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A wound to the heart, a hole so deep.

Can it be fixed?

Or simply replaced?

People lie. Those closest to me, tell the most lies.

Do they not know who I am? What I'm capable of?

Sometimes I wonder if they do. Because when I unravel their lies, they will be delivered to the hell I once visited. And it won't be pleasant.

Book One Must Be Read First

Red Details

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Ryan says

5/5 - WOW!!! Just wow

This book picks up 5 years after the first book, Black. There's a lot of really shitty assholes that are messing with Black. He has amnesia and can't remember Rose. Can't remember much.

So many freakin plot-twists! Loved them all.

Black and Rose's love story is just as dark and screwed up as the first book. She's trying to hold on and he's trying to figure out what love is and if he can feel it ever.

Also, Jake.

Jake, Blacks BFF/ brother. He protected Rose and looked over her while Black was away for 5 years. Jake was seriously messed up by his father in the first book and the memories have haunted him. Once again the ending is WTF! Kinda a cliffy but not for Black and Rose, for Jake.

Book 3, White, is Jake's story.

FYI:

There's sex. Black's kind of sex.

Angy Potter - Collector of Book Boyfriends says

I was expecting for this book so eagerly, so desperately! I needed to know how Rose and Liam would find each others paths again and have the HEA! BUT.... and yes, but in caps! Because, Oh. My. God. This book had me so annoyed from the beginning, but the need to know how it would end kept me going, kept me hooked to the story despite all the things I didn't like. Yes, there were so many things I didn't like, and most of them are related to why I don't like dark books. I don't like torture, hard core violence or less, captivity. It's all my fault, there were all this things in the first book, and even so, I decided to read this one, but those subjects in this book were more brutal. And there was another thing, that I won't mention because that'd be a spoiler to the story, that didn't add up to me. It was not believable, it didn't make sense to me at all. But despite these facts, there were things I did like. Rose's kids were the best, Jake was the loyal friend he was in the first book and the romance and passion between Rose and Liam were present from the beginning, so that made this book enjoyable to read.

Kelly Anne O'Connor says

After the ending of Black is was gagging to read Red, as soon as it hit my kindle I started it and I haven't put it down all day I couldn't get enough of Liam Black.

Red is the continuation of Liam and Rose's story but is set five years on from Black. Liam woke up five years ago with no memories of his life before, his girlfriend Savannah is a constant by his side helping to fill in all the blanks he has about his life but something isn't right apart from the feel of his gun everything about his life now seems fake, someone is lying and it's time to find out who and why and it's not going to be pretty.

This book is a fast paced, raw, gritty and a pretty shocking read with each revelation I was left reeling and gasping. Black is as badass as ever going after those who dare to stand in his way, his love for Rose is intense and scares him to the bone. Rose has had to live without Black for five years she survived but it wasn't living it was surviving now he is back, where does he fit into the family Rose and his best friend Jake have built. Can Black ever do the normal family stuff ? Does he want to ? That's what we get to find out in Red.

I really enjoyed this book, it had me rooting for Black and Rose all the way, but by the end I was once again left gagging for more - TL Smith how could you !!!!

Highly recommend read !

KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says

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TITLE: Red

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MY RATING

Lies, Deceit, Murder, Manipulation

RED : Black must be read first as this is not a stand alone, told in dual POV's (Black & Rose). Red is the continuation of Liam and Rose's story who we met in Black #1. Rose has loved Black since she was sixteen years old.

In BLACK we were all left down the bottom of that sucky cliffy waiting to get our eager hands on this book to find out the outcome of Black & Rose.

Red starts off **5 YEARS LATER**, Liam aka Black won't be the man you loved, and remember in book#1

this one is more damaged.

Damaged, it's a word people would use to describe me, it's a word that explains me, because that's exactly what I am - Damaged goods. - BLACK

He's got no memory of his years before, he's presumed dead by the people from his past, he doesn't recall Rose but only in his dream, her voice, her captivating blue eyes are what come to him at night. The MC life and all it entails is now his new home..

"When I woke up, I found out I was a member of a motorcycle club." - BLACK

His girl friend Savannah is the constant whisper in his ear, she was by his side holding his hand when he woke up, filling in the blanks of his past, things aren't as black and white as Liam thinks, slowly like a puzzle bits start coming back to him, piece by slow agonizing piece. People are lying and Liam is now ready to make it his mission to find out why..

This is fast paced, not as dark or gritty as Black but will still have you sitting on the edge of your seat racing through those pages to uncover all that is revealed in RED.

