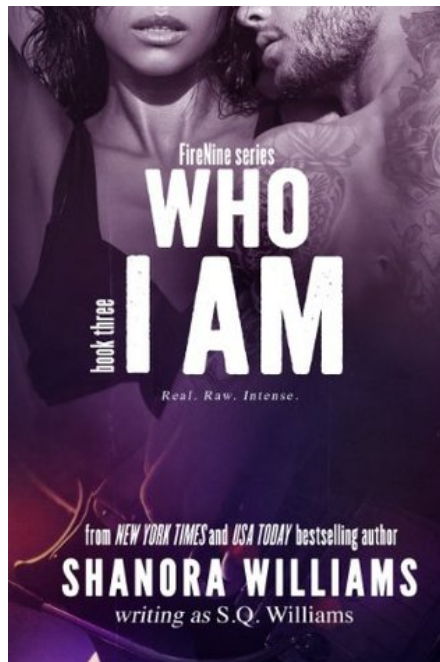




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Recommended for ages 18+ due to strong sexual content and mild violence.

Some stories aren't easy to tell.

Some situations aren't easy to relive.

But I was raised to be strong—to hold my own. Because of it, I was hurt, torn down, beaten and even had my heart snatched right out of my chest.

But I'm ready now. It's time for me to speak up. You want to know what really goes on inside my head, well I'm right here.

Real. Raw. Intense.

This is all me. Roy Sykes. This is my story, and trust me... its far from pretty.

This is the third book of the FireNine series but it can be read as a standalone.

Who I Am Details

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Amanda Jones says

Ooh Roy .. come out come out wherever you are!! I can't wait for this book!!

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DONT READ UNLESS YOU'VE READ THIS BOOK!!

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ok so let me start out first by saying that I have been waiting for Roy Sykes since Who He Is .. from the very beginning he was interesting to me but I really fell for him in Who We Are .. soo I was ubber excited that his book was next ..? Now from the very beginning I did not like Rose at all .. & I didn't like her even more when the whole Tommy situation exploded & Roy took her back & bless his heart he had his sick mom to take care of!!

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I loved Roy & Kelseys part of the story but I hated when they fought ..): stinkin Rose just had to walk back into his life): .. but im glad they are gonna have a little novella because their side of the story just wasnt long enough for me!!

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Roy Sykes is by far my favorite FireNine member!!

Shanora Williams says

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**"As I sit myself up on my elbows and look into her glistening eyes, I know she feels it, too...
This love. This undeniable, insatiable love."**

Sheila says

I was really excited when I read that Roy's story would be out. I knew he had secrets. But this was ugly. At about 45% through, I wasn't even sure I wanted to keep reading. The first half of the book is his life's story just before the band gets discovered. I guess it was hard reading because of the dark issues; but also because it felt like there wasn't very much storyline involving the band. I felt like the story did pick back up a little when it skipped forward to a 'present' day timeline. It still seemed like too much of the story was about his past and more needed to be spent on his current relationship. Though apparently he has a strong current relationship, I didn't 'feel' it as strongly. They were pretty much either fighting or having sex. Which, for me as the reader, doesn't necessarily establish a strong 'your the only one for me' type of relationship they were supposed to have. Maybe my expectations were too high. Maybe this is exactly how the author wanted to portray Roy. In the end, I didn't LOVE the story and I didn't LOVE Roy, like I was hoping to. So for me it was an okay, 3 star read.

Lustful Literature says

****TARA & SHANYN'S REVIEW****

Roy Sykes is a broken man. Before his band made it big as FireNine, Roy's life was spiraling downhill. This is Roy's story as told by him during an interview for a magazine article about his life. The first 57% of the book is a flashback to Roy's life 8 years ago, and how the decisions he has made, and things he has done made him the man he is.

"I think...that was the hardest shit I've ever been through-and I've been through a lot of shit."

After meeting and falling for a mob bosses daughter, Roy allows himself to finally open up to the one the girl who has stolen his heart. When everything around him seems to be closing in on him, Roy depends on Rose to be his light at the end of the tunnel. Through the course of a year, Roy struggles through ups and downs with Rose, until finally all of his dreams seem to be finally coming true. Suddenly his world comes crashing down again around him leaving him heartbroken.

