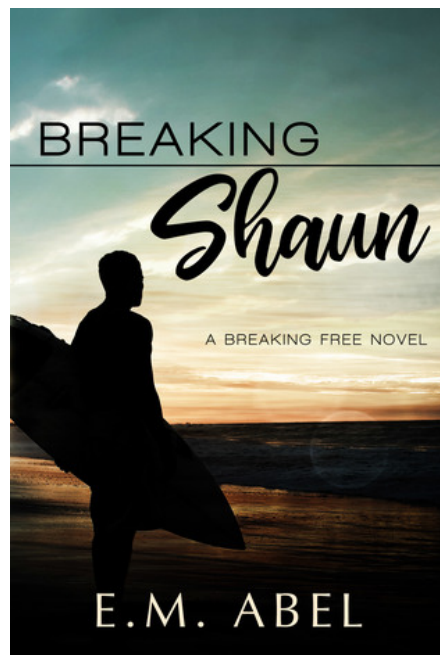




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Some men fall in love and hand their balls over to the first woman who keeps them interested—but not me. Surfing and my freedom are the only two things I’ve ever needed. Meaningless one-night stands are fun, but the drama and jealousy that follows them aren’t worth it.

Until I met Natalie, I never realized there were women who thought like me. She enjoys sex with no strings, and with a body like that, there isn’t a man around who doesn’t want a piece of her—including me.

But our friends and relatives all run in the same circles. And we all know friendship and sex leave a mess.

Hearts always end up broken.

I know it.

But I still want her.

Sometimes, the things we want don’t always come easily. Every choice, every action has consequences that can change you.

They can change everything.

And no matter how fiercely guarded, even the strongest hearts can break.

****WARNING**** Not recommended for younger readers due to sexual content, language and recreational use of marijuana.

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From Reader Review Breaking Shaun for online ebook

Mistress says

"Funny how the most beautiful things in my life were the things I thought I never wanted."

Wow, E.M. Abel does it again! I loved the first book in this series, Freeing Asia, especially Marcus. *wags eyebrows* But, honestly I think Breaking Shaun was even better than FA and I rated it five stars, as well. Breaking Shaun is about Shaun, Asia's brother.

He is an extremely hot, cocky, manwhore who one day meets his match in a sexy, redheaded version of himself.

"Men's egos were a lot like their dicks, always needing to be stroked."

"Women like me, break men like you."

Natalie is confident, knows what she wants in life or so she thinks until she starts to fall for this new arrogant man.

"There was no use fighting it. I'd been fighting to keep Shaun at a safe distance since I first met him and everything I'd done had been useless. If I was going to fall I might as well enjoy the ride down."

"He was teaching me how to enjoy my life rather than just to survive it."

Shaun and Natalie are so hot together!

There are scenes in this book that you will definitely want to bookmark to save for later inspiration.

"You wanna play dirty? I'll show you dirty."

" "What do you want, Shaun?" I asked, in a sultry tone. He moved his hand and watched as he ran that same thumb across my bottom lip. "I want my cock buried deep inside your gorgeous mouth." he answered without hesitation."

I love the angst and drama in this book, as well as, the twists and surprises. Breaking Shaun keeps you on the edge of your seat and makes you want to devour every word without ever putting the book down. I love the Breaking Free series and I cannot wait for Saving Jay! I highly recommend this one!

E.M. Abel says

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AND Barnes and Noble

Link: <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/break...>

Shaun wrote a Valentine letter to Natalie. He's definitely got his own brand of romance. LOL Here's the link if you want to read it!

<http://thesubclubbooks.com/?p=26597>

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

4.5--**Killer**--Stars!!

I really liked this one, better than the first. Loved the banter between Shaun and Natalie! And it was smokin' hot!!

Shaun is Asia's brother.....who we met in Freeing Asia. He's a surfer and works for Marcus.

Natalie is Nick's cousin and has just moved to town. She needs a change.....she's on her own for the first time in her life. Up until now, her life has been a bore.

She wants some adventure and spontaneity.