A long over due re - connection with Rose (In BOOK #1 BLACK, Rose thought Black was dead)

We were our own f#cked up mess, but what a beautiful f#cked up mess we were.

"I want him to remember, remember me. The things we've been through, the life-shattering moments that have happened between us. He needs to remember. I can't remember it all by myself, someone else needs this burden that I carry." - ROSE

Passion, lust, love, possession. All of what Liam Black is.

Why do you think they don't use my first name? It's not because it's part of my name, it's simply because I'm dark. Darkness surrounds darkness, blackness surrounds black

"Do you see me, Rose?"

"I see you, Liam Black.

Do you see me?"

"I fucking see you like a freight train, and it's going to fucking hurt, isn't it?"

"It is, Liam. The best hurt you have had in a long time."

He loves me like the moon in the night and the stars in the sky. He loves me.
It's a scary kind of love, it's his kind of love. It's a love that I wouldn't, couldn't change for the world.
Liam Black's love is scary, crazy, but ultimately consuming.

MY THOUGHTS

Loved the grit this author threw in here, sometimes it's good to walk into the dark now and then and there's no one as dark as gunslinger, hitman, Black. He craves, embraces the dark.

Black isn't the same man we met in book #1 this one is even more darker if you can believe that, a few twists and turns that I didn't see coming but those had me glued to my ipad..

You'll see a much stronger, more determined Rose in this book, she's also changed but for her it's for the better.

Definitely will be sitting here patiently (scrub that not so patiently) for the next book, can't wait to read more about the delectable Jake.

Heather Pollock says

Review ~~ RED

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by T.L. Smith

QueenZany 5 STAR REVIEW

For the love of almighty!!!

I have been waiting for "Red" to come out!!

Now that it's out! I was totally blown away by it.

Hell I was drawn in from the get go.

Yes it was painful at times. I was devastated the way Black ended!! So when I started to read Red it takes place 5 years later.

Aww my heart hurt so much!!! To see what Rose and Black had to go through. Would just about kill anyone!! Such an emotional read. Yet at the same time it was brilliant!!!! But was that a cliffhanger?

GRRRRR

ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review

<https://plus.google.com/+heatherpollo...>

Jan says

Another brilliant, on the edge read by T.L Smith

Black must be read first this is not a stand alone

We were left with one hell of a cliffhanger in Black, one that had you shouting Nooo and cursing the author. This dark edgy plot containing two people that hold a love for each other all consuming continues in RED and along with it the edginess and gripping plot we love.

5 Years later Black is no longer the man he was, yes he is still the dark dangerous man he always was but without a memory of his time with Rose or the life before, the MC is where he now calls home and is living as Trace.

Doubt, dreams and clues lead him to a road of discovery back to the man called Black.

A plot full of twists and turns, a story of a love so strong that nobody or nothing could keep Rose and Liam apart. After discovering Liam is not dead as she believed, Rose now has to listen to her head and fight the 5 years of hurt and Liam has to earn her trust.

Rose: "I know you don't understand love, but tell me how it feels to be without me? tell me Liam right now?"

"Like I'm drowning"

Liam: She's the glue that holds my bones together, and I will keep her for as long as I can have her.

Told in dual pov's, I felt RED isn't as dark as Black was, maybe the initial shock has worn off, we know Liam, we got to know the man in Black, we know his softer sides and also know his Achilles heel which is Rose and his mission in RED is to win back his Rose. So I felt we see more of a softer side to Liam, a man wanting to change but RED still holds all the danger elements, excitement and angst we love as T.L Smith takes you on that journey.

You can't expect hearts and flowers but what you can expect is a plot full of twists and turns, a love that is thick with need and a journey of rediscovery and new beginnings.

Finishing with another draw drop and looking forward to reading Jake's story.

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Ivana says

Se viene otra estrella solitaria.

Y no porque tenga algo en contra de la autora.

La oscuridad que quiso venderme en la primera se convirtió en la telenovela de las cinco. Pérdida de memoria, tres hombres enamorados de una misma mujer, muertes sin sentido, decisiones estúpidas llevando a consecuencias aún más estúpidas... y muchos bostezos.

Lamento haberle dado una segunda oportunidad a este libro. Pensé que mejoraría, pero ni siquiera me gustaron los personajes principales, y eso no ayuda.

Elle the ClosetRomanceReader aka Leftie aka Shoebelle says

ARC received from author as part of release blitz

This book started by showing us what happened to Liam/Black that led to the cliffie ending from the first book. That was quite a cliffie, so it was nice to find out more what's happened to him. After all, 5 years is a long time. During that time, Black inadvertently returned to the old life that he knew. But eventually, he found his way back to Rose/Red. And what happens after is them dealing with that. Black trying to grapple with the new things he's learned and how he can move forward while keeping Rose in his life, and Rose trying to cope with the new Black and what that means for her and her family.

