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Bailey Ross-O'Malley has spent her whole life catering to others. She used to enjoy it. Until her father died. In an attempt to protect her, her father chose Connor to be her husband, but that was a mistake. Connor was supposed to love her, be her rock – but some rocks need to be tossed as far away as possible. She only has one source of happiness now, her son, and if Connor doesn't get his way, he'll take that joy from her as well.

MMA fighter, Dominic Prince, has only one mission in life: forget his past. Forget the pain, the drama, and the loss of things taken away from him too soon. He's guarded and secretive and that's the way he likes it. He was doing a damn good job of keeping it that way. Until her. Bailey showed up and Dominic's life became a minefield. He can't decide if he wants to kiss her or shake her, but he does know that he'll fight to keep her safe. He'll be as savage as he is in the octagon, outside of it.

Neither of them wants to accept it happening, but the past has a way of sneaking into the present. Hearts will be shattered and bonds will be broken. Will they survive it?

## Heart of a Savage Details

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## From Reader Review Heart of a Savage for online ebook

### Tera Taybron says

#### Just when I thought...

Ok I have never gotten over Kalil's death and here it is he's mentioned quite a bit since Nico is his cousin. Anywho, this story is about finding your rage. The will to fight for whatever you deserve or want. And it's beautifully told.

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### Lynn Reynolds says

Bailey Ross-O'Malley has the husband from hell. Dominic "Nico" Prince is trying to get on with his life. She comes to Nico to try and learn a way to fight her demons. Is Nico ready to have a woman in his life? She learns how to protect herself but she doesn't use that knowledge against Connor. I couldn't quite understand why she wouldn't stand up to him but then you realize that it's probably because she's protecting something that she feels is more important than she.

What I loved was seeing how protective the guys at the gym are. They all want to make sure that she's safe. The sad part, and just like in real life, a child pays the consequences for something they have no control over. I could do no less then to keep reading because I wanted to know that the jerk of a husband got exactly what he was due. But what's great about Nico is that even though he has problems of his own he goes out of his way to protect those in need.

There are issues that are brought up here that may be difficult to read about – especially if you are sensitive on the treatment of women and children. What I found slow was how Bailey took her time in order to defend herself. But Connor is an evil character that is written perfectly. You can't help but to get angry at him. You also want to yell at Bailey for her lack of fighting back. The book left me wondering if this is the end of Nico and his friends or if one of them gets their own story next.

I was not compensated nor was I required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own.

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### Cheryl K says

This book was a pleasant surprise; I was captivated from the first scene right through to the final paragraph. Bailey Ross-O'Malley is stuck in an abusive relationship. A marriage her father arranged assuming her husband, Connor O'Malley, would love, honor and care for her. Instead she suffers both physical and emotional abuse. Connor controls Bailey's family business, her money and will not allow her out of the house without asking permission; her only happiness comes from their little boy. When Connor takes their son away to Scotland Bailey decides she needs to stop bracing and learn to defend herself. Bailey finds her way into a local MMA gym owned by Dominic Prince. Although Dominic has his own

demons, something about Bailey makes all his protective instincts kick in. He wants to teach her how to fight and rip apart the man making Bailey cower like a timid little mouse.

This was a beautiful story of a young woman finding her strength and voice, finding the right people to have in her corner. The violence at times was difficult to read but relevant to the story, almost a necessary evil to understand Bailey's relationship with Connor.

This is one of the few books I did not want to put down until it was finished.

I received this book free from Author Cross Promotion in exchange for my honest review.

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## **Lover of Romance says**

This review was originally posted on Addicted To Romance *Summary*

Baily Ross has spent her whole life in the shadow of Connor, a man her father chose to be her husband. She has spent years under his control and raising a young boy whom she considers to be her own and she will fight with her every breath for. When Connor takes her son to Ireland, to punish her. She decides to be able to fight back when he returns. Bailey goes to a MMA club, looking for ways to defend herself. But after years of physical abuse, she is determined to be stronger and learn to fight. Dominic Prince, a MMA fighter for the club, is drawn to Baily. He feels overprotective of her and knows that she has suffered abuse for long term periods. But as Dominic and his friends teach her to defend herself and to be a female MMA fighter, their relationship is tested when Connor and his ex girlfriend threatens to take her son away forever and she may be in for the hardest fight of her life....

### ***Plot and Story Line***

Heart of a Savage brings to life a story that is heart breaking and intense. This is a new to me author, and for the most part I really enjoyed the story. I liked seeing our heroine go from suffering abuse to learning to fight and defend herself. She has such a sweet nature and I love how she is always looking out for others. When she meets the boys at the MMA club, she bakes them goodies and is always looking for ways to help them out in ways that she can. Dominic is a protective hero, and I really enjoyed seeing the way he and his friends try to get to the bottom of why Bailey is becoming abused so much and helps her overcome her fears and fight for those that she loves. It was interesting seeing her training to be a fighter. I did like this story, its a quick and easy read, but I felt that there was a lack of depth to the romance side of the story. I didn't really feel Dom and Bailey's story to each other which was a bit of a bummer, but the other parts to the story did make up for it in moments.

### ***The Cover***

I love the use of the tats the cover artist used for this book...very unique and celtic like.

### ***Overall View***

Heart of a Savage is a interesting story that brings together domestic violence, overcoming fear and fighting for those you love...full of intrigue and passion!

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## **Kris Danielle says**

### **Heart of a Savage!**

I absolutely loved this book! This is the story of Bailey Ross. She's trapped in a relationship that was

unwanted. The story of her finally breaking free and gaining control of her life was very inspiring. I literally screamed at the special appearance from my baby! Conner got everything he deserved. I was so scared towards the end but, love conquers all! Great job Lashanta!