Shaun is of course a man-whore. He doesn't do relationships. Good news, Natalie is what you'd call the female version of a man-whore. She's a woman-whore. Natalie doesn't do relationships either.

Sounds like a match made in heaven right? More like they've both met their match. These two were stubborn as hell. Casual sex? There was nothing casual about these two...just neither one would admit their feelings for each other.

Shaun and Natalie had great chemistry.

But before Shaun and Natalie can really decide what they want from each other, Shaun gets some rather shocking news.

I really loved how Shaun handled it.

But how will the news effect Shaun and Natalie's already fragile, new "relationship"? Will they finally admit their feelings for each other? Will they be over before they even begin?

This was pretty low on the angst side, which was exactly what I needed. And what angst was there, was resolved pretty quickly and relatively drama free. Major plus.

Really enjoyed this addition to the Breaking Free series and I look forward to reading Jay's book!

Jamie says

Major love for this one !!!!

What an amazing second installment to E.M. series!! I had been looking forward to this one forever and it certainly did not disappoint. Sometimes we get these series and the first book is crazy good and you just can't wait to get your hands on the next one and then... you get a big letdown. That is so not the case with Breaking Shaun.. I might go so far as to say that I might love this one more Freeing Asia. OK.. maybe not more.. damn.. I don't know.. I loved them both hard... I loved me some Marcus and Asia (especially Marcus—so yummy)..... but there was just something about that was a little edgier about Shaun and Natalie's story that I just loved. If you've not read FREEING ASIA yet, it's not totally necessary to read it first, but you would be missing out big time on an amazing story. Plus you get introduced to Shaun in the first book and we see a good bit of Marcus and Asia and an awesome cast of characters that also show up in this one.. Again, not completely necessary to read it first.. but I'm telling you .. READ IT!

I loved the character of Natalie.. she was brass and edgy .. now she's that way because of something in her past and it's caused her to erect all kinds of walls around her heart. She's beautiful, sarcastic, and tells it like it is. She definitely does not want a relationship.. she prefers simple one night stands with no strings ever... No one has ever rocked her world or made her consider having more until she meets Shaun..

Natalie

My heart was racing. I didn't know how this man's presence had engulfed me, but I was surrounded. He obviously didn't have a shy bone in his body, and was clear he would say whatever he felt like saying, whenever he felt like saying it.

Now Shaun.. holy hells bells was he hot... Shaun is sexy, funny, and a total man ho. The ladies love him and he loves them back.. short term only! Shaun never sees himself settling down. He'll hook up with the same chics from time to time, but the one's he feels they are getting a little needy he just tosses them aside and moves on to the next one. Shaun has never met his match in any woman.. until he meets Natalie

Shaun

When Shaun spots Natalie for the first time, he of course try's to pick her up... although Natalie may be looking for a good time that night, something about Shaun and his cockiness tells her that she would be biting off more than she could chew with him.. so she shoots him down. Although Shaun was hoping to get lucky and he thought she was crazy gorgeous he rolled on.. he'd have no problem picking up someone else..

Well, as it turns out they are going to be running in the same circle now that she has moved in with her cousin back in Shaun's home town--- and do the sparks fly! As much as Natalie knows Shaun could probably show her the time of her life... he's the first man she's ever met that could break down her walls. Shaun is no different.. he recognizes something in Natalie that just calls out to him.. makes him feel something.. makes him want to do more, be more.. have more.

I'd promised myself a long time ago that I wouldn't let love break me. If that meant avoiding it, that was what I'd do. It might seem weak or cowardly, but at the age of twelve, it had made perfect sense. I managed to get his far unscathed, so why change now?

It's not an easy road for these two, and I loved every single minute of it. They were so perfect together but both fought it so hard. When they were together though... Amazing... their chemistry was off the charts hot. They didn't deny what their bodies wanted.. they only tried to deny what their hearts were telling them.

Is this what you wanted?" he whispered. He took my wrists in one hand, and the other one came down to cup my breast.

