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“Value the people who sacrifice their something for you ... because maybe that something was their everything.”

- Unknown

The brief was simple—infiltrate our rival’s crew and steal the info we needed. Easy, right? I thought so, too, until I met Ryan. A woman with the ability to change my view on everything: who I was, who I am now, and what I want to be remembered for when the reaper comes to collect.

I’m a killer, a scapegoat for hire—the man who’ll take the fall for your immoral operation if you offer me the right price. I’ve made enemies along the way, and I’m forever watching my back. In a world as corrupt as mine, love and relationships remain an unobtainable target. So I act the fool, parade as the playboy, but all I really want is to belong to somebody.

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That was, until she turned the table and risked it all to help me.

When best-laid plans fall apart, and we’re both put to the test, will love or loyalty prevail?

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Sheri says

This sucks!!!!!! The last Butcher Boy book is out and like usual I devoured it in one sitting. Every time I read one of Max's books, I say to myself "Damn this one is better than the last one". However Max pulled out all of the stops when it came to writing Bronx's story.

Bronx is called in to help alleviate the Fallen Saints biggest threat. He now has to go undercover and get up and close with skinheads, addiction and a certain brown head beauty. Just when he thought that fitting in would be hard, Bronx soon discovers that a certain white powder (that the skins provide) can make all his troubles go away. But when his eyes land on a certain girl, everything soon changes. He doesn't care if she is the girlfriend to one of the skins but all he knows is that he will have her. But at what cost? Will he tell her his secret and blow his cover? Or will he get close and try to save her and himself?

Ryan doesn't want to date a skinhead, but with no family and nowhere else to go she doesn't have much choice. She doesn't love Gunther but knowing that his friend may hold the answers to her many questions, Ryan is on a mission. However when her eyes connect with a certain stranger at a party, her whole outlook changes. Can she leave everything behind for this man? How will she ever get the answers to her questions that have plagued her nightmares for years?

Both Ryan and Bronx go through Hell and back to make it out of their horrible circumstances. Each character molded nicely with each other and their back and forth banter was the best. Bronx's attitude is total Alpha and with the mentality of not giving up on what he wants, Ryan was toast. But on another note, we are able to see what Bronx really wants out of life....Someone to come home to. From reading the other stories we as readers may not have picked up on this but I am glad Max gave the Butcher Bad-boy a big heart. Ryan on one hand might come across as a weak character but after learning her predicament and how she is totally stuck in skinhead Hell, one can start to see her in a new light. Throughout the story, Ryan soon starts to gain the backbone we as readers want her to have and by the end of the story she comes out victorious.

Again let me state that I am totally sad that this was the last Butcher Boy story but was totally glad to see a note at the end saying that the author will continue on with some of the supporting characters in her new series. All I can say is "I NEED TO READ ABOUT SAWYER". Hahaha Also please if you are going to read this book, read the 4 previous ones first. It could be read as a stand alone but one will get the full picture if the other books are read.

Gucci Girl says

5 stars

Devil Smoke is one of my favorite books of the series. This Bronx's story and it's oh so good. There is action, suspense, hot alpha males, sexy time between the sheets and humor. Everything that makes up a good book. So I highly recommend Butcher Boys Series by Max Henry you will not be disappointed but you have to read them in order to get a feel for the characters and storyline. Happy Reading! !

Amy says

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The Butcher Boys Series
5 -- BB stars

The order of the series is:

Devil You Know – Malice and Jane

Devil On Your Back – Vince and Sonya (Malice's Dad)

Devil May Care -- Sawyer (swoon) Short Novella on Sawyer, his father Carlos and Dana. We meet Sawyer in Devil on your Back and he is grade A psychotic. This novella gives you the needed insight on why he is the way he is. THE COVER ... dear Sweet Baby Jesus.

Devil in the Detail -- Ty and Ramona's Story with some Sawyer thrown in. HEHEHE!

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AND I LOVE THEM ALL! -- And now its over! NO NO NO! Lets talk about the covers of all of these books -- how much time do you have ladies? Jeezuz Max lets us know, at the end, that we are sure to see the boys in The Fallen Saints Series. We are getting King's story next. YES! After King we get Hooch and then probably Tap. Im pumped! But lets get to it. Oh and by the way the cover on this release. That's Don Allen .. Dear lawd help us all. Yes Im still on the cover ... I know Im all over the place but Im distraught and happy all at the same time.

I absolutely LOVE the prologue of this release. The sixth paragraph is riveting. The last two sentences in the prologue ... amazing. Freaking love it.

