of alcohol and women, but has now become the victim of a crazed stalker who is becoming increasingly dangerous. Desperate to escape his life for a bit, and craving the safety of anonymity, his 'team' get him out of LA for a while, and he moves to Iowa to under the assumed name of Levi, to attend some college courses and enjoy a 'normal' life for a while.

Dakota is a girl who has lost everything. Following the devastating death of her sister, her family has fallen apart, and her dream of dancing at Juilliard seems gone forever. Instead she is following in her sister's footsteps, attending the University of Iowa for an accounting degree that will see her working at her father's business. It's not the future she wants, but it's the future she's now working towards, while trying to keep her family together and still struggling to deal with her crippling grief over her sister's death.

Dakota and 'Levi' meet on campus, and don't have the best first impressions of each other. In fact, it goes pretty badly, and their initial interactions are full of snark and antagonism – all highly entertaining.

*“Ugh. Did you seriously just wink at me like some sleazy lothario?”*

*“Did you seriously just use the word lothario?”*

But Shawn recognises something in Dakota – a lonely sadness that he relates to all too well, and he finds himself drawn to her in a way that he hasn't experienced before. A slow friendship develops, and they both find themselves unexpectedly falling for the other.

*“Why are you doing this? Being nice to me?”*

*“I see you, Dakota,” he whispers. “And I want to help.” He claws a hand through his hair, and I'm envious. I want to be the one doing that. “I know I shouldn't, but I can't fight it anymore.”*

As much as they are feeling it, and want to pursue the chemistry that simmers between them, Dakota doesn't feel ready for a relationship, and Shawn has no intention of dragging Dakota into the danger surrounding him. So all of that sexual tension just bubbles away as they grow closer, until it hits boiling point and they can't hold back any longer.

*"My heart beats only for you, and I know you said you only wanted to be friends, but I can't just be your friend." He pulls me closer. "Not when I want so much more."*

I won't go into too much detail, because while it's pretty obvious where the story is going, the way it happens and all the twists and turns along the way are certainly surprising. There's no denying the connection that these two share – their sexy time is absolutely steaming, and more than that, their feelings for each other are sure and strong. But there is so much for them to overcome – not the least of which is Shawn's true identity – and it's a rollercoaster ride watching it all play out.

*The strength of my feelings for this girl never ceases to amaze and unnerve me.*

I really liked Shawn and Dakota as characters, and the love story between them is just gorgeous. Their feelings are intense pretty quickly, but these two both *needed* somebody, a connection and understanding, and they found that in each other, and I loved seeing them find that in each other, and it worked for the story.

*I can't lose her. I can't lose this connection. Not when I'm finally starting to feel like me. Not when I've finally found a girl worth living for.*

There is drama, intrigue and suspense as their relationship plays out, and while I enjoyed seeing them embrace their feelings for each other, there were aspects of their relationship that I struggled with. Some would call it angst, others would call it emotional turmoil, and there are plenty of readers who love that, but I call it annoying and I'm not a fan. (view spoiler)

But regardless of my issues, I did enjoy this book. The emotion is really nicely written, I loved the elements of family, and the inclusion of Dakota's friends, and I was hooked, wanting so badly for Shawn and Dakota to get their happy ending! There's a fun tie in to Davis' earlier release *Inseparable*, which I'm sure fans will love – and even though I haven't read it, I thought that Devin was a fantastic addition to the story and I loved the friendship that he and Shawn developed.

The story ends well with lots of feels and a really sweet epilogue that finishes everything off nicely.

3 stars!

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