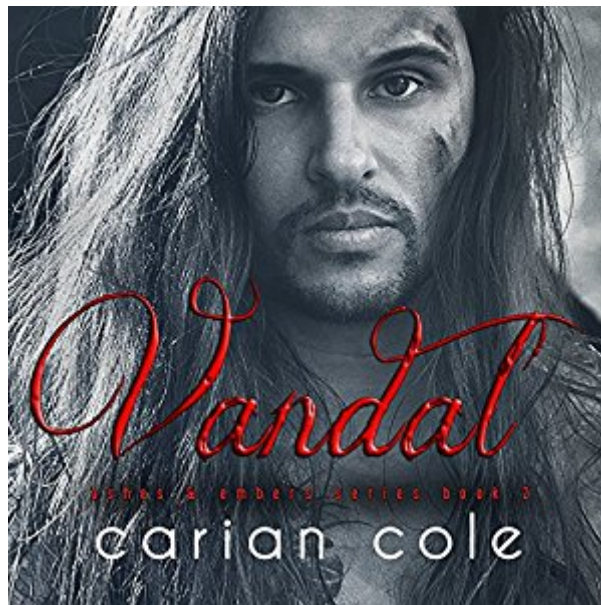


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Synopsis

She takes my breath away; she is so beautifully damaged. Yes, I had broken her, ravished her life, and destroyed her happiness. I brought her to the ultimate despair. I was responsible for all the pain and suffering that now brought her to her knees in front of me. Broken. Hopeless. Reckless in her agony. She is a mirror of my own tortured soul. But what I took away I can give back, in ways she cannot even begin to imagine. She is everything right in all my wrongs. She loves me. She needs me. She has no idea I'm the one who wrecked her life. Contains mature themes.

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Customer Reviews

I waited so impatiently for this second book in the Ashes & Embers series and I have to say that I'm very disappointed with this story. In Storm, which was so romantic and hot, we're introduced to Vandal. He's dark and broody and you just know his story is going to be hot - NOT!! Vandal has a horrific car wreck in which his five year old daughter dies along with one of his f**k buddies. This, of course, sends him into a deep depression. Also, another person died in the crash, a man who was traveling with his wife. Vandal is, of course, consumed with guilt about this. While visiting the gravesite of his daughter, he notices a young woman who is upset at a nearby gravesite and discovers that she is the widow of the man killed in the crash. They meet, he convinces her to come spend a couple of weeks with him to restore her will to live (really). Well, the most unromantic, BDSM relationship between the two begins. Tabitha, the widow is very depressed over the loss of her husband and really doesn't care what happens to her life at this point. Instantly, it seems, she falls for Vandal, who by the way, isn't very likable. You feel for him about the loss of his young

daughter but the dude is a tough pill to swallow. His cousins and brother in the band, Ashes & Embers, want him to take some time to heal and get his act together, so this is why he decides to spend this time trying to use this BDSM head trip on Tabitha. He thinks its the least he can do for her to bring her back to life. Oh, by the way, Vandal is a cutter, yes he handles his emotional pain by slicing into his legs with a razor blade. This part of the story just didn't work for me. A person who deals with his terrible childhood by cutting himself does not need to add trying to be a Dom psychoanalyst to his problems.

I'm not sure how I feel about this book. This is the story of Vandal, the sexy, brooding member of the Ashes and Embers band and Tabitha. Van meets Tabitha at a cemetery where she is grieving over the death of her husband. In a cruel twist of fate, Tabitha's husband was killed in a car accident by Van, who was driving and fell asleep at the wheel. Tragically, his daughter was also killed in this crash. Reeked with enormous guilt, Van is drinking and drugging his life away and is forced to take a sabbatical from the band. After seeing Tabitha at the cemetery a few times, Van ends up taking Tabitha away to a vacation home he has for a month where he introduces her to some soft BDSM to help ease her pain over her grief. Before long, they both start to develop deep feelings for each other but Van is also deathly afraid she will find out that he is responsible for her husband's death. This book is very intense and erotic. I don't really like BDSM books and although I intellectually feel it's fine between two consenting adults, in my heart I think it can be emotionally abusive and demeaning, which I really don't get. But I kept on reading the book bc I wanted to see what happened to this couple when Tabitha found out the truth. While this is not something I could personally participate in and Van was dead wrong for not being able to be honest with her up front, this is still a love story, albeit a really different one. The book has a real surprising twist at the end; I won't give it away but I definitely didn't see that coming. I think this is a book you will either love or hate, I found I couldn't put it down and ultimately, that's a sign of a well written story so I'm giving it 4 stars.

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