T: I loved Roy in the first two books in the FireNine series, so I was super excited to learn Roy's back story. I was intrigued by what was going on in his head and the way he was. While I did enjoy learning Roy's back story, I felt that it ran a little flat for me, and was drawn out a little longer then I would have liked.

S: I agree Tara. I couldn't wait for Roy's book to be released. I wanted to know what made him who he is. But, I too felt it was drawn out too far. I kept finding myself asking "When will we get to the present"? I am so glad I know more about him, but it could have been done within 30% of the book.

"A huge part of me died after my encounter with Rose and mom's death."

FireNine is reaching the peak of success, Roy has moved on from his past, and Kelsey enters his life just when he needed her the most. At 57%, we come back to present day and pick up with Roy's life.

"I wanted to dig deeper because, in some sort of way, what I saw in her eyes had also been hidden behind mine."

T: I absolutely love Kelsey...I can totally relate to the passion Roy has for her. Their instant connection in Who We Are had me cheering for their relationship. I knew from the start she was going to be the one to break Roy, and show him what true love was all about.

S: Kelsey and Roy make me so happy together! She knows how to relate to Roy, and had me believing she could be the one person to change his life. She would open his heart. I just hoped he would let her.

Things are going great for Roy and Kelsey until Rose re-emerges in his life and things start to unravel. Roy finds his emotions are torn between past and present, the love he shares with Kelsey, and the love he once knew with Rose.

*Will Roy let Rose come between him and Kelsey?

*Are the memories of his first love too hard to let go of?

*Will his past come back and ruin the life he has created for himself?

*Will Roy find his Happily Ever After?

These are just some of the questions you will be asking yourself as you read through the second half of the book. While they will all be answered, you may find yourself surprised at how it all plays out. During a brief time, you will want to slap Roy and ask him "why Roy why?"

"It was because of you that I believed in love again."

S & T: We were both expecting an angsty, drawn out, twist and turn time here. It felt so rushed and predictable. We would have loved to see a confrontation between Kelsey and Rose, and to see Roy prove himself to his one true love.

"This right here, this angelic girl lying beside me and the boys I've grown up with, are all I have in this world now."

Overall we really enjoyed reading Who I Am. We both agree it is a 4 Star read. To get the full experience and fully understand Roy, you should read Who He Is and Who We Are, which btw are both AMAZING!!! Although, Who I Am, only briefly touches on the past characters from the first 2 books in the series, it is important to have a glimpse into Roy's actions in those books to understand him completely.

"I love Roy Sykes with my whole heart. I love him more than I've loved anyone else. Our love...it's infinite."

An ARC was provided in exchange for an honest review

Heather andrews says

Roy, loved him more then Gage! Sorry Gage but Roy is just yum...yum...! Although there either needs to be a second book, or a novella dealing with Roy's ex-gf and how Kelsey handles it because to me that situation wasn't resolved. Kelsey she has lady balls she has an issue the woman lets you know, "yes, Roy. Earlier," I snap. "I..saw you. I saw you meet up with her. I saw her hug you. I saw you smiling. You were.. happy to see her, were you not?" Roy he has some jealous issues when it comes to Kelsey, "you lay a finger on her, and I'll break that s*** off!" I seethe, stomping toward him." Kelsey knows how to treat her man, "poking her tongue out, she drags it down savoring every inch until she reaches my balls. Oh, eff. My balls. I'm not read

for - It's too effing late. She's already sucking on them, and I'm groaning while fisting her hair. She sucks them gently, and my mouth falls open, wanting more. So much more. "Eff, Kelsey," I groan. "I'm really looking forward to Montana's book I really am."

Book Fancy says

Wow! I was lucky enough to have received an ARC of this book. I finished it one day! I love this series!!! There is so much emotion and pain behind Roy, and I was glad to find out why he is so quiet and keeps to himself. Shanora is such an amazing writer and love all the details she gives in her writing. I always feel really connected to her characters. The only reason I gave it 4 stars instead of 5 is because I would have liked to know more about how Roy and Kelsey first got together (besides what little we were given in Gage's story). Shanora is autobuy for me and I will continue to read any book she writes!

