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Bad-Boys and Dark Secrets Are Tough To Keep...

Serena DuPont isn't interested in falling in love again. Been there, done *that*, and she has the pulverized heart to prove it. Leaving behind those sucky romantic choices, she transfers to a new college her sophomore year. All Serena wants to do is pledge a sorority, stay focused on her classes, and swear off sexy players.

Tell that to Cole Prescott, the incredibly gorgeous complication that threatens to crush her newfound resolve. Keeping him in the "friend zone" won't be easy, especially when the sizzling chemistry between them is so damn combustible. But that's *not* Serena's biggest problem...

While pledging Zeta Beta, her life gets flipped horribly upside down by a series of ominous threats, nasty rumors, and even blackmail. And the only place she finds comfort is in the arms of the off-limits frat boy she should be avoiding.

Unless Serena can prove her innocence to the ultra-saucy sorority that's accused her of being involved in a lewd sex scandal, Serena is at risk of losing the future she's fought so hard to rebuild. Resigned to the fate of the Greek gods, Serena might not be able to lie her way out of this epic disaster.

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Josselyn Radillo says

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My Thoughts:

I received an ARC copy in exchange for an honest review.

Smash Into You is the first new adult novel by Sherry Soule and I'm happy to tell you that it definitely will not be my last. It's a thoroughly enjoyable read with romance, betrayal, girl drama (a lot of that), a dark past and Greek life.

Serena Dupont and Cole Prescott may be seriously attracted to each other but Serena is trying to let boys to arms length but this bad boy wont be giving up so easily. Serena is the daughter of a Senator back a SoCal and was transfer to this new college because her father doesn't want that anyone find out about her big meltdown. Cole is the hot playboy of college he doesn't do relationship and is an ATO guy. That's the reason why they have to stay away from each other but the more time they spend together the more their feelings grow. Eventually their strong chemistry will win the race.

Serena is determined to become a Zeta Beta girl and get her ticket to Paris and study arts in the summer. She's pretty much all her dad has but they aren't that close. They grow even further apart when she is transfer to this new college . Cole has a famous actor as dad with drinking problems their relationship isn't the best . All the drama and blackmail around Serena throws them in each other path very frequently and a friendship (of course more) starts to grow.

TG KMT | QUESTL♥VE says

What.the.actual

Seriously. What did i just read?! This was so damn painful to read, im surprised i actually finished it. Yay me. *sarcasm*

Dianne says

College, wasn't it supposed to be our debut into adulthood? Remember the fraternities and the sororities? Did you pledge, did you want to? Did the idea of being a cloned cog in little private groups appeal? For Serena, her past has dictated her present and her present will determine her future. She MUST get into her late mother's sorority, and then Daddy will send her to Europe for intense art studies. Serena's past is dark, painful and she will do anything for others not to find about her breakdown. Sadly, so would her father, for totally different reasons.

When Serena's parole period for pledging interferes with how she feels about one young man who is off limits, she allows her personal self-interest to outweigh her heart, while becoming a sheep in a pack of wolves. What happens when the wolves attack her? Will Serena learn to stand up and finally act like the

adult she thinks she is? Can she convince Cole she made a very, very bad mistake or is she too shallow to even care in the long run?

Sherry Soule's **Smash Into You** has obviously pulled me in, hook, line and sinker, as the lines between fact and fiction became too blurry for me to remember this is "pretend." This is brilliant writing and world-building that hits the Triple Crown of novels with dialogue that resonates as real! When a troubled girl gets a condensed crash course on being honest, trusting the right people and the mysteries of the heart, emotions are going to boil over. With a few clever twists, Ms. Soule has built a fascinating mystery into her read that makes walking down a dark alley in a high crime area seem tame compared to life on campus. Her writing is filled with tension, emotionally draining at times and still, the warmth of young romance shines through.

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Anthony says

I received an ARC copy in exchange for an honest review.

Sherry Soule takes a different path away from her usual paranormal fare into Adult Romantic Fiction with her new book "Smash Into You" and it's a wonderful detour. Don't get me wrong, I love her other works, yet this one has all the appeal of college with enough drama and mystery – and romance – to keep me hooked from page one.

Serena DuPont has had some problems in the past, mainly a breakup that left her devastated and emotionally wrecked, enough so that it affect everything about her life. Since her father is a Senator, a public display of sorrow was a no go. Packing up, she moved away from her SoCal home and found herself in Beaumont University in her sophomore year. Determined to restart her life she commits to pledging to the Zeta Beta Sorority while trying to ignore Cole Prescott, a man too handsome for her own good. In between classes and rumors she navigates the hazing process, fights ridicule and her attraction to Cole, then falls into a mystery that threatens to destroy the fragile life she is building and even borders on dangerous.

