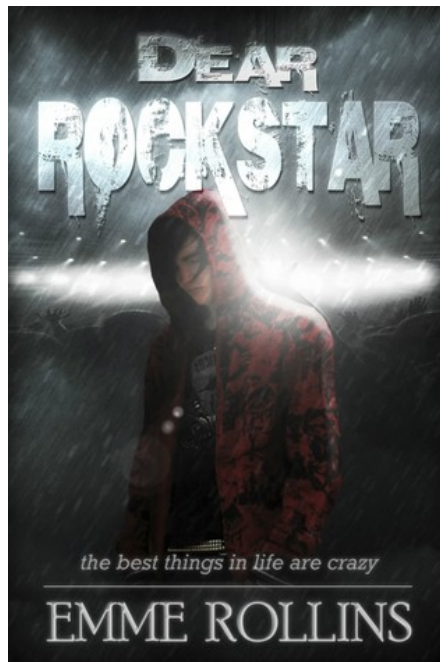




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Complications arise when Dale, the mysterious new transfer student, sets his sights on Sara, and she falls for this rock-star-in-the-making in spite of her better judgment. When Sara wins a contest, she is faced with a choice—travel to Tyler Vincent's home town to meet him, or stay and support Dale in a Battle-of-the-Bands hosted by MTV.

Their triangulated relationship is pushed to its breaking point, but there is another, deeper secret that Dale's been keeping that just may break things wide open...

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Rebecca McNutt says

Dear Rockstar was an exciting book, full of Eighties nostalgia and the love of music, but the love triangle melodrama got old really fast.

Abbie says

Actual rating - 2.5

The main character, Sara, really annoyed me. Her obsession with Tyler really got on my nerves after two pages. I kept hoping she would give it a rest, but that never happened until the end. It was also quite irritating that she kept mentioning food and how hungry she was. The part with the skittles felt like it went on forever!

The ending wasn't bad, but I didn't love it.

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Not what I expected.

I read this book with the thought that maybe, just maybe, it would break my not-so-good-books streak. But no, it didn't and I'm sad about that.

At first, I wasn't too bothered by Sara's obsession with Tyler. However, as the story progressed, I found out that not only did Tyler have a family, he's also twice Sara's age and that turned me off big time. Honestly, if you ask me what i thought the mystery was when I read this book's blurb, I'd say that I thought Dale is Tyler. I though he was just pretending or something. As it turns out, the plot runs deeper than that. I was taken aback, but I still read it. I had hoped that this will be sweet... but it's not. It's just a whirlwind of events and problems that I couldn't keep up. Even their intimate scenes felt hurried.

Dale is also a contradiction. He wanted to slow down, but he's also very intense. He wanted honesty when he also was so very full of shit. I already figured out he story behind his dad, so no surprise there.

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I felt as if I didn't really know much about both characters, well, at least not until the end. I mean, the mysteries were all revealed, but I don't see any difference. I mean, it was just all laid there leaving me as a reader with nothing to chew on. It just... lacked some things. For example, it was said that Sara was raped... ummmm so? what happened, really? There was a short explanation.. like a few sentences for what happened, but that wasn't enough for me. It's definitely a crucial issue for me. Then there was also a matter of both Dale and his sister being Tyler's kids and John (their dad) not knowing about it. Wuuuuuttt? How could he not know when from start to finish of this book, they have been going about how Dale is the spitting image of Tyler. That's just soooooo hmm.. dense of him.

One thing that bothered me most is how Sara and her mom hid how abusive the stepdad was. I mean, Sara was 19... there could've been lots of chances to call for help since obviously, she knows 911 because when the stepdad was pummeling Dale and her, she was shouting at her mom to call the darn number. If it crossed her mind then, why not in the past too when she was being raped, or even after that or I don't know... maybe instead of papering her walls with Tyler's pictures, she could've instead wrote a letter or better yet, called child services or the authorities. I know I'm just ranting now. I am just soooo frustrated with Sara's personality. She's trying hard to look like a badass girl, but she cowers when it comes to her stepdad, it's ughhhhh... FRUSTRATING.

So there.., that's my whole experience reading this. :/

Terri ♥ (aka Mrs. Christian Grey) says

Quick review:

Cover: Nice!

