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THE THRILLING, EXPLOSIVE, AND PROVOCATIVE DEBUT FROM NEW ADULT ROMANCE AUTHOR SETH KING

In a stage of life when *everything* seems daunting, the fight to find love can still be the scariest thing of all – but in college senior Taylor Haney’s case, it may have just become downright deadly.

I’m bad – but I don’t want to be bad anymore.

In fact, leaving my Nashville life behind and swearing off love forever was the only thing keeping me from falling back into my old ways and fucking up again, and I was doing pretty well at pretending to be good – until I met Taylor Haney, that is.

Now I can think of nothing but Taylor. Her shy smile...the way she fidgets with her hands when she gets nervous...the sounds she makes when I tie her to my bedposts and go to town on her...the way I get a glimpse of eternity when I look into her hazel eyes...

And that little lovey feeling is the worst thing of all, because it means I’m breaking all my old rules now – and that means nobody is safe. Especially Taylor.

Because the last girl I fell in love with is currently lying in Brentwood Cemetery.

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Whitney says

woah. OK I did get highly frustrated with this book. I wanted to know what the hell was up with Stell! why was he so careful when he had someone he was obviously extremely attracted to throwing herself at him? I had all kinds of theories... let's face it, some of the wording was very Twilight. so I'm all over here thinking vampire, werewolf, something else supernatural? nope nothing like that at all. just plain ole traumatic. For a male author, this book was hot. I mean scorching. I was very impressed. There are plenty of scenes with Stellan and Taylor but they never actually "get together" and this one does end with a slight cliffhanger. the next book better burn my freaking hand as frustrated as I am with this one! all in all, really really good debut novel but left me with my grabby hands open for the sequel.

Abbie D. says

4.5 STARS

I have to say I was pleasantly surprised by this debut book from Mr. King. I mean, who doesn't love a good scandal!?

A few pages in had me grinning at the goofy inner monologue from the awkward yet unassumingly beautiful Taylor Haney. She is definitely one female character I could really relate to. In walks Stellan Goode, resident newbie who has an innocent reputation but a brooding bad boy vibe. Sparks fly, tension builds (and builds...), and eventually it all has to come to a head. The mystery behind Stellan's past is an underlying factor throughout the story and guessing was rather fun, but actually finding out what it was even more enjoyable!

The writing was on point, the plot and anticipation kept my attention and the ending...well it left me wanting more!

I have already pre-ordered Seth's 2nd book (which is unrelated to this series) and can't wait to see what else he has in store for us :)

????? says

I'm utterly displeased with the ending. What's up man? C'mon in the middle of hot scene? You nuts?

The premise was good but it turned out flat. I didn't feel any connection here.

2.5 stars .. and I wanted to give 3 but this huge cliffhanger .. um just no!!!!

Kara says

I was rolling with this... until his necklace cross.

Red Cheeks Reads says

Alright, guys. There is a new NA Romance author on the block and his name is Seth King. Yesterday, he kindly asked me to share a link of his debut novel, The Goode Fight and I chatted with him a bit and decided he was a nice guy and I would give his new NA novel a try. (It was \$.99 and you know I cannot NOT buy a \$.99 book ;))

So, I have read quite a few debut novels and a lot of them I can't even make it through the first couple of chapters due to bad grammar and poor writing, usually. A 25 year old Mr. King surprised me. The writing is shockingly good, and the story even better.

Stellen Goode is the talk of Durham; sexy beyond all reason and celibate. Clumsy and silly Taylor Haney wants him for her own, but Stell has a volatile personality and is keeping secrets from Taylor. He scares and excites her in equal parts and she is bound and determined to make him break his vow of celibacy.

Don't you see the signs? Can't you see that I'm a monster? Don't you know what's good for you?

OK. so a few things that I really liked about this book first; I loved how the sex scenes were all from Stellen's point of view. It made it extra, I don't know, hot maybe? Yeah, definitely hot. The way he described his actions, how she felt, and the sounds that she made was extremely erotic. My very favorite of those scenes just happens to be the very first one. The cross, good lord. Whew! (You must let me know when you read that part. I need to know what you think!)

