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Ruin (The Ruin Series, Book 1)



Synopsis

New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today Bestseller I'm not your typical girl. I've been running away from the memories that haunt me for so long that depression has become my only comfort. I was content in the darkness...until Wes Michels offered to be my light. I didn't know that time wasn't my ally -- that every second that ticked past was one step closer to the end of something that was beginning to mean the end of myself. He tried to warn me. He promised me all he was able to offer--each moment as it came--but it would never be enough. Sometimes when you think it's the end, it's only the beginning. Wes thought he could save me, but in giving me everything, he ruined me. Because after one kiss, one touch, I couldn't--I wouldn't ever be the same. And from that moment on, his heartbeat became my own

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Customer Reviews

Reviewed For I'm A Sweet And Sassy Book Whore! really must hang my head in shame. I have had Ruin on my Kindle since 2013 and I just recently read it. Now even though this book has been out for years I will still try not to spoil anything especially if there are other fans like me

who may have not had the chance to read *Ruin* yet. I can't believe that it took me this long to finally read it, and for that I regret because *Ruin* is emotional, it is angst filled and it is one that I am still thinking about days later. From the start this is an emotionally charged roller coaster ride. I cried more than once because I was so emotionally invested in Wes and Kiersten's relationship that I was praying that what I had a feeling would happen wouldn't. You quickly get the idea of what is going on with Wes and I must admit I think I cried more when my thoughts were in deed confirmed. I hated (in a good way) that you are reminded that time is precious, that the next year, month, week, day, hour, minute, second or heartbeat is not a given, that you should cherish the gift you are given in that very moment by being alive. Kiersten had already gone through so much heartbreak and pain. I was so worried about her relationship with Wes but sometimes things are meant to happen as they do. I loved Wes, the way he wanted the best for Kiersten, even if it meant him not being the one who in end ended up with her heart, he wasn't selfish and that is one reason why I love him so. Kiersten needed Wes for so many reasons but the way she was what he needed as well was beautiful. Rachel Van Dyken is an author who I love and while I may have been late in the game reading *Ruin* and will be reading the rest of the series ASAP, this is one I highly recommend for anyone looking for an emotional roller coaster that will have you crying both tears of joy and sadness.

OMG! This book ruined me! Sometimes I was laughing, the other times I was crying. This wasn't a lighthearted story. It was about cancer, death, and fighting with cancer. It was an emotional story. This book had emotional depth, and was funny too. Wes...I loved him from the first page. He was a star in college, the star quarterback, sexy as hell, smart and funny. He had cancer, he was fighting. But he was so full of life, he was so alive. He met Kiersten. An innocent freshman with red hair. They became friends. What I loved about this book, how Wes wanted to help Kiersten with her problems. She had a hard life, she went through a lot. I loved him because of this, how he made her live, made her open up. It's amazing how love can change someone's life. Wes was living, or trying to live a full life. He wanted to be normal despite his illness. He accepted his illness, his future. But when he started to feel more than friendship, when he started to fall in love with Kiersten, he changed. He really wanted to live, he wanted a life with her. I was so nervous because I didn't know if he make it or not. I was happy that I could read Wes' POV too. Because I could understand what he felt. This book broke my heart. I loved it, I needed to read it! This is a beautiful heart-breaking love story. You don't know when love finds you, sometimes it comes when you don't count on it. It's

a 5* read for me! I LOVED it! I loved the characters, the story, the writing. Can't wait to read the other books in the series.

I don't know where should I begin with reviewing this great book. To get one thing straight, I don't do cry over books. Yes some books gets emotional and I might have some mist, tears eye but this book?... This story make me sobbing and I can't even stop crying, I had to put it down a few times because I just can't read through the tears that keeps on pouring. It's a beautiful, powerful and such an inspirational read. I start highlighting few quotes and I think it's also the most highlighted book I had. "You can let your fears control you, or you can control your fears. Never for one second believe the lie that you don't have a choice" I read Ruin and click it without doubt since I enjoyed The Bet so much. Little I knew that I wasn't going to laugh but in tears. I'm hooked from the first page. Wes is a swoon worthy guy and he's just perfect. This story is so different from the rest, it's a beautiful story of life and the choices we have when facing life obstacle. In few words, this is a story of overcoming your fear, appreciating life, friendship and faith. It's an eye opener, reminder and helping you see life in different perspective. It's a beautiful and powerful read that written beautifully and done with perfection. I LOVED IT and will gifting it to those I know needs it.

This is one of the best books I've read - not just this year, but period. Storyline takes off quickly from the beginning, and while there are secrets, they are completely not used to keep our main loves apart. It is the story of their relationship, without any of the random fights or misunderstandings that sometimes can feel so unnecessary in the telling of a story. And there's a little unexpected twist, a good twist, a connection... I just all around adored this story, and highly recommend it! "You may not see every single piece of the puzzle that creates your life - you may not see every move the grand chess player makes - but know, He is in complete control of the game board..." This is the beginning of one of my favorite paragraphs. I took a picture of it & shared it on FB; it's that epic to me. I don't want to put the whole thing in my review as it might be considered a spoiler, but it makes you think about why things happen the way they do. It's just good! :)

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