Bronx is a killer for hire. He is a Butcher Boy. Ty has led Bronx into some serious stuff with no one other than Eddie. Hooch, King and the boys all believe Bronx can get in there and get out doing what is expected. Bronx hopes he can walk away from the stuff he is shoving up his nose in order to look the part. It makes him forget, it makes him feel worthy and alive. Wondering how Ty keeps it at bay he isn't sure he is cut out for the job but if he doesn't then what? He owes this to the players involved. He owes this to the boys; all of them. Bronx needs to find the network of dealers and when he does he can lay it at Kings feet and walk away from all of the shit. He can venture off to a warm place and an overdue vacation. The problem is he walks away alone. Alone is not what he wants anymore; he wants someone to wake up with, spend his life with and make it matter but he knows he doesn't deserve it. Who would want him and the hell that comes with him? No one .. that's who.

Ryan is consumed with the man she continues to see at the bar and now he is here at the party. Why is the question; but she cant be distracted from getting the information she needs. Gunter is a pig but he keeps her safe. Tommy doesn't belong in their Nazi white supremacy crap but he's here too. Gunter should shield his brother from Eddie and Easy but he pulled him in. For years she's put up with their nasty ways of supremacy but eventually she will find out what she needs and the man walking towards her cannot be a factor. She cant let him ruin what she has worked her entire life to find out. She will find what she needs and then she will

run.

This book is fantastic; Bronx and Ryan and two very tortured souls but in different ways. The pain they hold inside is almost enough to break you while reading. Max has such a magnificent way of bringing you straight into the pages and into the story. I was gutted at the loss of one particular individual. I hoped please don't let this happen ... but in the end we aren't the ones allowed to make that decision and bring those feelings barreling out like a tidal wave. The tables turn almost half way into Devil Smoke. Its brilliant.

You need to read this final book. The Butcher Boys have kept us begging for more and now we have them all. I just don't know if its enough and Im ready to let go. Max you slay me! I just want to wrap these up and keep them in a little box with some other favorite authors. What a wonderful world that would be!

Click this one up and all the others too. Amazing men on these pages; brutal and honest; bad ass and sexy as hell. I received an ARC for an honest review. Thank you Max! I will be waiting for the Fallen Saints with anxiety laced thoughts! Review to post on Ramblings From Beneath The Sheets!

Reviews from the Heart (Kimberly Anne) says

This is a highly intense and gripping story that held my attention from the first page to the last!

This story is fast paced and loaded with corruption, deceit, and tense situations. Ryan is a woman who has searched her entire life for the reason behind her parents' brutal murder when she was a child. She believes it to have been at the hands of the man who she knew as her uncle and protector. She's sacrificed everything in order to find out the truth of what happened that night and won't stop until she knows. She's gone as far as to infiltrate a local group of skinhead bikers in order to gather information she believes the leader possesses. Everything seems to be going according to plan until the day the sexy stranger walks through the door and changes everything. Bronx is on a mission of his own and his life depends on its successful completion no matter what it takes. Not being able to get the beautiful girlfriend of one of the gang members out of his head wasn't part of the plan.

This was a dark and thrilling love story that was gritty in nature and I loved every minute of reading this! My heart goes out to Ryan from the minute I read about her past experiences and the fact that she's dedicated her entire life and sacrificed everything in order to discover the truth about the death of her parents. The idea of a child losing both of her parents in one night and being left entirely alone is devastating and I wanted nothing more than for her to finally find the peace she so rightfully

deserved. Bronx is a dark force who harbors many secrets of his own and he feels an immediate and intense connection towards Ryan that completely changes everything for the both of them. Bronx is willing to do whatever it takes in order to help Ryan get what she needs and puts his life on the line in order to make this happen. This story is told from both Ryan and Bronx's perspectives and I found this to be extremely helpful in being able to better understand where each of them stood on an emotional level as the story progressed. The interactions between the two were intense and it almost seemed as if they'd known each other before given the fact of how comfortable they were with each other from the start. It made me feel as if they were meant to be together. This was an interesting look into the extreme lifestyle and hierarchy of gangs and I found it fascinating.

Alicia Schaefer says

Was given an ARC in exchange for an honest review... Awesome book! I was new to the series but knew this could be read as a standalone. After this, I'll surely be going back for more! Really loved the characters.. Bronx was a sweetheart and I loved Ryan to death.. tough as nails and determined to find out the truth about her past, she lives numb for years trying to get close enough to the one person who can tell her the truth. What she finds out is nothing like she ever expected. Excellent writing with an interesting storyline that just drags you in from the start!