"So, it turns out Mr. Holy has a bad side after all. It's perfect: he's like a Christian in the streets and a freak in the sheets."

Stell is kind of perfect. He is gorgeous and brooding and all alpha male; my favorite kind of book boyfriend really. You know the kind? The one with MAJOR issues! (sigh) I kind of loved him. He was all hard on the outside but a big gooey teddy bear on the inside. He is sweet, thoughtful and most of all alpha and I love me an alpha book boyfriend. Whew, Stellen, you are sexy as sin. ;)

Whatever the female equivalent of blue balls is called, I have them.

I liked Tay just as much. She is clumsy and silly; loves to eat and read. What's not to like? She goes for what she wants and I do really enjoy that in a female lead.

Let us get to the nitty gritty of what I may not have enjoyed as much about this book. I really REALLY love dialogue in my books. Some books that I read just don't have enough for me, but this one maybe had a little too much. Sometimes I wanted Taylor and Stellen to skip the idle chit and chat and get on with it, if you know what I mean? LOL! Maybe I was just in a weird mood. Hah! So, basically I just felt like the book was a little wordy in some parts and that the story maybe could have moved a bit faster for my taste.

But, overall it is a really good debut novel from a very young man who I think has a pretty good future in this business. This is not a standalone novel and the books kinda leaves you hanging so be prepared for that! I do need to ask this Mr. Seth King, before I wrap things up! Do you happen to have an earlobe fetish we need to know about? There was a lot of earlobe lovin in this novel! ;)

~Amie

Mary Jancsek says

After reading some of these previous review I was really worried that the book would get one less from me for the fact that it ended in a cliff hanger with no mention of sequel. However, after reading the book myself I thoroughly enjoyed the story and see at the end of the book that it is indicated by the author that there will be a sequel, which I am happy about because there are still some lingering questions. Like what's Taylor's secret, how did she really get the scar Stellan asks her about, and how do things go in Nashville between Stellan and his parents when he brings Taylor. I will be keeping an eye out for the sequel as well as picking up other books by this author.

deb22luvsbooks says

I wanted to really love this book, but it rang WAY to familiar to Twilight, not only with the theme (girl does not feel she's good enough for the hot guy, guy is afraid he will kill her if they have sex...amongst other things), but also there are sections of the text that are almost exactly the same as Twilight. Where in Twilight Edward tells Bella his family considers themselves vegetarians and it is not quite satisfying, not like drinking her blood....well, take out the whole vampire thing and the wording was almost identical. Why then did I give this book 3 stars? Because there are other instances of the writing that are heartfelt, deep and emotional and I think this author had great potential to tap into that part of his writing and really knock it out of the park. I also wish I had known in advance that this 1. had a cliffy and 2. had another book coming. I prefer to read books in series back to back...I read way to much and lose something when I have to remember which story I am reading and when I forget important details while waiting on the next book. So Seth, keep it coming, looking forward to you writing journey!

Becky says

Be aware this has a major cliffhanger ending. This looked like a stand alone when I started reading it, but as I got further into it I realized there had to be more. Can't wait for the next book!

Andrea Turner says

For the love of everything Holy, Stellan Goode is crazy sexy!!! This is absolutely a 5* read.

I devoured this book in a day cause I just couldn't put it down!

Stellan is a broken man that has a dirty secret and some serious self loathing going on. He is trying to walk through life as a better man, but his world gets turned upside down when he meets Taylor. A woman that is shy, completely oblivious to her beauty, and just wants to make it through college. Can Stellan keep his demons at bay, or will everything get shattered to pieces. Ladies grab a tall glass of wine and enjoy this crazy ride. I'm ready for the next chapter in their lives!!! Please don't make me wait to long....

Aestas Book Blog says

Intriguing blurb...