Rich with college experience, this is a novel that will take anyone back to those party and book filled years, even for those that have never been in a Sisterhood. Well written and fast paced this is another winner for Soule's already impressive collection.

Kirke says

What I know about sororities and fraternities comes from movies, and I'm guessing that's not all accurate, as it makes me wonder why anybody want to pledge. Serena transferred college and has to start all over making friends, catching up with new classes and just overall fitting in. The easiest way it seems to do that is pledge Zeta Beta, though it does help that she's a legacy.

I would never call pledging easy though. Some of the things they ask her to do are just plain mean, and only confirm the stereotype of sororities, certainly when Serena starts receiving threats. Still she sucks it all up, because she wants to belong. In the end though I do get it more, when everything gets cleared up and you realize how a couple of people could ruin it for everyone.

It seems that one of the few people she can confide in with her troubles is Cole Prescott. Campus hottie, player and sorority enemy. When he shows interest in her, Serena tries to turn him down. After being burned extremely badly the last time, she has no use or need for a player. Still slowly Cole manages to crawl behind her defenses. For me the connection between Cole and Serena could have gone a bit deeper. The focus is just mostly on Serena and her journey of pledging.

Smash Into You was a fast read, filled with drama from start to finish. I don't like mean girls at all, so the behavior of some of these sorority sisters wasn't easy to deal with and if I was Serena I would have said "screw them" a long time ago. Though her tenacity paid off in the long run, so I admire her for that.

While sometimes funny, I didn't like the fact that Serena felt she had to lie so often. She's embarrassed about what happened last year, and instead of just being vague about it, she made up these ridiculous stories. They were funny, but of course undermine her credibility. Other than that I found her a strong character, she wanted to pledge, but she's not taking crap for the sorority.

All in all a good story, and pretty well written. If you crave lots and lots of drama, this book is definitely for you.

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Andrea ? says

2 stars

Very disappointing read.

Without the greek like, fraternities and sororities, this is more like in the high school setting because of how most of the characters acted - immature and impulsive. Cole is the only semi-mature character in this book.

If you want a decent read, this is not it. You can read YA novels better than this and with more mature characters and interesting plot. This just didn't work for me.

Dragana says

This summer I'm in a mood for romance and happy stories. So, when Sherry Soule contacted me to review Smash Into You, I said 'Yes!', although I usually do not accept review requests for contemporary romance

novels.

LIKES

* **I loved Serena's comments**, the way she describes things or responds to usual, boring questions.

"I need to know if they're any boyfriends waiting for you back home that I should know about."

"Hardly," I said with a smile, then added, "Actually, my last boyfriend was a vampire, but we broke up. He was too old, slept all day, and basically sucked the life out of me."

"Sounds like a keeper." He chuckled.

* **Emails between Cole and Serena**. Including emails or sms messages between characters is one of the new trends that I actually like. I enjoyed the banter in Cole's and Serena's correspondence. It reminded me of Fifty Shades of Grey (emails were the only good thing in that book).

DISLIKES

* **Teased to death**. From the beginning there are suggestions that something terrible happened to Serena. Until the big secret is revealed, there are a lot of hints about things that happened back home, skeletons in the closet, etc. I don't mind getting parts of a puzzle to find out the truth, but Sherry Soule gives only useless information. Smash Into You was one big tease fest.

* **Slave to the brands**. I guess, some girls are like that, but I'm not. So I got bored when Serena described brand for each item of clothing of all important people she meets. 'Loro Piana cardigan', 'Elie Saab dress', 'Steve Madden flats',... Color or material would have been better adjectives.

* **Serena doesn't study at all**. What do you do if you are failing class in college?

a) Be snarky to professor.

b) Do not go to that class at all.

c) Do not write homework.

She does all of the above. :/ And she blames professor for her irresponsibility.

* **Villains are very obvious**. Bad characters had evil laughs and weird looks from the beginning, but (of course) no one guessed it was them until the end. It was so frustrating.

* **It has a sequel**. I like my contemporary romances to be a one book deal. If it's a series, the next book should be about another couple, not the same one, especially since we get happy resolution at the end. When I see there is a sequel featuring Cole and Serena as main characters (again), I know that means more troubles and arguing.

IN THE END...

Smash Into You was not bad, it was nicely written and had a lot of witty banter I enjoyed. But brand obsessed persons are never my favorites in novels and with too much teasing about the past drama and obvious villains, there was not enough good parts to keep me interested in Sorority Row series.

Disclaimer: I received this ebook from author in exchange for a fair and honest review. This text is also posted on my blog Bookworm Dreams in a little bit more styled edition.

