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## **Strumming Me Details**

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## Books Laid Bare says

This is Sara and Matt's story and what a story it is.

It was awash with all manner of goings on. It drew a plethora of emotions for me that I hadn't expected and at times I felt as it was holding my distraught heart hostage.

It was chock full of secrets, lies and love. It showed friendship in its many guises and dealt with the sort of grief that cuts you to the core.

I adore these rockers and their abilities to absorb, process and move on, their capacity to love almost without boundaries or exception is comforting.

Sara is desperate to move on with her life, to allow the relationship she absolutely covets with Matt to finally find its feet. I mean who wouldn't he is a sexy as sin guitarist with one of the hottest rock bands on the planet.

But when her crazy assed ex refuses to back off and is determined to destroy her plans, Matt had his superhero pants on and is ready to sweep in and save the day but having a man step out for her in that way is an alien concept for Sara and it all takes more than a little getting used to.

I hated that Sara was so unsure of herself, so prepared to almost hide who she was away and what she had been through. But the way she grew, opened up and allowed the love that Matt was willing to shower her with brought a smile to my face. She fought hard to let the right people into her life and in doing so her personality shone through, she was such a strong woman, she just needed the right team behind her to give her the strength to believe.

There is nothing not to love about Matt and I do mean nothing.

From the minute he laid eyes on Sara he knew she was his and he was willing to stop at nothing to be who she needed. He was willing to stick with her no matter what Michael thought he had up his sleeve. This dazzlingly handsome and sensitively creative man blew me away. He fought Sara tooth and nail to prove to her that despite everything she had in her head, he was there with her for the long haul and nothing was going to stand in his way, not even her.

A sound read that had me glued to each and every page.

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## LeeAnne says

4 Stars

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Matt Lewis plays the guitar for Blacking Out and up until the moment he meets Sarah he's known for being playboy. Sarah is just coming out of a bad relationship and she's keeping this from her friends and family believing that she's weak and not wanting them to know. There is definitely a lot of drama in this book with marriages and people falling in love left and right. I really enjoyed that though this is definitely Matt and Sarah's story we also get Jace and Ali's story as well, kind of a two-for-one.

I wasn't the biggest fan of Sarah's character, especially at first, she was just so wishy-washy. Her and Matt's

relationship changes her though and I really loved the way the author wrote this. It's a great book and I look forward to reading more from this author.

\*Read and reviewed for Hooked on Books!\*

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## **Dandi's says**

Strumming Me (Rokk Me Hard #2)

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4.5 lovable stars

I enjoyed reading this book; it was interesting, funny and sweet. I loved how all the characters just blend in with each other.

It was one heck of a roller coaster ride, have all the moods I need to enjoy reading a book. I loved how Diemme add a little about each characters story in the book and made it interesting and unique.

I did find the love story a little too fast for my liking, but then again is a common thing and I don't mind. I enjoyed the plot very much and it made me finish the book till the end.

*“Even when we're together, it feels like I'm too far away from you.”*

Sarah went through so much in life, almost marrying a man she didn't even love and hurt her emotionally, and also physical. She put up for too much B\*S\* from a man, that I admire she kept moving on. Some rough patched but she still believes in love when she met Matt.

Matt always gets what he wants. Yes, yes, sexy alpha male <3

I fully recommend this book, if you're looking for an emotional book, but also funny and sweet. Won't regret it.

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## **Peggy Lee (Reading Keeps Me Sane) says**

This story had a lot of Alpha Male, Insta-Love, Angst and Weddings. There are several stories intertwined, it was easy to become lost in the dialogue. The main story centers around Sarah and Matt. Sarah has just ended a bad relationship and falls into Matt's arms. Matt knew Sarah was the one, so he put aside his playboy image and became a one woman man.

Sarah has a secret she's keeping from her friends and family. She's embarrassed and doesn't want her friends and family to know that she was weak (this is of course in her opinion). The story takes a dark and serious tone but only for a minute. It quickly returns for more Insta-Love and quickly a Insta-Marriage or two. It doesn't take long for more angst and another marriage. There's also a crazy ex in the mix that wreaks havoc on Sarah and company.

The story centers around Sarah and Matt but there was a secondary story line that revolves around Jace and Ali. The characters are tightly entangled and at times I felt their relationships overshadowed each other. It was easy to lose focus on the story line. I'm not a fan of Sarah, she had a secret that put herself and her friends in danger. She rather not be embarrassed then to keep her friends and family safe. The story is filled with marriages, angst and alpha males who fall in love hard and quick. There's a lot of story in Strumming Me, it will definitely keep you on your toes. 3 Stars.

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### **Brianna at Renee Entress's Blog says**

5 Stars!

So I was hearing lots of buzz about this new rock star series on social media, I had to check it out. I mean I am it is my top genre in romance. And boy did I find a gem in Diemme Black. This author moved me in Rocking Me and then we got Strumming Me, the perfect follow-up. This series is sexy, sweet, passionate, suspenseful, and lots of insta-love.