“I’m bad, but I don’t want to be bad anymore.

I was doing pretty well at pretending to be good – until I met her... Nobody is safe. Especially her.

Because the last girl I fell in love with is currently lying in Brentwood Cemetery.”

Tammi says

Holy Crap this book is HOT!!!

I am so in love with the characters! Taylor is a loveable, goofy girl with a bit of a self esteem problem. Stellan is dark, mysterious and oh so HOT. Sounds like the typical romance but this is so far from THAT kind of story.

Here is the twist little Miss Innocent wants a piece of him, NOW! And Mr. Bad Boy is the one pulling away and saying NO! WTH!!!!

She is a little tempstress who won't stop! He wants her BAD but he can't, its too dangerous. He is too dangerous! What if something horrible happens? What if someone dies... Again!

This book grabbed me and wouldn't let go. I can't wait for more of their story. This is Seth King's first book and I for one think he has a long career ahead of him.

Only 4 stars because you left me hanging RIGHT THERE!!!

Anncleire says

Real vote: 3,5

Recensione anche sul mio blog:

<http://pleaseanotherbook.tumblr.com/p...>

“The Goode Fight” è il romanzo d'esordio di Seth King che io non avrei mai scoperto se non avesse iniziato a seguirmi su Instagram (vi assicuro che è un gran bel vedere XD) e per la mitica Fede (una delle ragazze che mi segue ma che io adoro <3) e che mi ha subito intrigato perché francamente un uomo che scrive romance ha sempre il suo fascino. La storia, intrigante e sorprendente mi ha conquistata e pur non prendendomi bene perché un po' troppo violenta mi ha indotto a seguire King di cui sentirete ancora parlare sul mio blog!

In un punto della vita in cui tutto sembra minaccioso, la lotta per trovare l'amore può essere la cosa più

spaventosa di tutte – nel caso di Taylor Haney, potrebbe essere addirittura mortale.

Sono cattivo – ma non voglio più essere cattivo.

Infatti, mi sono lasciato alle spalle la vita che conducevo a Nashville e ho rinunciato all'amore per sempre, queste le uniche cose che mi impediscono di cedere alle mie vecchie abitudini e rovinare tutto di nuovo, e sto andando bene a far finta di essere buono – finché non ho incontrato Taylor Haney. Ora non faccio altro che pensare a Taylor. Il suo sorriso timido... il modo in cui intreccia le mani quando è nervosa... i suoni che emette quando la lego alla testata del mio letto e le faccio di tutto... il modo in cui ottengo uno sprazzo di eternità quando mi perdo nei suoi occhi... E quel piccolo sentimento d'amore è la cosa peggiore di tutte, perché significa che sto infrangendo tutte le mie vecchie regole ora – e significa che nessuno è salvo.

Specialmente Taylor.

Perché l'ultima ragazza di cui mi sono innamorato giace al momento nel Cimitero di Brentwood.

Non ho mai nascosto il fatto che leggo libri erotici, con una cadenza che farebbe orrore alle persone che mi conoscono nella mia vita fuori dal blog. Non che me ne vergogni, mi arrogo il diritto di leggere quello che voglio, senza la pretesa di nascondermi dietro convenzioni. Non tengo di conto i pregiudizi, non mi sono mai nascosta, anzi. Mentre ero a Bruxelles, un giorno alla fermata della metro, sfoggiavo con orgoglio uno di quei libri che sono stati battezzati dalla mia coinquilina "libri porno". Questo è uno di quei libri che non si preoccupano di mostrare il lato rude dei rapporti sentimentali. Seth King narra una storia senza fronzoli, grezza e impressionante, che graffia e lo fa in modo stupefacente.