Rating: R

Thumbs Up: 3.5

Overall: A solid story with potential

Characters: Good

Plot: Why settle for a fantasy when the reality is better

Page Turner: Sure

Series Cont.? N/A

Recommend: Maybe

Book Boyfriend: Dale

SUMMARY (50 words or less)

There is much potential in this story. There is an edginess to it that draws in the reader. I can't say I regret

reading, but I will say I wish it lived up to its potential. I think this could be a five star read with some tweaks.

For a full review and yummy pic, see my blog post at:

<http://mybookboyfriend.blogspot.com/2...>

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

4--Dale Loving--Stars!

OMG I freaking LOVED this book. It was fun, it was funny, it was sexy, it was sweet, it broke my heart, it had me on edge!

Sara and her BFF Aimee attend an alternative high school, after not graduating their senior year. Sara has been in love with rockstar Tyler Vincent since she was 14. When Tyler Vincent look-alike, rockstar in the making, Dale Diamond shows up the first day of school, Sara's world is rocked!!

Dale and Sara have an instant attraction to each other. But see poor Sara is just a little bit obsessed with Tyler Vincent--we're talking loads of fan letters, I wallpapered my room with pictures of you, I painted a self-portrait of us together OBSESSED!

"I know you. Inside and out, Sara. I know you, and I've accepted it all. Every bit of the crazy. And I love you anyway remember?"

Prior to meeting Dale, Sara plans to enter said self-portrait in a contest--with the winner getting to meet Tyler and also receive a full scholarship to college. For Sara, up until Dale, this was her ticket out of Jersey--an escape from the painful home life she's currently living.

Where before, Sara thought the contest was her only option, now she has Dale to consider. Who will Sara choose...Tyler or Dale? Will she even have to?? What happens when Sara discovers Dale has been keeping his own secrets??

I just loved everything about Dale and Sara's journey, despite it being rather predictable. This was a quick, short read that had me smiling (through most of the book)....biting my nails a time or two....throwing a few punches at both Dale and Sara.....swooning over alpha Dale....and fanning myself during the sexy times.

Best part - it was a STANDALONE with a HEA!!!! Yeehaw! Read on people!!!!

Michelle says

Received book from author in exchange for an honest review.

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MTV played music videos, there was no such thing as American Idol, and becoming a star meant doing nothing short of crazy for that one, big break."

Sara is a little obsessed with rock legend Tyler Vincent. The walls of her bedroom are covered with posters torn from the pages of magazines. She knows everything she thinks there is to know about him. He is her fantasy - her way to escape.

Sara didn't graduate with her class. A life formed from choices she couldn't control forced her to have to leave school - repeating her senior year at a school that houses troubled students who weren't cut out for the conventional route of high school.

Dale Diamond is new in town. Sara's friends can't stop talking about the boy that looks just like a younger version of Tyler Vincent. Sara isn't sold quite yet, no one has measured up to the image of Tyler Vincent in her head. That is until she meets the rockstar in the making; Dale Diamond.

Dale sees something in Sara that makes him want to claim her as his own. But he is fighting for her heart with a fantasy about a man that she has never met - a man that doesn't know she even exists. But Sara is finally starting to see something beyond her teenage obsession - she is starting to see Dale. He is a real life rockstar in the making. He is close enough to reach out and touch.

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Both have their secrets.

She is trying to hide the abuse, the hurt, the broken life she has had to endure.

He is trying to forget what he saw that afternoon - that secret that he learned - the thing that destroyed his family and made him want to be so much better than him.

Sara and Dale's story is not just a simple story. The connection she feels towards her idol are tied to far deeper issues than just a fan with a crush. Her obsession has become her crutch to dealing with the cards she was dealt. As secrets come to light, they find their way through the blurred lines of what is real.

Her escape might still come at the hands of a guitar playing rock god - but it might not be who she always imagined it would be.

I really enjoyed this book. Taking a journey back to the 80's had me remembering my own days of tacking up my posters of Bon Jovi on my wall - those stacks of Teen Beat, BOP... sitting next to by bed while trying to soak up everything I could about them. The days when you would stay up for hours to catch a video of your favorite band... I loved that the author was able to not only set this story in that era, but even the writing style fit.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I received this book. But I was pleasantly surprised by the way the story was told. The story was beyond what the cover and summary gives you. A creative way to touch on some darker issues and taking two broken characters and watching them both find strength to find a way to fix each other and to fix themselves.

Cora Tea Party Princess says

This book annoyed me quite a bit.