Shane says

Smash Into You was a very...interesting story. Though I feel interesting is not quite the word for it. I definitely enjoyed the plot, the characters, and the setting. There was never a dull moment. And I'm really curious about the next book and the direction in which Sherry will take Cole and Serena.

Lets talk characters. Serena isn't your fluffy, cute, innocent and perfect main character as portrayed in many books. She has secrets, and is without a doubt the definition of a liar. My gosh. I can't even begin to count the amount of times she fabricated stories to cover up what happened in her past. I found her quite hilarious though. She wasn't a blah main character, and her lies only made me more curious about her situation. There were times I'd cringed because I didn't see the big deal in wanting to pledge with that shady sorority, much less have any desire to be their friends, but once things started to unravel and I got to know her more, I understood why Serena was so determined on proving her worth.

Cole's quite the hottie and the usual player with a sweet side. I liked how his relationship with Serena grew over time, and the fact that they started out as friends was really good. It convinced me more about their true feelings and once the intensity ignited, I was all in. I felt like their emotions were true and not just thrown in the book for filler. However, I didn't think that one particular scene where things got ugly was necessary. It turned me off a tad. But then I remembered it was college and these characters were new adults. Not perfect. Still learning.

Aside from Serena's struggles to open up and feel like she belonged, there were other interesting aspects of the story. I didn't expect the addition of suspense and trying to figure out who was trying to sabotage Serena's college and love life. And even though as the story progressed I realized just who the culprit was, it still didn't bother me. The story was intriguing enough to keep going because I wanted to know what happened to Serena to make her the way she was now, and I liked her with Cole so much that I rooted for them, and hoped for a happy ending.

Overall, Smash Into You is a great new adult contemporary read with an exciting college setting, fluid writing, laced with drama, some sweet moments, and an unexpected mystery I didn't see coming. I enjoyed this one and can't wait for the next. Good job, Sherry!

A. Zavarelli says

I have to admit, I've always been fascinated by the idea of Greek life. I really enjoyed Sherry Soule's fictional take on a romance that was crammed with intrigue, suspense, and even a little sprinkling of darkness throughout.

When Serena DuPont begins her new life at Beaumont, all she wants is a chance to leave the past behind her and focus on her one true passion. Art. But between falling onto the campus player's radar and her father's insistence that she participate in campus activities, it doesn't seem like that's going to happen.

Cole is just the right combination of Alpha male/ Bad Boy/ Sweetheart in my book. And of course when he meets the fiery and intelligent Serena, he sets his sights on her almost immediately. As someone who's not used to hearing the word no, Cole is up to the challenge. But it becomes about so much more than that as their friendship progresses and he breaks through the walls that Serena has built.

There is plenty of angst to go around when it feels like the odds are stacked against these two. If it isn't Serena's dreams or their rival Greek houses, it's the dangerous blackmailer and nasty rumors that abound. At the end, we see Serena flourishing in spite of everything that's happened to her. We get a sweet happy for

now, and the promise of more to come in the books that follow.

Overall, an excellent read. I couldn't stop laughing at some of the things that flew from Serena's mouth with her 'little problem'. And major brownie points for Cole being an animal activist. Sigh. Okay... I must stop swooning now!

beth myrick says

Outstanding depiction of NA fiction through characters, experience, writing. You will feel yourself there in the college setting. You will float through this book in a bubble watch over these characters and experience this story right along with them. This isn't a slap you in the face romance. It is there, and it's nice, but hold on to your kindle because there is so much more. Just when you feel time to take a breath, then there is the intrigue. This is written so well, that I warn you, block out some reading time that isn't going to require you wanting to go to sleep. Just one more paragraph doesn't cut it. You will want to read one to find out what happens next. And that intrigue isn't one thing. There are several little intrigues hidden in here. Why did she leave her old school, because it sure sounds ominous? Who is the hater on campus, because sound scary? What's going to happen with all the hazing, and will this chick ever get a clue because I was having some big issues with them? You'll just have to read this for yourself. Experience the mystery, the college life, the sweet love story, and the awesome depiction of realistic college age characters in this genre so many of us have grown to love so much.

Sandra says

Serena DuPont is the heroine in distress as she's hiding a secret from her past and transferred to a new college to escape her shambles of a previous relationship. Hoping for a new start in her new college for sophomore year she meets up with Cole Prescott who's off limits for a whole host of reasons. She's trying to pledge a sorority, keep her GPA up and if she shows she can make friends a trip to Paris courtesy of her dad is hers for the taking. Cole Prescott was my favorite character in this book as he was gorgeous witty and a total alpha male. I wanted more of him. Serena never showed me why she deserved Cole. Every other page was her whining about making friends and stunts the sorority kept piling on her and the "scary" events that happened to her to keep her from pledging. The book could have been shortened by several chapters as the same drama kept playing out with nothing new to add. The lies she told were yawn inducing and why Cole stayed with her was entirely believable since she was a mess most of the time! It didn't live up to the gorgeous cover art.