Stellan Goode e Taylor Haney si alternano nella narrazione in prima persona e lo fanno con la convinzione di aver ragione entrambi. Taylor è all'ultimo anno di college e la pervade quella sensazione di irrealità e insicurezza di chi non sa dove sbattere la testa. Tra pochi mesi sarà sbattuta nel mondo reale, al di fuori della rassicurante calma universitaria e dovrà combattere per affermarsi e trovare un lavoro. È una ragazza che si è sempre adattata alle situazioni, che non ha neanche tagliato i ponti con chi le faceva del male per abitudine e un senso di inadeguatezza che l'ha sempre accompagnata negli spiragli della sua vita. Incontrare Stellan è come finire nel mezzo di una lotta armata, un colpo sparato senza preavviso che solleva il cumulo di scuse che si è sempre raccontata come timidi uccellini spaventati. Per la prima volta nella sua vita sa che deve impegnarsi per ottenere ciò che vuole e i suoi tentativi si frangeranno contro una corazza forte e apparentemente indistruttibile. Stellan è un uomo che sa quello che vuole, vivere la sua vita in pace e senza traumi, ma che non riesce a farlo. Un uomo della sua bellezza e della sua tempra non può essere lasciato in pace. Né dalla sua famiglia che non capisce il suo bisogno di pace, né dalle persone che lo circondano che lo bramano. Incanalare la sua rabbia diventa un imperativo nei confronti della donna che lo circonda, come una morsa. Il suo passato irrompe gli argini della sua quotidianità e gli impone di affrontarlo, anche quando lui ne rifugge con sicurezza. Ma è una necessità impellente, come quella che sente quando posto in contatto con Taylor. La sua quasi ossessione è alimentata dalla fobia verso sé stesso, e gli avvenimenti hanno contribuito a renderlo una bestia sull'orlo della distruzione delle sbarre che la rendono prigioniera. Una doppia personalità, una sorta di doppio, come quello famosissimo di Stevenson, e una forte propensione al dramma. Ho apprezzato moltissimo lo stile di King, la sua attenzione alla religione e ai dettagli, la sicurezza con cui si spinge nelle scene erotiche, piene di passione, ma ho storto parecchio il naso con l'innamoramento lampo. Le storie di pochi giorni mi lasciano sempre interdetta. Certo non posso negare che le circostanze in cui si sviluppa non sono normali, ma pochi giorni non bastano per scaturire un sentimento di tale portata. Non ci sono moltissimi personaggi secondari, anche perché la storia è completamente incentrata sui due protagonisti che occupano gran parte dell'azione.

L'ambientazione anche se ben definita in North Carolina, pure potrebbe essere ambientato in qualsiasi città americana senza grossi problemi. Questo non toglie di concretezza alla storia, che pure rimane avvincente anche se troppo frettolosa.

Il particolare da non dimenticare? Un paio di pantaloni da yoga...

Una romance estremamente rude e intensa, che vi lascerà con il cuore che batte veloce e l'estrema soddisfazione di scene erotiche piene pur se violente. Emozionante e vibrante mi ha lasciato con la voglia di saperne ancora, e infatti ci sarà un sequel. Un inizio promettente per un giovane venticinquenne pieno di verve.

Buona lettura guys!

Danielle Jamie says

4.5 Great start to a series stars!!

I didn't know what to expect with this book since Seth King is a new author and this is his debut novel. I was shocked at how quickly the storyline sucked me in. I struggle with books connecting to them because it has seemed lately a lot are the same story line of kink, kink, kink and NO STORY. This book is awesome bc we get some hott steamy kinky scenes BUT also a highly intense story that pulls you in and doesn't let go. I finished this morning and still hours later I'm thinking about Taylor and Stellan. I cannot wait for book 2 and see what Seth King has in store for us.

Stellan is a complex hero and Taylor a heroine we can all relate to in one way or another. AND LET ME JUST SAY I will never look at a park bench the same ever again!!!! haaaaaa

Karan Eleni says

Review to come!

Natasha (books_n_dreams) says

Such an amazing freaking book! I could not put it down! Seth King has done it, he has written an amazing New Adult Romance written by a male and has succeeded! For a look at my review head over to my blog!

<http://uforever22.wix.com/booksndream...>