"You wanna play dirty? I'll show you dirty"

Turning her around, I pressed her back against the wall and took her bikini off. Then, I got down on my knees. The water was hitting my back, and it was still cold, but I didn't give a shit. I had to taste her again. I lifted Natalie's leg up over my shoulder, and she gasped when she felt my breath against her. My tongue came out and slowly grazed her wet, swollen pussy.. Damn, she tastes so good....

Intense chemistry and deciding to let each other in though may not be enough to overcome everything though.... Mistakes come back to bite one of them in the ass and it could change everything...

Damn... I actually found myself trying to slow down at the end of this one because I just did not want it to end... I could easily read another entire book on Shaun and Natalie. They were just that interesting of a couple. They each had layers to get through and personalities that just jumped off the pages.. E.M really created such an awesome story here. I just loved it.....

Although this book finally had to end and I was sorry to get to that final page... that epilogue has completely got me ready for the next book ..which will feature Jay! JAY JAY JAY... I just love Jay so much and I am beyond excited to see what E.M has in store for him. Jay needs his story, Jay needs his happily ever after.. and I just can't wait , CAN'T wait to see him get it.

E.M. is crazy talented and her words have a way of just pulling you into her story.. don't let this series pass you up.... Romance with a little drama, very little angst... insane hot couples with some very VERY hot sexy times (and E.M doesn't skimp on details ;)). I'm so sorry this one's over.. and I have a feeling I'll be

going back and doing a re-read of Freeing Asia pretty soon and I know I'll be re-reading this one in the future too. I can never have me too much Marcus or Shaun. But let me add.. her female leads are totally amazing also. They are strong even if wounded.. they are opinionated and have no problem mouthing off. All her characters are just so f'king fun..

Now the waiting game for Jay's story.....

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Alexis *Reality Bites* says

REVIEW -mature content reader discretion is advised.

4 STARS out of 5

Genre: Contemporary Romance

When two people looking to remain unattached become friends with benefits things start off good. The sex is great, their chemistry is off the charts and neither holds expectations for the other. But what happens when feelings take root and life hits you with a wave so strong it knocks you down...leaving you breathless. Do you get back on the board and try again or do you throw in the towel and give up? This is the dilemma Shaun and Natalie find themselves in.

In Freeing Asia readers met Shaun, Asia's big brother. Shaun is a ladies man and the ladies are happy getting served a slice of whatever he has to offer. Hot sex-no strings. When Shaun meets Natalie he has no clue that she is practically a female version of him.

Confidant, sexy and adventurous.

Recently making the three day move from California to Virginia needing a change, Natalie finds that she gets restless in one place after a few years. She is a true product of the lifestyle her mother created in her youth by moving from place to place often. Now living with her cousin Nick it places her on the same coast as her little sister now residing in New York.

Running in to Mr. Green eyes (Shaun) on her first day after settling in almost seems like fate. Well, at least for me it was, my brain runs on the same channel SRM-sappy romance mode. The fact is there was no way these two could have avoided each other they run in the same circle of friends so eventually their paths would cross.

How she evades Shaun's advances when they first meet is beyond me because the guy exudes a raw sexuality that makes you want to jump his bones. His presence seems to make her nervous which is not the norm for her.

'I never got nervous around guys. If anything, it was the other way around, and that was how I liked it. I had the pussy, which meant I called the shots. Sure, men liked to think they were in charge, and sometimes, I'd let them. It was easier that way. I'd play the role, smile and flutter my eyelashes, but I also had no problem telling men what I wanted and taking it. Men's egos were a lot like their dicks, always needing to be stroked. As long as they kept me satisfied, I didn't mind doing it.'

Natalie is not looking for a commitment so of course getting to know Shaun and finding out that they share like minds on this subject is like hitting the jackpot. He's hot as hell, has a great personality and is down for whatever. **JACKPOT!**

When these two hook up...

'Turning her around, I pressed her back against the wall and took her bikini off. Then, I got down on my knees. The water was hitting my back, and it was still cold, but I didn't give a shit. I had to taste her again. I lifted Natalie's leg up over my shoulder, and she gasped when she felt my breath against her. My tongue came out and slowly grazed over her wet, swollen pussy. Damn, she tastes so good. I let my tongue stop on her clit, and I slowly flicked it a few times.'