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### **Julianne Macneil says**

I read this book as part of an arc program. I really enjoyed this story about an abused woman named Bailey who decides to learn how to defend herself from her abusive husband Connor. Bailey goes to a MMA gym in order to learn self defense and meets Dominic (Nico) who runs the gym one night as he was leaving, he tells her to come back but she is scared and has to go back when Connor is out of town. Nico was left at the alter a year before he meets Bailey and has not been interested in women since. When he meets Bailey, she awakens something in him and she brings out his protective instincts. Bailey has a complicated history which brings danger to the present. Nico vows to protect her and relies on his family from the gym to help. This was a book with suspense and twists, I really enjoyed this book, it was the first book I read by Lashanta Charles and I recommend her, Great read!

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### **Kat says**

#### **Heart of a Savage**

First book of 2017 that I have read and it held my attention from the beginning to the end. I wasn't too sure of what the story was going to be about for the fact that I didn't read the synopsis, that didn't last long. I must say I loved Bailey and Nico. They had many odds against them but in the end they manage to be on top.

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### **Quin says**

#### **Amazing story!!**

Really enjoyed this book!! Nico and Bailey had me rooting for them from the start!! I hope more books to come making this a series with updates of Nico and Bailey!!! ??????

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### **Shahla's World says**

Title - Heart of a Savage

Author - LaShanta Charles.

Series - No

Genre - Romance

Cliffhanger - No

Rating - 4Stars.

Recommended - Yes!

This was an amazing story of strength and redemption. Bailey's story got me in my feels big time. I love

how even though she was gutted in the worst way imaginable, it didn't break her. She never stopped fighting and she came back stronger than ever. This is a must read for any romance lover.

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### **Padrica says**

#### **Heart if a savage**

Lashanta you never disappoint. This was a very good read. I'm glad Baikey finally came to her senses. I wanted to reach through the book and strangle Connor. I think Nico is NY new book BAE!!! Great Job!!

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### **Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

The cover of this one is actually very good. Great representation of the hero. Great composition. Interesting title work.

The first half or so of this one was good. I enjoyed the writing. The pace was fairly good. I loved the comradery between the friends. I wasn't a HUGE fan of the heroine, but she certainly wasn't the worst I have ever read. Although I found it extremely unlikely that some scared little mouse would go from a victim of severe domestic abuse to an MMA fighter in a few weeks.

But then around 60% this book took a nose dive and became over the top ridiculous. Bailey is fighting like a lunatic with the police that goes on to cause riots. Back talking to a judge. Ex-girlfriend drama. Baby mama drama. Cartel connections. An eye rolling twist that made me lose all the respect I had for the heroine. Not that I had any left considering she believed that the hero (view spoiler) How can you claim to love someone but take the word of a crazy ex??!! Add in the fact that this late in a book I should have been feeling more of a connection between the H/h than I did. This went way downhill quickly, and I had to force myself to continue.

The drama llama was strong in this one, and that is what ultimately led this one to only getting 2-Stars from yours truly.

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### **Destiny Bridwell says**

I got this book as an ARC for an honest review. This is the first book that I got by this author. I love the

cover of this book. I think it is the ink. Bailey is married to Conner and he is the man her father picked to be her husband, but all he does is abuse and mistreat her. All she wants to do is protect her son. When Conner takes him away to Ireland to hurt she knows she has to do something. She goes to the local MMA club to help her learn to defend herself. That is where she meets Nico. Will Nico help her or will his own past get in the way.

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### **Teri says**

I don't know what I thought I was going to get with this book but this wasn't it and that's a great thing. This author not only brings us a story about mma fighters and a woman I know nothing unique about that. What is unique about this is the story that is told. This isn't about the fighting in the ring, it is about the fight they face in real life. It's about standing up and taking your power back. It's about finding yourself and being true to that. It's about this beautiful spunky lady who never gave up and finally, it's about redemption.

This is my first read by this author and I am so glad I did. She reached out to all of the parts of me with this story for many reasons and is now an author I want more from. Her characters are very real in their emotions and actions and I want more.

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### **Tiffany says**

So it's been awhile since Lashanta had graced us with her literary talents. And let me say I missed this heffa's writing!!!! Her words roll off screen like a movie! From the first chapter I was caught up! I wanted more. I love fighters and Kick ass female characters and I got both from this book. Well a whole crew of sexy UFC fighters!

Bailey was the biggest surprise! I didn't expect her to come out swinging like she did, but she made me proud. Now don't get me wrong there are times when your eyes will be rolling because she lets her insecurities play on her. But she wouldn't be female without a bit of dramatics. Lol. I swear 60% of the book I was like just hook up with Nico already. Just do it. Lol.

But I knew I was going to love this book when Nico had all the pre-ooze exploding everywhere! I was laughing so hard. Between him trying to talk himself down and his friends excited to see him up, I was rolling. Gym shorts will never look the same again!!!

And thank the heavens for a book with no sequel. I got all I needed in the beginning, middle, end and epilogue. Kudos to Lashanta for giving us something to talk about and love!

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### **Sara says**

4 Stars!

I have to tell you. This was kind of a hard one for me. It dealt with some emotional things that weighed heavily on me. However, kudos to Ms. Charles for her careful writing and delicate handling of the subject.

The chemistry between Bailey and Dominic is electric. The push and pull they are doing is a tension-laced dance of sex and emotions.

A great read from a new to me author! I will certainly be looking out for more from Lashanta Charles!

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