Again, just like the first book, I really wanted to rate this much higher in my head. It would have rated higher definitely had it been a little longer to allow for more natural progression for some scenes. As it is, my personal feelings only, some revelations felt it came out of the left field, and some scenes felt less emotional when knowing myself, it could have been so much more. So as such, it felt a tad jumpy. Nonetheless, at the end of day, as much as I may have some concerns about the execution of the story, I like it enough and I'm glad I got to have read the continuation to their story. After all, it's got all the elements I look for in my romance reads. It had darkness, it had heat, and it had a story arc. Yes, there was violence too that was hard to stomach at times. I got an antihero that I was definitely rooting for. And I got a h with gumption.

And by how this ended, I was left curious enough to find out more about Black's friend.

Cyndi Becker says

With T.L. Smith's new release Red (Black #2), the craziness of Liam Black's life continues. Yes, you must read Black before you read Red. We were left with one heck of a cliffhanger at the end of Black and I couldn't wait to find out just how this twist would play out. This is turning into an interesting series and it feeds any fascination I might have with the dark side of humanity. Smith is a pro at leading the readers mind down a path and throwing surprises out to keep you guessing.

The story picks five years post the end of Black. Smith frames up a very interesting explanation as to Liam's state. He now believes he is named Trace and he's firmly embedded with an MC club/group he wouldn't have wanted to be with - if he was truly himself. But Liam, understandably, is NOT himself. He's not the Liam we met in Black. He's still raw and savage, perhaps more so. But he is missing some fundamental human qualities. He knows nothing of his life before the last five years. It makes sense that what he's become IS what they want him to be.

Liam is so changed that at times he felt a bit flat. In some ways, I get that his personality has changed greatly due to the circumstances of his life during the missing five years. He just lacked some of the charm I saw in him during Black. His relationship with Rose and Jake is also greatly influenced by this cold demeanor. It makes for a rather suspenseful read ~ will he or won't he re-learn to be human, to show tenderness towards what's left of his family? And will he ever understand that elusive feeling of LOVE?

Rose hasn't lost her spark one bit - she just turned into more of a momma-bear. She has so much to protect and her priorities are firmly in place. But she and Liam are really meant for each other. Jake worried me a bit only in that his feelings for Rose have morphed a bit and I could see him putting it all in jeopardy to protect her & the kids. But even Jake recognizes a loosing battle in going up against Liam for Rose. These men may be tough as nails and have the ability to shut down emotions for "work", but when it comes to Rose & the family, everyone knows the score.

Once again, T.L. leaves us with a doozy of an ending and a cliffhanger promising the end to a certain someone. Jake has been an enigma to me so I'm excited to see his story continue.

4 stars and series recommendation for a read on the dark side.

* I was gifted a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Dri ✰ says

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Nic *The Wandering Bookaholic* Spears says

** ARC provided in exchange of an honest review **

You know when you finish a book and your emotions are so over the place, you can't even comprehend where to start when writing a review? Well that's me at the moment; completely speechless and scatter-brained. I don't know what to say that will give this book the justice and recognition it deserves.

Black left us heartbroken...

“I'm dark. Darkness surrounds darkness, blackness surrounds black.”

Red leaves us destroyed...

“I want my heart back. I want to not feel broken inside. I want to feel me. I can't, all I feel is for him. He steals my thoughts.
He steals my heart.
He stole my soul.”

It was everything a reader wants in a book and so much more. The emotions, the passion, the story. You not only read it, but you felt it; every gut-wrenching emotion that these characters went through. It was raw, gritty, heart-breaking and filled with so much hope.

It consumes you. Takes over your entire being long after you finish. It's one of those books that you will never forget. It squeezes the life out of you in such a good way, that you don't want to forget it.
It's unique. It's brilliant. It's unforgettable.

A MUST read for everyone.

I Fuckin LOVED it!!!!

And I'm going to repeat what I said in my review for 'Black' ...it's going to take a lot for anything to top this.

Are you up for the challenge TL?

Anne says

O don't know what to say. I just love the final parts.

Jazmín Marín says

2 stars

I'm torn with this one. You have to have read Black in order to read this one.

So, we know Black's alive but has lost his memories. He's now Trace, serving a bikers' club, doing what he does best, surrender to darkness. They have filled him with lies and he can sense it but not enough to understand what is actually happening; all he knows is that he's good at killing and that blue eyes hunt him.