'I was an addict, and her body was quickly becoming my drug of choice.' -Shaun

The lines start to blur between friends. Could this be more than just a sexual relationship? As Shaun begins to realize the strong feelings he holds for Natalie a wave comes and takes him under.

...my life felt suspended in midair, and as much as I wanted to fly, I always found myself preparing for the fall. -Natalie

My Thoughts

E.M. Abel has a writing style that I enjoy to read. She provides a realistic storyline with imperfect characters; with just the right dose of sex and a heavy tug at my heart leaving me a bit emotional. Breaking Shaun was a solid 4 STAR read for me.

I need Jay's book like..NOW! I am eager for him I loved him in Freeing Asia and getting a piece of him in Breaking Shaun was not enough I NEED MORE!

My Ratings

Characters- Lovable, Hot as HELL

Writing Style- Approving...my desired cup of tea

Plot/Storyline- A guy and girl becomes friends with benefits only to discover they each want more. Shocking news places their future together in jeopardy.

Steam Factor- HIGH/VERY STEAMY On a scale of 1-10 I say 8.5

Entertainment Level- From Lo-Med-Hi I say High it kept my rapt attention and had some great laugh out loud moments

Overall- I loved it! Read it!

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Brandi says

☆4.5 'Killer' Stars☆

This book surprised me. While I enjoyed *Freeing Asia* I **loved** *Breaking Shaun*. This book is why I love new adult. It was fun and sexy, with an interesting plot.

Women like me don't fall for guys like you. We don't come when you call, we don't beg for your attention, and we don't confuse sex with love. Women like me break men like you,

Shaun and Natalie have a brief encounter at Asia's art show. He hits on Natalie, but she refuses. Months later they find themselves running into each other again. They are attracted to each other, and share commitment issues. But decide to try to be friends anyway.

"Don't pretend you don't want me to fuck you. I can see it in those beautiful eyes of yours. You've wondered what it would be like, haven't you?"

Natalie is a sexy, strong and assertive woman. She comes off as a wild child, always on the move. She just doesn't believe in love and has always avoided all types of relationships, never wanting to depend on anyone other than herself.

My life felt like a constant battle. I was always fighting to protect myself, to survive, to be happy, and I was so tired of it. I just wanted peace.

Shaun is a cocky, asshole, but he's honest. He has seen what losing love can do, and he is determined to never let that happen to him. He is straight forward and enjoys living his life by his own standards.

"I'm an asshole. You should probably know that before we go any further. I say what the fuck I want to say, and I'm honest to a fault, so when I hear someone spewing bullshit, I don't hesitate to point it out. I don't like playing fucking games,"

Shaun and Natalie grow tired of fighting their attraction and start to act on their feelings. Just sex. No expectations. But all like stories like this...feelings grow.

This was a steamy read, when these two get together, it's hot. And they seriously get it on ALL OVER THE PLACE.

Just when things seem to falling into place, the bottom drops. Something unexpected happens. Some may hate it, I liked it. It's what made this story more memorable, in my opinion. I did not expect this book to make me emotional, but it did. The author did a great job taking a difficult situation and showing how in the end, even what may seen bad, can have great beauty. And it was nice catching up with Marcus, Asia and Nick. Highly recommend this great summer read.

The things I'd once seen as mistakes had ended up being the best decisions of my life.

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Guest reviewing for:

.Lili. says

IT'S LIVE!!! :)

<http://www.amazon.com/Breaking-Shaun-...>

Breaking Shaun is the sophomore book by EM Abel, in it we are reintroduced to Shaun and Natalie. The two had met at the end of Freeing Asia and run into each other again months down the road and the sexual tension between them is felt from the start.

Natalie, is the kind of heroine that I love. She is confident and makes no apologies for who she is and the decisions she makes.

Shaun...wow. He is cocky and self assured, but right off the bat you knew that under his aloof attitude layed a man who was afraid to let himself love.