Brittany Alexander says

She is the love of my life.
She is my hope and faith.
She is my motivation.
She is my diary.
She is my world.
She is the joy I never thought I could have again.
She is my restoration.
She is who I am.

SQ Williams hit it (haha, get it, cause it's about a band...) with Who I Am, the third novel in the FireNine series. This novel tells us about Roy Sykes, and who he really is. In the first two novels, Who He Is and Who We Are, we get a little background on the quiet guitar player, but not enough that we are satisfied.

Roy Sykes is the lead guitarist in the popular rock band, FireNine. Him and three other guys started out as a local band, finally getting their shot at fame. Women have never been hard for them to get, but sometimes, there's just that one that gets to you...

While Roy is sitting on a park bench, mindlessly strumming his guitar, a woman happens upon him. Rosemarie Beretta, a woman who will change his life forever.

She was stunning. Gorgeous. Every word in the fucking book that related to beautiful.

When Rose hurts him deeply, he lets himself hurt, but decides that her excuses are genuine, and that she really does love him.

I got so caught up with her that I didn't even see the darkness at the end of our tunnel. She was my everything, but sometimes we weren't everything the other wanted. Sometimes we weren't enough. After being hurt even deeper than the first time, Roy takes off. His mission is to forget her. And now the band has a contract, and he's traveling the country.

When back in New York, he meets Kelsey Prior. They start a relationship together and everything is happy and good, until Rosemarie shows up.

I have always been a fan of this series, since the beginning. I love the boys of FireNine. I was always super curious about Roy, since he was always quiet and standoffish. We get to travel into the past and hear about Roy's struggle. It's deep, and SQ does a wonderful job of conveying that emotion.

Roy's story is heartbreaking. He's been through the wringer. SQ Williams does a fantastic job of letting the reader experience what he's feeling too. I love that about her writing.

I love that the story isn't all Roy. There is a little bit of Gage and Eliza, Montana, and Deed. I wish there was a bit more, though. I understand why they didn't play a bigger role in this novel; it's Roy's time to shine.

I felt that Roy got his chance in the spotlight. The story line was never rushed, nor was it too drawn out. It was absolutely perfect. I got to know Roy and Kelsey as well, as some of the chapters were written in her point of view. It's fun getting to know both characters and how they really feel, rather than being in one's point of view, and only hearing the other's feelings when they speak.

This story was fantastic! I was not disappointed. I really hope Montana's story is next... I love me some Delray. Five stars for the fabulous and fierce, SQ Williams. You go, girl!

Stacy says

I was given a ARC for my honest opinion.

WTG Shanora!!! Another awesome book!!!

Roy's story....For those of us who were wondering about Roy's past all is revealed in this book He does not hold back and we learn all about his mother, the band before it hit big-time, Rose (his first love) Corey and all the things he had to do to make his mom comfortable. It wasn't pleasant and your heart goes out to Roy and everything he went through and was put through. My heart broke for him. Rose was a selfish manipulating bit@h who did not deserve Roy. No wonder he is so guarded. But he treated her like a queen and he treats Kelsey like a queen. Until Rose comes back into the picture. Has Roy moved on from his original broken heart... Can he let Rose go again & have a great life with Kelsey? Read for the answers !!! I would love to see the stories of the rest of the band with one last book containing anything that has been left "unsaid" in the previous ones...

Selene says

Who I Am is the third book in the FireNine Series. The book's focus is the band's mysterious guitarist Roy Sykes. We don't hear much from Roy or learn much about him in the first two books of the series (Who He Is and Who We Are) ... Roy's focus is his music – not the partying, not the groupies. There are hints made at a painful past that has made him the way he is. Who I Am is Roy's story.

Who I Am can almost be divided into two different books ... the past and the present. Roy is doing an interview, opening up to his fans about his past. The first half of Who I Am is just that Roy telling his story. He looks back eight years to when FireNine is a struggling local band, hoping to make it big one day. Roy is living with his mom, who is battling a terminal illness. He loves and adores his mother and he will do just about anything to take care of her and help make ends meet. And by anything I mean working for a local drug dealing thug who does horrible things to Roy throughout the story.