I received a free advanced reading copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

Beth Santucci says

4 fangs

Serena intended to never fall in love again after her hearts been trampled and left for the wolves, but fate thinks otherwise, Leaving behind her sucky choices she transfers to a new college as a sophomore and her number one priority is joining a sorority. But what she didn't foresee is meeting Cole, and her failing efforts to friend zone him. Unfortunately Serena didn't know that he was off limits and didn't foresee what happens next. Will she be laughed out of school? Will Cole understand? Read it!

I think every girl understands the heartbreak Serena felt and also the need to swear off jerks. Sad that she stepped on someones toes by seeing Cole.

NA romance

Reviewer for Paranormal Romance and Authors that rock and Sherry Soule

Electric Kitten says

I really liked how these characters develop and the way their relationship is allowed to progress. What starts out as friendship gradually becomes something much stronger, which is nice because it feels very realistic that way. The fact that Cole is sort of forbidden to her because of the rules her sorority have about dating guys from his fraternity adds a lot of tension to the story.

It's quite suspenseful too, wondering what happened to Serena that made her transfer, and wondering who is causing her so much grief now. I really want these two to get together but it seems like there are a lot of forces working against them. The book is very well written, nice dialogue between characters, and does a great job of setting the stage for the rest of the series.

Amy says

There are so few books I would want to give a zero star rating, but sadly this is one of them.

I feel bad saying this because Sherry Soule is an indie author and I want to be supportive, but this book needed serious editing. And I don't mean there-are-a-few-misused-words-and-punctuation editing (although there was that too) I mean ripping-the-guts-of-the-book-out-and-actually-examining-what-has-been-written-to-try-to-make-it-good editing. The blurb offered so much potential but the book itself was just... ugh.

The main character was stupid, bitchy, over-dramatic, whiney, and just plain unlikeable - and yet all the other characters seemed to love her and kept telling her she was a good person, or they liked her 'honesty'.

The 'suspense' completely lacked suspense because the villain was so obvious about their villainy they may as well have walked around with a sign stapled to their forehead.

The romance was just... honestly the only way I can describe it is boring. I ended up skimming the pages where the couple (whose names I have already forgotten) were just talking back and forth. Side note: who actually converses through email these days? Is this an American thing that I don't understand? Because the characters talked like this is ultra-modern (e.g. the use of "salty" seemingly randomly thrown in so the character seemed young) and yet they sent emails back and forth like this was set in 2005.

The 'supporting' characters were bland and mostly useless, or extreme caricatures of douchebaggery that seemed put in just to make the MC seem less shit. Sorry, but a professor wanting you to be prepared for his class, while his delivery from an education theory perspective could use work, is not a crime, nor does it make you a victim of his evilness. It makes you a spoilt child whose Daddy paid the university so they would let you in, despite not really having the academic ability to go there. Which is actually exactly the case in this book.

I couldn't even feel sorry for her about her ex. By the time her big secret was revealed I already hated her so much that I kinda applauded the guy for getting out while the getting out was good. Not to mention the whole incident was built up to be this huge catastrophic event, and it basically wasn't. Like, sure, that would suck, and chances are if you were already unknowingly suffering from depression or anxiety it would probably push you over the edge, but as an isolated event I just wanted to tell her to get over it. Since there was no other indication that she actually had mental health problems (other than the compulsive lying I guess, though that's not really a symptom of the same things as being too depressed to eat) it just seemed

childish and not nearly as interesting as I wanted it to be.

I don't usually leave reviews. Honestly, the rating is usually enough for me to feel like my opinion has been included. But in this case, there were just things I could not leave unsaid.

Andrii Sedniev says

I really enjoyed reading this book. This is one of those books that make you think and feel and experience the thrill along with the characters. The author did a great job at bringing the characters to life, reading through the pages makes me feel as if I was right there in the same room with the characters. I'd hate to give away anything because it'd be a shame if the other readers don't experience the book as much as I did. But in this book, after being accused of being involved in a lewd sex scandal and endangering her pledge to the Zeta Beta and the future she worked hard to build, Serena DuPont found herself finding comfort in the arms of Cole Prescott. This book captivated my attention from the first few pages and I was left intrigued by what would happen next. I liked how the story unfolded and enjoyed the many interesting twists. I like this book. Five stars and certainly recommended! I can't wait for the next installment of this book.