Now my feelings on the book- I'll start off with WOW. This is the type of story I love. It was funny, sexy (*the smut level is off the charts*) and emotional. There was a great flow to the story. I also appreciated that she took time to develop their relationship- but my favorite aspect of the story: it had character growth. I was so I impressed by the growth in EM Abel's writing since Freeing Asia. This was a home run read for me and a book I highly recommend. 5 Stars!

ARC kindly provided by the author for an honest review.

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

It's live!

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B00K...>

4.5 HOT HOT HOT Stars!

Shaun Fuller is Asia Fuller's brother.

He is a ladies man. He also is a surfer, works for Asia's fiancé Marcus and likes to sleep around. He doesn't really stick with one woman but the ladies still love him.

Then he meets Natalie and she shoots him down. He sees that as a challenge.

Natalie thought Shaun was fucking hot

but Natalie isn't biting so Shaun talks her into just being friends.

then Natalie finally decides benefits need to be added as well

which is good and very much wanted by the both of them.

They do many things that friends like to do.

Eat together

don't forget dessert!

Natalie plays music aka sings karaoke

and they even play games, (ok not really..He taught her to surf but I couldn't really put that right here could I?)

But where do they go from here? Can Natalie keep her feelings turned off?

Is Shaun going to have a change of heart or will Natalie get her heart broken in the end?

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Patrycja says

[Yes (hide spoiler)]

Beverly says

5 *Absolute Perfection* Stars

I absolute love this series, and seriously can't wait for Jay's book, but for now let's focus on Shaun.

Shaun is Asia's brother and is a huge man-whore.

That bothers some readers, but not this one. I love a good man-whore, who changes his life and perspective for the right girl. I love this plot line, when it is done correctly...and it was in this case. Shaun was used to screwing just about any available girl and he liked easy, until he met the one girl his charms didn't work on: Natalie.

Now Natalie is breaking that glass ceiling one sexual act at time, and hell I am loving that too. Yes, she too is a whore.

She doesn't believe that true love exists and trusting someone will only lead to heartbreak, but damn a girl has needs. I love that we have a female character who addresses sex like a man. It is nice for a change. More than that, I love that Natalie is a realistic girl. Since the story is told in dual POV we get to really know both characters and their inner thoughts. I loved the sexy times, their witty banter, and their love story unfolding.

This is not a cookie cutter story about a reformed man-whore or girl who realizes she can trust someone. No, it is so much more than that and outside the box. I love that Ms. Abel doesn't follow the regular formula for romance/NA, but goes beyond it and does risky things. In the end, I felt like everything was just as it should be. I truly loved this and highly recommend it!!

Lana ❄️Dirty Girl Romance❄️ says

3.5-4 stars

*Let's fall in love
Before the world breaks through
Before time catches up
And I break you.*

I've been stewing and stewing on my rating for a couple of weeks. It's very tough to rate a book when a personal bias comes into play as it did for me here. I had originally rated it a 3 star (liked it) read, but now bumping it up to a 3.5-4. Here's the thing, my personal bias aside, this was a highly entertaining and steamy book. I enjoyed the story and I loved the characters. Had it not been for a couple of things, this would have been a very solid 5 star read for me. So on to the review we go

There is one thing (well aside from a hot as fuck hero) that is guaranteed to make a book for me, and that's a fantastic heroine. I'm talking the type of heroine you don't read about often enough. The type of heroine that isn't shy or meek. The type of heroine that owns her sexuality and isn't afraid of a little harmless sex. The type of heroine you'd call a cool as fuck chick, and Natalie was certainly all that and more.

She pretty much had me at

I never got nervous around guys. If anything, it was the other way around, and that was how I liked it. I had the pussy, which meant I called the shots. Sure, men liked to think they were in charge, and sometimes, I'd let them. It was easier that way. I'd play the role, smile and flutter my eyelashes, but I also had no problem telling men what I wanted and taking it. Men's egos were a lot like their dicks, always needing to be stroked. As long as they kept me satisfied, I didn't mind doing it.

Natalie was no sexual wallflower. She likes sex, but she's not looking for commitment. Her past hasn't exactly given her a reason to think that relationship of any sort lasts. So what happens when the manwhoring Shaun meets his female match?