The characters were juvenile and the setting was juvenile. It felt almost like the academy was an excuse to write your typical YA school drama but have an excuse to add lots of graphic sex. New Adult, I think NOT.

Sara was a little bit bat-shit. Well, more than a little. She'd doodles on her notebook *Sara loves Vincent* like an obsessed 12 year old. Only she's not an obsessed 12 year old. She's an obsessed adult who's borderline stalker with her plans to get close to the ageing rockstar. It's kinda no wonder she failed high-school, supposed drama the previous year aside.

And drama. Wowsers. Hand some drama to an overexcited fan-fic writer and something like this is what you'll end up with. There's a bit of every fan-fic cliché in this.

This ended exactly was I predicted, a little too perfect and happily-ever-after for me. And that was probably what really annoyed me the most. The predictability of the whole damn story. It made Sara seem even more thick-as-a-plank.

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Bethany says

ARC provided by the Author in exchange for an honest review.

I really enjoyed Dear Rockstar. I thought the book was just going to be a fluffy story about a girl in love with a rock star. I was so wrong. Dear Rockstar deals with some very serious issues and has few very steamy scenes. Then there was Dale Diamond, I don't know if I can really explain how much I loved him. First of all he had the perfect 80's rock star name, I mean it couldn't get any better. He was also so sweet and straight forward with Sara. He wasn't completely honest about his past with Sara but either was she. Dale never played any of those annoying games, he wanted Sara so he went after her. No cat and mouse games like in other books.

Dear Rockstar was split into two parts. I felt the first part of the book was fun and sweet, the second half a lot more serious and drama filled. Emme Rollins did a great job sucking the reader in and taking them back to the world of the flashy 80's. I can't wait to read more books by her.

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seton says

Genre: NA romance

This novel is set in 1986 New Jersey. I know that is so far back as to make this practically a historical but back in 1986, I happen to be living in NJ. I know it, like the back of my hand. And that may be the problem since some details seem to be off and the mistakes kept on accumulating.

This isn't a horrible NA novel with eye-raping editing like some that I have read recently.

The heroine is stalker-level OBSESSED with a famous rockstar twice her age to escape the reality of her shitty life at home. She says that she is "in love" with this rockstar, wanting to marry him, and yet . . . she is envious of the rockstar's daughter and wishes that the rockstar is her daddy (and I don't think she means Sugar Daddy either.) Ooooooooooooooooookay.

Of course, this is all before she meets the hero who is the spitting image of her rockstar, albeit 20 yrs younger. That's not creepy AT ALL. The hero zooms in on her like a torpedo and has eyes for no one else right from the very first second of meeting. Why? I have no idea.

And then there are the pop culture references. Some of them (Jordache jeans and Flashdance fashion) were already passe by 1986. New Kids on the Block and Tiffany both had their first hit in 1987, not 1986.

DNF @ 70%

J. says

I received a copy of this book for an honest review

"Beside, there was no arguing with love. Love didn't care. Love did whatever the hell it wanted, no matter who or what got in the way."

This book seriously has everything I love: humor, musicians, great secondary characters (with depth), an interesting/lovable hero, a hot sexy alpha male (Dale had me at the Skittle scene), and a truly unique plot.

My first thought was seriously why does this girl have such an OBSESSION with Tyler Vincent?? She doesn't even know him, but as I read on, I began to understand her love of Vincent and what he meant to her. The plot definitely has some unexpected twists and turns that really did keep me turning the pages late into the night. I kept wondering how Dale, Sara, and her love of Vincent were going to work out!!! The book does deal with some difficult issues (view spoiler)

Making the book set in the 80's doesn't take away from the book...it really just adds to the humor and shows that a good love story is timeless. I was born in the 80s and was just in grade school when the story takes place, but that didn't mean that I couldn't connect with the characters.

Another aspect that I think sets this book apart from other NA out there is the ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING sex scenes. I mean wow!!!! Dale is sooooo HOT and sooooo SWEET. He has easily made it onto my book boyfriend list.

This was my first read from Rollins and it will NOT be my last. I will be recommending this to all my friends!