Julie says

Bronx has a tough job to do, he's a Butchers Boy and he's going undercover to get info. from their rival's. But to do that he has to go beyond the usual requirements asked of him, like using their favourite drug like a pro., and not get hooked. He begins to find it a task he's not sure he's strong enough to deal with and do his job well, but he has to find the network of drug dealers. The boys trust him, he can do it, then he can to walk away. Trouble is the guy's have settled down now and he doesn't want to spend his time alone any more. But after all that he had done, who would want him?

Ryan has been on a mission to find info she needs and to do that she must continue to show affection to that 'Ghastly pig' Gunter. He belongs to a Nazi white supremacy group which turns her stomach - he does keep her safe, if she can keep him happy that is.

When she first see Bronx, Ryan is attracted to the handsome man, the thing is she can't let Gunter notice or be distracted from her main mission. But eventually the more times their paths cross Gunter gets suspicious. Will she trust Bronx to help her! Or will she stick to her guns?

I've loved this series! I love this book! Ryan's life changed drastically at a young age and she spent along time looking for answers, but she still was strong. A great gal. Bronx had loyalty for his comrades, a great fighter and character.

I've enjoyed this series immensely and I'm sorry to see it end. But there is light at the end of the tunnel with the promise of the new series 'Fallen Saints' which I will be eagerly awaiting.

Heather andrews says

I loved Bronx, "you look fine as hell, darlin', but"—I hold up a hand and take a step back to strip my T-shirt off, leaving only my tank—"throw that on over yours." I lean in close as I hand it over and whisper, "Don't look now, but you've got a bit of blood on your shirt." I loved the banter that would sometimes go on between Bronx and Ryan, "hop out and dry off, woman, otherwise we'll be here all effin' night." She wraps her fingers around my semi-hard length and gives it a gentle tug on her way out the shower door." I enjoyed this book, I'm always eager to get another book in this series.

Katiria says

Review Of Devil Smoke (Butcher Boys #5) On La Jersey Chika Reads Indie Books
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OMG WOW Devil Smoke is by far my all time favorite book from the Butcher Boys Series like holy crap this book was amazing, that I can't express or write down how great this book is for me. This book is Bronx and Ryan book which I was really curious on who Ryan really was. And let me just tell you Ryan is a perfect match in ever way for Bronx she is pure bad-ass and crazy like Bronx. But wait I am getting ahead of myself let me tell you how Devil Smoke starts off on at. It starts of Bronx getting ready too go undercover to infiltrate a rival's crew and steal info from them. Bronx and the Butcher Boys are doing this for King and the Fallen Aces so Carlos would leave the Butcher Boys alone and take the hit off there backs. Bronx thought it would be really easy but he never realize how wrong he was when he first meets Ryan. Ryan is a girlfriend of one of the members of the rival crew who Bronx was suppose too steal info from and she is off-limits , but once Bronx first lays eyes on Ryan he was immediately attracted too her. Ryan is quiet, reserve and is haunted by her past. Ryan relationship too Gunter is only a relationship of convenience she really does not love him but he keeps her safe from his dangerous crew that are a white supremacy gang. Ryan does not believe in the white supremacy belief nor does she want too be with Gunter but the leader of the white supremacy gang Eddie knows information about her tragic past that she wants the answers too her past, and she thinks Eddie has the answers about it but of course he will not tell her the truth or give her the information's she needs about her tragic past. So she decided too have a relationship with one of his crew member and try too steal information from Eddie about her past, but she knows she probably way ever her head. And putting her life in danger hanging around with a dangerous gang like Eddie's crew, but she is so desperate too find and get that information she needs even though she despise Eddie crew she would do anything too get the info. That's until Ryan meets Bronx for the first time her world turns upside down. Ryan is instantly attracted to him that she never thought she would feel such a connection and longing to be with a wild and crazy man like Bronx trying too get involve with the dangerous crew like Eddie's gang. Ryan knows she shouldn't get involve with Bronx but she can't help the connection she has with him that she felt truly safe with him and she totally trust him with her life so she tells him the truth about herself and her past.