Soon he discovers the truth, he has been manipulated and there's Rose waiting for him. He doesn't fully remember but he knows she has been the one missing all this time but how can he be something he's never been, how can he turn away from the darkness and live a life as a family man with Rose? How can Rose live with Black's lifestyle? How when she endangers her whole family by allowing Black into her family? Can love actually conquer it all?

This is a twisted love story with twisted characters and more twisted situations, I can handle those type of books but I felt this was a bit superficial. What I personally like in dark, angsty books is the emotion, the deep, raw, bone breaker emotion and this one was not like that even when all the elements were there, the writing didn't explore it fully until I think 70% of the book. Before that it was as the whole memory loss was like just like a headache.

I liked Black's feelings, there weren't like "hey, yes, I remember, now it's all good", quite the opposite, he understands things can't go back and now everything's changed, they both have changed and they have to find each other again. At the end Rose understood that, it was painful but I think she can handle it.

Well, I have to say the writing was a bit inconsistent at first, better in the middle and back to inconsistent at the end. For example, it wasn't quite clear who was talking, where were they and details like that.

I did not like the ending. I feel Black has been used as a weapon all of his life, by the club, by the other club and even by Rose. It's like, now be a killer, now be a normal guy, like a switch. I did not like it at all. So this just stayed like a forgettable story to me, not lived to his full potential.

Kimothy says

Please read Black first, this book cannot be opened until you have read Black. I love the dual POV as I feel it makes us feel even more connected than we already are to the characters. This is a romance story that is gritty and hurts the characters and at times the reader, but it is all worth it as this book is brilliant. There is a lot of pent up emotions waiting to be released by these characters and the reconnection between them is

tainted and beautiful all at the same time. You have to read this author's work.

Alba M. says

«— *¿Por qué duele, Liam? Dime, ¿por qué te duele?*
— *¿Quieres saber? – asiento –. Ese... ese sentimiento ahí, entiendo cómo sobreviviste, no habría sido capaz de hacerlo si fuera tu. Habría saltado voluntariamente en ese agujero negro y nunca escapado. Pero eso, y tú... finalmente lo entiendo. Eres tú, eres tú quien hizo eso. – señala a la casa, su voz es desigual. Tan impropio de él. –. Siempre serás tú, ¿no? Solamente serás tú la que haga latir mi corazón cuando estás cerca. Cuando ríes, algo se agrieta, algo extraordinario. ¿Es amor Rose? ¿Es eso lo que es?.*
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ARGUMENTO:

Ahora ya no es Liam, ya no es Black. Ahora no sabe quién es.

5 años después Black no recuerda quién es. Dicen que se llama Trace pero él reconoce las mentiras pero no es capaz de recordar la verdad. Así que cuando se encuentra con un hombre que dice conocerlo, no parará hasta descubrir quién es de verdad.

Rose lleva 5 años viviendo en la oscuridad. Si no fuese por sus hijos probablemente hace tiempo que se habría dejado llevar. Así que cuando ve de nuevo al hombre que ama no sabe cómo sentirse, rota, dolida o feliz. Él no la recuerda ¡a ella! Y ese es el dolor más grande.

Pero todas las mentiras caen, y todos los que los separaron deben morir.

4,5.

Hablando de más sufrimiento...

Si ya el final del primer libro fue chungo... en general este libro fue más si cabe. Si que es verdad que la trama de los clubs se volvió a repetir en este libro, quizás pudo la autora utilizar otro recurso pero bueno que también nos ha tenido en tensión. Cuando me di cuenta de lo que pasaba chillé porque no podía ser.

Reconozco que todo el asunto se resolvió demasiado pronto. Para alguien que le gusten las tramas complicadas se le hubiera hecho demasiado rápido, pero como yo soy una ansiosa y necesitaba que estos dos volviesen juntos, me alegré de que se solucionara rápido ?

En este libro Rose... mmmm... ya no me cae tan bien como en el primero. Quiero decir, sí, entiendo que todo lo que Liam hace al final mira cómo acaba siempre, repercutiendo en la familia, pero en este caso no tenía nada que hacer contra lo que estaba pasado. Pero si que Rose debería entender que el quisiera tomar venganza después de lo que le hicieron, que quisiera matarlos a todos. Dice que lo ama tal y como es pero quiere cambiarlo, incoherente, pero esto es algo que pasa en muchos libros.

Allá que voy por el tercero y último porque ay Jake, después de todo lo que te han hecho y vuelven a por ti ?