And then he meets Rosemarie. Roy has no idea she's a mob boss' daughter until he makes a delivery to her house. Even though it should, it doesn't stop him from falling for her. She's sweet and beautiful and seems to be crazy about Roy.

I was getting myself into something new.

Something different.

Something dangerous.

But at this moment, as I held her in my embrace and she held me back, I knew what I'd gotten myself into would be worth it...

Oh Roy If only you knew just how wrong you are! Their relationship seems too good to be true and,

well, it is. Rosemarie is just a major bitch and breaks Roy's heart ... just when he needs her the most.

I just... sat there and blended in with the darkness, wondering how the hell I was going to get myself out of this one. This was my heart. This was me. And she fucked it all up. She... destroyed me.

After reading the first half of Who I Am, I felt such a connection to Roy. My heart broke for him, all that he endured and went through, especially with his mom.

Roy meets Kelsey in Who We Are and something comes alive in him that had been dead for a long, long time.

I never thought I'd see that part of me again – the part where I was alive, energetic... happy But I was wrong. Kelsey Prior showed up, and she took over every single part of me.

Kelsey is sweet and beautiful and she genuinely loves Roy not the musician or the fame but him. She gets him, she sees into his soul. And as much as I adore Roy, I was so mad at him when he screwed it all up. After his interview aired, someone decided to crawl out from under the rock she'd been hiding under for eight years. Yes, Rosemarie returns and Roy, despite his best intentions, makes a series of bad choices and leaves Kelsey with no choice but to kick him to the curb.

Where is Roy's heart though? Is it in the past with Rosemarie or with Kelsey?

I know I lied to you and I promised you I never would, but if you think for a second that I won't fight my hardest to win you back and make you mine all over again, you're wrong.

Who's trying to win who back? Has Rosemarie really changed? Can Roy leave his past where it belongs or does first love run too deep to walk away from it when it returns?

In the end, Roy gets the girl but I'm not saying which one!

I can't get enough. I love her. I'm in complete love with her. I'll never let something this good to me go. Not again. Not ever.

She is the love of my life.

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She is my diary.

She is my world.

She is the joy I never thought I could have again.

She is my restoration.

She is who I am.

Natalie Townson says

Oh man where do I start, hmmm Roy, I think I may have fallen I love with a man named Roy and he is many shades of Effed Up, I completely love this series I love the entire band members of FireNine and wouldn't say no to any of them lol Gage was always my favorite, WAS being the main word there because now let me introduce you to my new book boyfriend his name is Roy!! Hi my name is Natalie and I'm a Royaholic.

The book starts in present day with Roy who has fallen in love with Kelsi, she has convinced him to do a interview and tell his story, people have the wrong impression of him, fans are starting to feel he isn't interested in them which couldn't be further from the truth, events from Roy's past make him guarded and he would rather lurk in the background playing his music than be the star of the show, he has his boys and he has kelsi and that's enough for him

So here is Roy's story....

Roy's life has been eventful his mum is sick and he needs to find a way to support her and pay for her healthcare, so he does some stuff he isn't proud of but it's the only option he has at the time, it's here he meets Rosemary, for him she is the most beautiful person he has ever seen and knows she is different, but why would she look twice at him, a guy from the wrong side of town covered in tatoos, to Roy's surprise rose agrees to go on a date with him, he knows he has to do things different with her and so he tries to be a better man.

What happens next is exciting, Roy's life changes in ways he never expects he is in so deep he can't seem to find a way out, the only light in his dark life is rose, she makes him want to be the better man, but when you have people around you who are determined to bring you down, it's extremely hard not to just sit back and take it....

This book was fantastic, I couldn't reccomend it more and if like me you love the FireNine boys you will love the third book in the series.