Sparks fly.

Shaun is used to getting what he wants, and that includes his pick of women. He's not exactly lacking for female companionship. He's not looking for strings, just some mutually satisfying time between the sheets with whatever willing woman crosses his path. They may hate him in the morning when he sends them packing, but they certainly go home satisfied.

So when Natalie turns Shaun down flat, he's intrigued. When he discovers three months later that they share an inner circle of friends, he can't seem to get the gorgeous redhead out of his head. But Natalie is having none of it. She may be intensely attracted to Shaun, but she knows sex complicates things, so friendship it is. But can their friendship survive the scorching sexual chemistry between them?

Definitely not.

I loved that the author didn't throw Natalie and Shaun into bed together right away. She really lets you feel that sexual chemistry and burn between them. I also liked they neither of them were exactly abstinent during this time. E.M. Abel really stayed true to Natalie's character. She didn't just stop her normal sexual routine simply because she was intrigued and attracted to Shaun.

There was one part at around 28% that had me in a bit of 'what the fuck' and 'why did he do that' rage. I had a feeling that it was heading in a certain direction, but I kept hoping the author wouldn't take it there. I don't want to spoiler it but if you're curious about the first part of it (view spoiler)

This is in part why I had such a big issue with what happens later in the story, but I definitely won't be telling you what THAT is.

I also wouldn't have minded a little more story and a little less sex. It did feel stretched out at parts and could have been shorter. But then again, the sex was pretty damn hot. Shaun certainly doesn't disappoint, even if he does like to say "Goddamn" a bit too much. He made up for it with the rest of his delicious dirty talk.

The ending is the part I wasn't thrilled about. Well, not so much the ending itself, but parts that happen during it. Don't fret, there's a very nice HEA, even though I am extremely disappointed at one big part that played in it. I'm not sure why, but considering how the rest of the story stretched, I thought the ending was a little rushed. I may think that simply because I'm still pissed about a certain thing that happens, so I may very well be the only one to think this.

Would I recommend this book? Definitely. My personal bias aside, I truly enjoyed it.

Would I read the next book? Definitely, though I'm a bit worried that I know who the heroine will be and I'm not sure how I feel about that. I hope I'm wrong.

Writing Style:Dual first person POV

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Kristen says

4 Stars - Contemporary Romance

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

I completely needed a read like this...light, fun, brave, and full of hot steamy romance!
You see, there is this boy...**SHAUN**...

He is literally sex on a stick. He has killer green eyes and a smirking smile to melt your heart with a laid back swagger and perfect amount of cocky confidence to open any two legs! He is an unapologetic

What to do when you find that girl unwilling to say YES? You never quite forget her...or at least you think you don't...Maybe it's time to slow the sex train down a bit or at least take a break from the drama!
Meet Natalie...

She too takes pleasure when and where she wants. It is too much to ask for an orgasm without the commitment? Maybe she should have given those mysterious sexy green eyes a chance as now she can't seem to get off without imagining them pinned on her!

Thank the Lord that fate and friends has put them in the same state and among the same crowd. Second chance to right that horny wrong! What better than two beautifully fun people who want to have good sex, no emotions, and no post action awkwardness? Natalie and Shaun seem to have the right chemistry and future outlook. Here is a first, Let's Be

Neither was expecting to be completely rocked by how good they are together. Finally amazing hot confident sex. A true power sharing experience. There is light easy banter with fun flirty atmosphere. DAMN that fragile heart for beginning to beat!!!!

Come on, everyone saw it coming, right? The Breaking of Shaun was AWESOME! Loved every minute of him experiencing true feelings of admiration, jealousy, giddiness, and pure happiness. Natalie was the perfect fit for him. YES there is a bit of angst and quite a bumpy ride, but when you find that perfect match for your mind and heart...well you fight for it! Natalie didn't stand a chance against Shaun!