And that's when Bronx told her the truth about himself and he finally told Ryan about how it was stupid putting her life in a dangerous position like being in Eddie crew, and that he would help her get the information she needs. Granted he did tell her a little harshly and she basically through his ass out of her house while pointed a gun toward him. But than when she calm down she finally open her eyes and realize what Bronx was saying too her was the truth and that she was really scare about the truth he was saying. So she made a decision right there and than for herself too accept Bronx help if she can find him, and when she does find him a whole lot of crap goes down that changes the quiet and reserve Ryan too a kick-ass and crazy chick. This is where I am going to leave it of out with spoiling it for anybody else. But I really love and enjoy Devil Smoke that I am sad too see it end. I love everything about this series it pulled me in from the first chapter of the book until the very end. I will most definitely continue on reading more books by Max Henry because I absolutely love her dark and gritty writing style that I can't get enough of her books. I do highly recommend her books especially her Butcher Boys Series they all are amazingly fantastic books!

???)i({ ????) says

I loved the heck out of Ryan.

Nadia Debowska-Stephens (Obsessed by Books) says

~*~ Obsessed by Books copy given in exchange for an honest review ~*~

"sometimes, all it takes is the comfort of a kindred soul for you to be able to dance in the dark, hand in hand with the monsters that have hidden under your bed since that day you first failed and weren't enough."

Chills...just the prologue spread goose bumps along my flesh and had me chewing my bottom lip. Devil Smoke, the fifth in this series, quite literally is the most amazing one yet. The prologue sets the tone and it captures the epitome of our biggest flaw - our fear of never being good enough. Striking a chord within the reader that everyone can empathise with and understand the nature of that beast.

Bronx is a Butchers Boy and it's his time to shine. Going under cover to loosen Eddie's stranglehold on the drug market and repay his debts owed is Bronx enough to get the job done? Acting like he needs to score he goes into the dragons den willing snorting the good stuff, believing he can handle it. Ty is worried that Bronx will succumb to chasing the dragon as he knows only too well how difficult it is to say no. Can Bronx work his way under Eddie's radar and find the information he needs to dismantle the rivals operation from within? Going solo makes his future hit home and Bronx realises he wants more from life than pain...he wants her.

Ryan is the welcoming face of Eddie's organisation. The trophy girlfriend of the muscle and the brains behind the paperwork she is instrumental to the running of business even if she doesn't realise her own worth. Sacrificing her freedom for the protection of the biggest she knows she lives in a white supremacist household faking her feelings and biding her time. Having lost her parents at a young age she has fought to discover the truth of that night and why her Uncle Harris was responsible. Eddie is the one holding all the cards and having spent do long needing the truth Ryan is willing to go to any lengths. Until him.

Meeting at a party used to trade drugs and meet new buyers Bronx and Ryan risk it all as their heated glances do not go unnoticed. Warring between their mission and their attraction for one another, together are they enough to win the fight? So much is at stake but sometimes the truth is easier to find if you ask for a little help. Who is Ryan and what really happened all those years ago? Has Bronx messed up one last time?

This seriously is one of the best reads of the year for me. The plot and characters are scintillating, totally worthy of their own film or mini series. I cannot express how quickly I was lost in this world of men with big hearts, fierce loyalty and sense of brotherhood. The lines may be blurred but they love hard are not afraid to fight to protect what's theirs. Blown away!

A five star it's more than enough read.

Angela says

Good and gritty

Good ending to a gritty series. The HEAs were hard won and worth the messes they caused. I'm gonna miss tjem, but I'll definitely check out the spin off series.

Sheila says

I'm really sad to see this series end, but the author has promised we'll see recurring characters in future books. I've loved every book, my only disappointment being that I had thought, and was looking forward to, a whole book devoted to Sawyer. He had a novella, but I was excited to learn more about him and had just assumed he'd get a book later. Since this series is over, I am hoping that he'll be the focus of one of the MC books in the new series she's going to write. He wasn't a Butcher Boy, so I can see how his story wouldn't fit in with this series.

This book focused on Bronx and must be read in series order or you'll have no idea what's going on. He's working undercover as a cocaine user/buyer in order to learn more about the big time dealers who happen to be lethal neo-Nazi thugs. He's struggling from the very beginning with self doubt, loneliness, and the lure of the euphoria from the cocaine. He's watched everyone around him find their "someone" and can't help but be a little jealous. He's never found anyone who thought he was "enough" for them, they always leave.

Ryan has been a part of this neo-Nazi family since she was a little girl and taken in after the death of her parents. She disagrees with their beliefs and says she doesn't love the man she's been with all these years, but she sticks around waiting to find out what really happened with her parents. I admit to finding that excuse for the things she let go on around her and that she participated in, weak to say the least. Which led me to believe she was a weak person...which I still maintain that thought, she WAS weak in my eyes whether that's what I was supposed to think or not. It wasn't until Bronx entered her life that she began to show some strength, and she turned around quickly. Meeting Bronx woke up something inside of her that made her see her life for what it was, playing a dangerous game of pretend. But she had gotten herself into an even more dire situation than she realized, with people way more dangerous than the ones she grew up with, including the notorious Carlos we know from previous books.