Strumming Me was amazing. If you've read book one in this series, then we saw this relationship building and growing in the background. Finally we get Matt and Sarah's story. Their story was intense, emotional, and had a ton of twists and turns along the way. I laughed. I smiled. I swooned. And I fell head over heels in love, once again.

This is Sarah and Matt's story. Sarah is good at wearing a mask and pretending to be something she is not. Matt feels a pull and connection to Sarah like no one else. She is the girl he has always wanted. He is the guy that completely owns her heart and body. But can he handles her secrets? Can he handle her past? Can she accept his love?

Ah! I loved these two. I loved the way Matt just cocooned her and made her feel safe. I loved how he stuck around even through the tough times. I was rooting for these two... I really was. And the steam between these two was... off the charts hot. Yowza! I thought my kindle might burst into flames at any time. Pick up this gem and devour it.

I highly recommend this book.

Review Post---> <http://reneeentress.blogspot.com/2016...>

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### **Rosa Sharon (iScream Books Blog) says**

*"Even when we're together, it feels like I'm too far away from you."*

I read Strumming Me as a standalone, even though it's actually the second book in a series. While I can tell that there are some events that I missed, the references were enough for me to figure out what was going on. Being a fan of the Rockstar Romance genre, it doesn't take much more than a guitar on the cover to pique my interest. The author is new to me, but I was intrigued and willing to give it a go, hoping to get my rocker fix.

I did get to meet all of the members of the band, Blacking Out. I know that I missed the first installment, but

there are several more rock stars that I'm sure will get their own book in the future. And they *are* rock stars. Their band is already successful and they have to deal with fan recognition when they venture out, not to mention the media frenzy that follows. They have their own security detail and enough money to get into trouble whenever they feel like being adventurous. But they also have a strong connection and loyalty to each other. They are willing to do whatever is needed to support each other, and their women. I really enjoyed the loving relationships they shared, claiming each other as family. But I must confess, it's Ian that I fell in love with, he's a mess and his witty banter is very entertaining.

To make it interesting, the author threw some danger and suspense into the mix to keep us turning the pages. I found myself drawing on my skills learned watching TV crime shows to help me put the pieces together as the clues were being dropped. I was guessing, anxious to find out if I was right, ready to claim my bragging rights.

The main characters are young adults and their immaturity is obvious. However; their hearts are big and their intentions are good. But is that enough? Is keeping a secret the same as telling a lie? How much is too much? Will misunderstandings and unspoken truths keep Matt and Sarah from a possible future together? Can they really feel that strongly in such a short time, or is it just the intense chemistry that's pulling them to each other? Only time will tell, because I'm not going to. You'll have to read *Strumming Me* for yourself to have that *other* question answered. I know you are wondering if Matt's *strumming skills* are as good in the bedroom as they are on the stage (wink-wink).

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### **Romance Reader says**

I loved this book! This is the first book I read by this author and I'm glad I discovered her. I love finding new good authors! I really enjoyed the story, the characters and the emotional twists. Matt is so easy to love, as is the entire band. Sarah has had a rough past and it's wonderful seeing her get through it all. I really enjoyed the close bonds among the characters, which made the rock stars seem like people who could just as easily be friends of mine. A great story, a happy ending, and characters you can relate to - what more could you ask for? I'd recommend this books to anyone who loves a good romance novel. Five stars!

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### **Hooked On Books says**

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## **Melissa Mendoza says**

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Matt knows how to play Sarah's body, but can he find the right chord to strike her heart?

### **Review:**

“‘We’re just the same, you and I. I need you. I need you badly. Please come back to me. Please.’”

4 rock stars!! I love a good rock star book and this one was perfect!

Sarah has just left a nightmare of a relationship. And she's now put a wall up around her when it comes to men and everything else. Matt is a guitarist for the band Blacking Out, and well, he's a total ladies man. Something he's come accustomed to, given his job. But when he sees Sarah, he knows there's something about her he wants to get to know. Neither can deny the attraction they feel for one another, but Sarah is apprehensive to be in another relationship. And just when things start to look up for these two, darkness creeps back into her life. Can these two overcome her past together?

I fell in love with this book the minute I started reading it. I loved Sarah and Matt's story, it's well told and sometimes emotional! You feel for the characters and what they go through. There's not enough words for me to tell you how great this book is.

### **Brandy Castenada says**

Strumming Me by Diemme Black was a first time read for me, I really enjoyed the story line and did not know what to expect when I started reading strumming me. I was addicted to the story right away because I was desperate to find out what happened next. The author did a great job with the characters. The plot, the narrative and the dialogues all flow at a nice pace from beginning to end. Strumming me is about a girl named Sarah who finally escaped the man who almost had her forever but never had her heart, but she's still left hurt and confused. Now she's even more cautious than she was before when it comes to life, and especially men.

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I really enjoyed this book! It's funny, sweet and just a great read. I would definitely recommend to all of my friends who read the same type of books I do.