Duchess Nicole says

4.5 Stars

Why are all of my NA reading friends not reading this book right now?!?!?!? Clamor for it, you lovelies. This was...ahem...excuse me...pretty fuckhot. And with a twist that somehow really just *fit* with Shaun and Natalie's story. A total WTF incident that at first had me thinking whaaaaaaaat? And then the author slowly made me not only accept it, but made me love it.

Natalie...she's hella cool.

There's enough of a background on her that you get a sense of who she is without it feeling like she's constantly throwing a pity party and dwelling on the "poor me" aspects of her life. Girl's had it rough but she doesn't let it define her. She's unapologetically *Natalie* and I loved that about her. She knows she has issues. She's ashamed of some aspects of her life and not exactly without insecurities. But she's also very kindhearted and normal. She's sexual but not so aggressive that it turned me away from her. Basically, she's strong enough to take on Shaun and not be ruined.

"Have you ever been with someone like me?" I asked Shaun.

He watched me, his hand still stroking his dick through his jeans, but he didn't respond.

"Women like me don't fall for guys like you. We don't come when you call, we don't beg for your attention, and we don't confuse sex with love. Women like me Break men like you."

Shaun...****heavy breathing**** Oh my.

Shaun's twenty six years old and up until now, he's been perfectly fine with the way he lives his life. No, it's not that he wants to settle down and have a serious relationship. I felt like he really was just fed up with a meaningless existence. A crossroads in his life, I guess. Everyone has these moments of discontent, and that's where Shaun is when this book starts out. He's quite the hottie, so girls are never an issue, but he's very careful never to lead one into thinking there is more to him than one night.

"Yeah, I knew how to sweet talk my way into a woman's panties, but I never filled her with false hope. I never promised anyone I'd be her boyfriend and take her out on dates. When I made promises, I always kept them, and the most I'd ever promised a woman was multiple orgasms."

Sound like a fairy tale prince? Not hardly. But believe me when I say that Shaun has enough heart and soul to win over the most skeptical of women.

I rarely think of the perfect song for a book, and although the overall tone of this story is a little more rocker than this, I kept thinking of Sheryl Crow's "Strong Enough" while reading this.

? ? God, I feel like hell tonight
Tears of rage I cannot fight
I'd be the last to help you understand
Are you strong enough to be my man?

Nothing's true and nothing's right
So let me be alone tonight
'Cause you can't change the way I am
Are you strong enough to be my man?

I have a face I cannot show
I make the rules up as I go
Just try and love me if you can
Are you strong enough to be my man?
My man

? ? When I've shown you that I just don't care
When I'm throwing punches in the air
When I'm broken down and I can't stand
Would you be man enough to be my man? ? ?

I can't say or hint at what eventually endears me to him so much, but I can say that it's a doozy. Shaun shows his true character in a way that a hero rarely gets to. And it somehow fit this wild, unexplainable relationship that he and Natalie come to have. Natalie, too, gets to shine, gets to prove how not only resilient she is, but

how *completing* yourself by *giving* yourself is the best way to live.

All of this takes place in Virginia, where the beach and surfing are readily available. The sea seems to be Shaun's first true love, and it's there that he and Natalie first start to really bond as friendly lovers. I loved that they could have fun together, and it's becoming evident that this goofy realism is part of E.M. Abel's language.

"He thrust his hips to the beat of the music, his junk swinging back and forth."

Ladies...if you haven't witnessed the flamboyance of a swinging junk, you're missing out! :D:D

This is a somewhat angsty book, but very very different from book one. Namely, the love triangle is gone and this is really the story of two extremely similar people fighting their own feelings for each other. They're adorably confused.

"Even the fucking beach was reminding me of Natalie now. This is bullshit..."

Last but definitely not least, I can't write this entire review without mentioning the sex. Holy Freaking HELL, people! You want to talk about some word porn, this book needs to be read with a man handy. Shoot, read those scenes **with** your man and then act them out verbatim. Spice it up, be ready to rumble. This. Was. Fuckhot. There's no other word for it, it's a panties gone kind of book. Shaun...there are no words. He's just the perfect amount of confidence and cockiness, rough and gentle, alpha and beta, and all those other opposites that men tend to forget when it comes to play.