Charlene says

I need to preface this review by saying that I'm not normally a fan of the NA genre. What I am, however, is an 80's girl and this book brought back so many memories of that era for me. I could actually taste the plate of fries that was so often my lunch during high school (yeah, I know...but we all did it, didn't we?). This was my experience throughout this story...I could feel myself immersed in Sara and Dale's lives. I'm not going to regurgitate the plot for you - you can read the synopsis for that. What I will say is that while I started off rather uncomfortable with Sara's extreme fan-girliness (yup, just made up a word) I ended the book totally understanding why she created this imaginary future for herself. The entire book had me enthralled, but the last 10% made it for me - I actually cried for these two. Sara, so strong in her own way...and Dale, the ultimate dream boyfriend. God, he was so perfect...sigh...I'm back in my teens fawning over a new love. Was the book perfect? No, and I know some other reviewers have pointed out some improvements that could be

made. For me though, the mark of a great story is one that hooks me from the outset, makes me feel for the characters, even makes me cry...and for that, this book has earned a rare 5 stars from me.

Well done Emme...I'll be looking for more from you!

Alex is The Romance Fox says

What a fabulous book!! I am so happy to have discovered Emme Rollins (thank you so much!!).

Dear Rockstar had so many things that I enjoyed.

I loved the journey back to the 80's that this book took me on. Madonna and her gloves (can we ever forget Just like a Virgin???), Flock of Seagulls, Duran Duran, Boy George– travelling back in time and was that not such a fresh take on a story about a rock star!!!!

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Dale Diamond (love the name!!).[image error] This is an unforgettable character. He's gorgeous, talented and an up-and-coming rockstar that despite what he's had happen in his short life, has not made him into a cynical and unkind person. On the contrary – he has a heart of gold and is not the average sneering rockstar we read about. He embraces the feelings he has for his father and openly admits his love for Sara and nothing stops him from showing and talking about those feelings.

And I have to thank him for discovering SKITTLES....omg...I love those things!!!

Yes, the scene with those skittles stays in my head....and mouth!!!

I understand Sara's obsession for Tyler Vincent so well. I was just has obsessed with Mick Jagger for a long time. I read everything about him, dreamt he was going to fall in love with me....you know all those things we fantasize about rockstars. But her obsession was for something more – you just have to read this book to find out what!!!!

She's totally lovable. And what her home life is like – total heartbreaking. How she survives each day with a smile on her face is truly admirable.

The chemistry between Dale & Sara is undeniable from the first moment they meet in class. Yes, that's where the Skittles story happens!!

And the scene where Sara first sees Dale perform!!! Just loved it.

Great character development both mc's and secondary characters – loved Aimee – the Madonna gloves!!!!

And her and Matt – how can I forget the BEE episode!!!! – they were really cute. And Sara's mother and stepfather were such tragic and sad characters.

By the end of the story I felt that I knew them really well.

Loved the dialogue – serious, sparkly, funny and some hilarious and memorable lines.

Great story build-up – perhaps a bit rushed at the end - and though I had some inkling about Dale's back-story half way thru the book, there were still a few surprises and twists at the end that I was not expecting at all.

Some of my favourite quotes:

A beautiful romantic love story that leaves you with feel-good and happy thoughts.

Jenn says

ARC provided by the Author in exchange for an honest review

This story threw me back in to an 80's tailspin. I LOVED it. I loved all the reminders of growing up in the 80's. Every time I read something 80's related it cracked me up and reminded me of my junior high years. Even though this book was set in the 80's, it didn't take away from the story one bit.

This book does have serious content as a theme yet, it's not the focal point of the story. The focal point being around Sara and her **OBSESSION** with rock-star, Tyler Vincent and a budding sweet love story between her and Dale Diamond.

I really loved Dale Diamond. When he wanted something, he **CLAIMED** it. He wasn't a player bad boy and he didn't play games. All he wanted to do was be a rock-star himself and win over the love of Sara. He enrolls at her Continuation School which throws a wrench in her life plans causing her to rethink her plans, let down her walls, and eventually throw all caution to the wind.

I enjoyed the secondary cast of Matt, Aimee and John. I loved the secondary love story we got between Matt and Aimee too. Matt, Dale and Sara had me laughing a bit over all the "BEE" related comments as well.

What I LOVED about this book:

1. 80's era
2. Matt and how he didn't play games and went after what he wanted.
3. The humor
4. BEE related comments
5. The relationship between Dale and Sara
6. Fast paced story
7. Kept me up til late at night sucked in
8. All things 80's: music/objects/food-drink/cars

My only draw backs were:

1. I felt the last 25% was rushed a bit
2. Major things happened and then were glossed over
3. Would have liked a little more of Matt and Aimee

Otherwise, I thoroughly enjoyed this book a lot.