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### **Michelle Brace (Wicked Babes Blog Reviews) says**

This is my first Diemme Black book and I know I will be reading more to come. I was addicted to this book from the beginning and could not put it down. Everything flowed together from the characters to the plot.

Sarah has finally escaped a man that would have had her forever but didn't come close to getting her heart. Hurt and confused she's now beyond cautions of men and life in general. Matt is the sexy guitarist for Blacking Out. He's a ladies man and has them throwing themselves at him day and night. But when he meets Sarah he views her as his forever and wants to change his playboy ways. Is he able to do that, And can Sarah trust him enough to give him her heart and get over her past?

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### **Catherine Bibby (Rochelle's Reviews) says**

I received a copy in exchange for an honest review.

After reading Rocking Me, the first book in the Rokk Me Hard series, and getting to know Ali and Jace as well as his band Blacking Out intimately, I was ready to jump back into this rocker world and become their groupie again. Diemme Black out did herself with Sara and Matt's story in Strumming Me. She takes us further into this fictional world with half crazed female fans, a psycho ex boyfriend, and surprise weddings. It is a whirlwind love story full of secrets, abuse, unwavering love, friendship, and heart wrenching grief. I couldn't help but fall farther in love with these sexy rockers with rippling muscles and even bigger hearts.



Sara March has been living a painful secret with her ex boyfriend Michael and is now ready to move on and possibly pursue a relationship with hot and sexy guitarist Matt Lewis from Blacking Out. When Michael causes destruction to her life, Matt gladly wants to step in and be her knight in shining armor. Swept away in her feelings for Matt, Sara is afraid to let him see the truth about her and accept the depth of his love for her that has grown so quickly. Seeing what Sara goes through from being abused is both excruciating and enlightening. I admire her strength and how she learned that she could rely on her Blacking Out family to help her through any crisis.

Matt Lewis is an all or nothing type of guy and from the moment he sees Sara, he knows that she is his everything and wants to erase any pain that she has felt. When Michael tries to destroy their new found relationship, he doesn't plan on going down without a fight. He is going to show Sara that they are meant to be together and no one is going to ruin their happy ever after. What's not to love about this sexy, lickable, noble rocker who is always there for Sara. He is the perfect mixture of white knight and volatile bad boy to woo and seduce both Sara and the reader.

Diemme Black delivers a romance that will rock your emotional foundation. Strumming Me pulls you into the drama and passion and makes you feel like part of the family. With each book in the Rokk Me Hard series Diemme gives us a bigger glimpse into these amazing characters minds and lives with a story told from multiple point of views. I highly recommend for a touching, empowering love story filled with rock stars that will play with your emotions and pull on your heart strings. I cannot wait to read more about this close knit group and the challenges that they endure.

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### **Kelly Moore says**

I won Strumming Me in a giveaway and loved it. Diemme Black has created fun and interesting characters, a well developed plot that flows easily and the steamy sex scenes sure to keep your interest. I highly recommend Strumming Me, it was funny and sweet, an all around good read.

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### **Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says**

Strumming me is the second Rokk Me Hard story. Even though this is a standalone, I did read the first book to give myself a background on Sara and Matt. When Sara and Matt met, she was engaged. This is their story, it's a story about strength and rebuilding yourself, and finding your true love.

There really wasn't much about this book that I didn't like. The only thing that stands out to me is that, there was a point or two where I felt that maybe there was just a touch too much drama unfolding. However, I love drama in my books, and I definitely didn't feel that there was any missed opportunities. The only other thing I was torn on whether I liked it or not, was that there were a couple of slower parts. For the most part this happened following a dramatic scene, and was kind of a welcome cooling point. On the upside, there was so much to love about this book. I absolutely loved watching the love and relationship between Sara and Matt grow and develop. Aside from Sara and Matt I loved all of the supporting characters. When I was done reading Strumming Me, I realized this was the type of book I needed to get my fix on "rockstar romances". I don't think I have been this in love with a band in a while.

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## **Jenny (Jenz Book Jewels) says**

Sarah is engaged to Michael but she hasn't been happy for a long time and hasn't set a date for the wedding. When she's upset or just needs someone she normally turns to her best friend Ali or her brother Joseph. Ali's fiancé's best friend Matt seems to be around every time her world is upside down. But she hides from all of them how abusive Michael was from all of them. She has a chemistry with Matt like she has never had with anybody else. But she's insecure and cautious around Matt. She's thinks she's not good enough worries Matt will go back to his playboy ways if she lets him into her heart.

Matt is the Lead guitarist for the band Blacking Out. Women throw themselves at him all the time and is known for his playboy tendencies until he sets his eyes on Sarah. He is the all or nothing kind of guy when he wants something or someone. He knows she is the one he wants forever but will he be able convince her that she is good enough after the number her ex has done on her.

There are loads twists & turns in this book so be prepared for the unexpected.

Caution Hot as sin sex scenes!

But will there be an HEA for them?

Can't wait for the 3rd book in this series

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