For Marcus/Asia lovers, you won't be disappointed. They are a big part of the story. And for Jay lovers like me, he even make a couple of cameo appearances. AND he gets a teaser at the end of the book that both breaks your heart and riles you up. Now I'm being greedy, but I seriously cannot WAIT for Jay's book.

Christy says

5 Stars!!!

Let's fall in love
Before the world breaks through.
Before time catches up
And I break you.

?After reading *Freeing Asia* and meeting Asia's brother Shaun, I was excited to hear he was getting his own book. His story didn't disappoint. I liked *Freeing Asia* a lot, but I liked *Breaking Shaun* so much more!

I was captivated from Shaun and Natalie's very first meeting. Shaun being the cocky playboy that he is propositions Natalie. And Natalie being the tough chick she is turns him down. Flat.

“I’m not interested.”? “Too bad. I was really looking forward to lifting that red dress up around your hips and testing how wet I could get you before you begged me to fuck you”

?Natalie may seem like the wild girl. She works at a bar, she sleeps with whoever she wants whenever she wants. She doesn’t do relationships and she doesn’t believe in love.

I liked control because, honestly, I didn’t trust anyone enough to let them have it.

?Natalie really isn’t as wild as she seems. She’s actually a responsible and loving sister. Spending the bulk of her teenage/adult years taking care of her little sister, she figures now is as good of a time as any for a fresh start. So she moves cross country, temporarily staying with her cousin Nick. Nick is good friends with Asia Fuller, who happens to be Shaun’s sister.

Shaun Fuller. Shaun also sleeps with whoever he wants whenever he wants. He doesn’t so girlfriends, he doesn’t pretend to be anything other than what he is. He’s straight with anyone he’s with. He doesn’t make promises he can’t keep.

Shaun doesn’t know what it is about Natalie that draws him to her. Sure, she’s beautiful, but there is more than that. She turns him down over and over again and it just makes him want her that much more. Natalie is finally settling in. She’s got a job, she’s making friends, she doesn’t want to ruin it by sleeping with her new friends brother, no matter how attracted she is to him. So they decide to be just friends.

Keeping that man in the friend zone was going to be a challenge for sure. I just hoped I was up for it.

?And let me tell you... Shaun doesn’t make it easy. But neither does Natalie. He soon realizes, he really has met his match with her.

I had a feeling I had finally met my match.

We all know how well ‘just friends’ usually goes. Just friends turns into just friends with benefits. And that can be... tricky.

Lets talk about the characters. I loved them both. Natalie was confident in who she was, independent and fun. After learning about her past, it was easy to understand why she was the way she was when it came to relationships.

“Loving someone isn’t enough to keep them from leaving, and I’ve been left behind enough to know it’s not worth the risk.”

?And then there was Shaun. I love a good playboy/man-whore and he was perfect! This cocky, confident and hilarious man eventually opened up and showed his more vulnerable side.

Can I just say that the chemistry between these two was off the freaking chart!?!? Seriously. The steam in

this story didn't disappoint. One of the hottest books I've read in a while... Shaun will have you fanning yourself. His mix of playfulness/alpha male was perfect. This book belongs on the top of my panty-dropping-hot shelf. A relationship (sexual or not) with two alphas seems like it would be destined to fail, but this couple really worked together.

Now the ending. There are going to be some readers out there who won't love it. It won't work for everyone. There was a bit of a twist that I wasn't sure about at first. But the more I read, the more I loved it. Personally, I thought the ending was beautiful. I felt like it showed growth on both of the main characters parts, and unconditional love and acceptance. It left my heart warm and I had a huge smile on my face.

I really enjoyed the writing, the characters and the storyline of *Breaking Shaun*. There wasn't much about this book I didn't love. I love a friends to lovers story, I love a good man-whore with a strong independent woman, and I absolutely adore stories where the characters have substantial growth. This book hit all those love buttons. It was great to catch up with Asia, Marcus, Nick and JAY. I'm so excited for his story!

If your looking for a summer read full of humor, romance, and tons of steam, you've found your next book!

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