Falling for Ryan is the worst thing Bronx can do right now, with the severity of the situation he and his MC friends are because of Carlos. Her mere presence in his life has the possibility of it all blowing to hell and taking lots of lives with it. It's at times like this, when the choices seem few and the risk is so great that we learn who really loves us; the ones that care enough about us to risk everything for us.

I felt like this book did a great job of showing how the Butcher Boys were such a close knit family that grew to include the MC brothers, which was unexpected. MCs are known not to accept outsiders so easily, but

Bronx and his friends were accepted and had people willing to fight for them and take care of them when they needed it. Bronx finding happiness and finally realizing he was "enough" for someone was the perfect ending to this series.

Kathleen R. says

Overall Stars: 4 STARS

Suspense

Contract killer

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When best-laid plans fall apart, and we're both put to the test, will love or loyalty prevail?. (Amazon Blurb)

It's not quite the mafia genre, not quite the MC genre or even the dark genre, it simply felt like a mixture of all three with an added touch of the unexpected. A contract killer available for hire who doesn't think twice about his contract, just as long as the money is in his account before the due date, and a woman who has the ability to see the good in people, even when they believe they have the darkest of souls. Novels of these kinds have always fascinated me, there is always something happening – action, suspense and a romance you'd expect with twists you wouldn't have seen coming. I wish I would have had the opportunity to read the other 4 novels of the series since I'm convinced the reading pleasure would have been greatly improved, or at the very least, I would have had a chance to meet many of the characters and create a sort of bond with them. That being said, I still enjoyed the novel and the way Max Henry weaves a story is quite entertaining and captivating – I'd recommend it, but to fully enjoy the experience from beginning to end, I would urge readers to read the entire series.

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Received a copy in exchange for an honest review. Read and reviewed by Kathleen for Alpha Book Club

Melinda ~ Twinsie Talk says

I received a copy of this book for an honest review.

I hate to see this series end. I have enjoyed the ride. The Butcher Boys were great and I enjoyed their stories. This is the last book of the series and focuses on Bronx.

The Butcher boys are hired to take down one of the Fallen Saints threats. Bronx is called to go in and get info to help take their threat out. He has to play the part and not become addicted himself. Bronx is a playboy or so he tries to act the part but truly all he wants is to find his other half like TY and Malice had. He wanted to be loved for who he is. HE never thought he would find anyone to fit the bill until he went on this job and meet Ryan.

Ryan was trying to lay low buying her time where she was because she needed information about her past. Problem was in all these years no one was giving her the information she needed and wanted. So she soaked up what she could playing the part in a game she had no idea how to play. Then she meet Bronx. He turned her world on it's axis and she started to feel what belonging and respect really was.

I loved how Bronx and Ryan hit it off from the beginning and their banter back and forth was great. Ryan was no lay down and take it like a woman. She may have played the part but she was a fighter and a survivor after all she went through. She proved she could handle things on her own. The twist was great I didn't see it coming but WOW was it good.

Like I said I hated to see this story end but there is a new one starting and may see a little more of the Butcher boys. I'm excited to see the new series Fallen Saints with the first book being Kings story he seems to be a tortured soul and I cannot wait to hear his story and the others of the Fallen Saints MC.

A few of my favorites:

I'm still the same guy at heart—a guy longing for that companionship that everybody but me has. All I want out of life is to be enough for someone to want to call their own. Yeah, I'm a closet romantic.

I'm surviving the only way I know how with the skill set I was given at birth—the ability to bat my fucking lashes and charm my way out of any sticky situation. I disgust myself. The lack of morals and dignity I show every day repulse me. But I'm also not a quitter; I want what's mine, and what's mine is stored away in Eddie's head, waiting for me to find a way to get it out.

The life of the contract killer is lonely for me, and as much as I play the fool with the women who've shared my bed, I wish that wasn't how I sate my needs. I want somebody who I can talk with at night, somebody who knows when all I need after a shitty day is to be shown affection and appreciation.

"Because family isn't just blood," King adds. "It's the people who are there to help you when there's nothing in it for them." "People who forgive you no matter what," Harris says to King. "The people who know what respect and loyalty really are," Bronx finishes.

Most people you meet are content to twist a knife in your back in the name of pegging themselves higher and reaping the sole benefits, but these guys know what it is to treat their brothers as family. I guess when death is so much a part of your world it's only natural that you appreciate the small joys found in life.