I only have one timest thing that I thought would have improved the story and that's at the beginning when Roy is about to start his story it would have been better if we see him go into the press office and say I'm Roy Sykes and this is my story.... Lol well that's my opinion everyone else will probably say ER what the eff are you on about haha

This series is one of my favorites, I get bubbles in my belly when I know there will be a new book coming..... bring on Montana

I give this book a MASSIVE FIVE STARS it is fantastic

SammiesBookBlog says

I was given a ARC for my honest opinion.

Roy's story I was looking forward to the most. I wanted to know why he was so quiet, reserved, held back and had a chip on his shoulder. Well, we learn why in this book. He does not hold back and we learn all about his mother, the band before it hit it big, Rose, Corey and all the things he had to do to make a living. It wasn't pleasant and your heart goes out to Roy and everything he went through and was put through. My heart broke for him. Rose was a complete b***** and did not deserve Roy. No wonder he is so guarded. But he treated her like a queen and he treats Kelsey like a queen. Until Rose comes back into the picture. Has Roy moved on from 8 years ago? does he and Kelsey have a shot at love and happiness? can Roy move on and let his past go? you will have to read to find out. Let me just say, it was pretty awesome and we learn all about Roy, get the boys also and Montana is his usual witty and hilarious self. Shanora did not disappoint. A must read for sure :-)

"You're my final love. You're my world now."

"I love you, Kelsey Prior. We'll be okay again."

"I told you, you're my world now. And if you're my world, that means I need you like air. I need you like water. I need you more than I need anything else... more than music. That's a whole lot of needing."

Nanette Bradford says

Wow wow wow! I just finished Roy's story and it is everything I hoped for and more. The first books really didn't go into him very much. He was always the quiet one brooding alone in the corner. Never really talking much except for the occasional one word. You knew he cared about his band brothers and you just felt that something had broken him inside but in this book you find out all that truly happened to make him the way he is.

I personally love Roy. Montana will always be my favorite but there was just something about Roy that made me fall in love with him. I think it's the fixer in me. I would of loved to know him and just hug him. Listen to his story and be there for him. That's why I loved Kelsey. She did just that. She understood Roy because she had been through the same crushing heartbreak as him. She knew what it was like to be in love and have that person shatter you in a million pieces. It's a life changer but with Roy it was different. They found solace in each other. Each giving as much as the other.

This is truly my favorite of this series so far. Shanora told Roy's story so well. He is a lover and a fighter and he proved it over again. Yeah he screwed up but who doesn't. I'm totally satisfied with this story. No questions left unanswered no regret.. This is truly one to read if you love the FireNine boys.. I can't wait for they next..

Michelle says

I luv this series an was dyin 2 read this book an I was so not disappointed I liked Roy from the first 2 books but didn't really get 2 know much about him so this book was brilliant we found out everything he went through an god he went through so much between rose an his mum Roy is just so carin an would do anything 4 anyone I just luvd him after read this an I luv what him an Kelsey had they r just amazin 2gether I dyin 2 read more from this series xxx

Angie says

I really enjoyed this book. I liked how Williams set the book eight years ago to give us a look into Roy's past. We got to see the early days of FireNine and how it all began. Roy was struggling to help get the band noticed all while taking care of his sick mother and working an illegal job to make ends meet. While practicing in the garage one day he meets Rosemarie while she jogs by. The next year is a whirlwind juggling the band, his mother, and his relationship with Rose. And eventually the band blows up but everything else falls apart. The scene with his mother around 54% killed me! Then we come to present day when the band is famous and Roy is extremely in love with Kelsey. He is finally happy. But the past comes back to affect his present. Roy makes some stupid mistakes but his love for Kelsey is clear. I thought Roy was a great guy, his 19 year old self was so sweet! I'm glad there's going to be

a novella continuing their story because it did feel a little unfinished, but it was great getting to know the mysterious Roy Sykes. Looking forward to Montana's story!

Steph says

I really liked the first two books in this series, but this third installment left me disappointed. The first half of the book was a flashback to understand where Roy came from and why he is so guarded. I thought this section was entirely too long and I was bored. The character Rocky was bizarre, and I didn't buy how Corey and crew were dealt with. I couldn't feel the connection with Roy and Kelsey because a majority of the book wasn't about them. I didn't get Roy's actions with Rosemarie. The whole book just didn't feel right for me.
