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The Birmingham Rebels play both sides of the field, proving that the hottest action isn't always in the arena.

Rookie running back Tom Kelly loves the perks of football stardom. Men, women—there's no shortage of companionship for a pro athlete who's hot, young, and willing, and Tom is definitely willing. But deep down he wants a committed three-way relationship, especially if the female in the middle is Carmina de la Cruz. The undeniably sexy Army veteran may not say much, but her body speaks loud and clear.

After a traumatic tour in Afghanistan, Carmina is struggling to regain her speech and rebuild her life. More than anything, she wants to feel like a woman again. Tom may be a wholesome All-American, but he knows just how she needs to be touched—and he's not the only Rebel who arouses her interest. With his scorching intensity, Tom's best friend leaves her wondering if two players might be better than one.

Danny Smith is no stranger to his team's kinky reputation. He gave in to temptation once, but he's not going down that road again. Sure, Carmina's curves promise pleasure, but her eyes guarantee it comes with baggage—and Danny has enough of his own. Still, giving up control can feel so good. And when it comes to everything Danny craves, Carmina and Tom make the perfect team.

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namericanwordcat says

3.5 Stars. Contemporary Polygamous Romance are hard for me. I have a lot of trouble suspending my disbelief. A whole series with poly relationships on a Southern Pro Football team just crashes it all to the ground.

And that is okay. While I prefer my Poly Romance to be built in a world where I believe in a happily ever after for the lead, I am happy to try to sink into this contemporary built work that pushes the boundaries of socially recognized romantic unions and root for the happy ending.

It is hard for a writer to develop fully three romantic leads but Kane does a good job. We get Carmina the injured vet the most clearly, followed by the sweet but in charge Tom and then his best friend Daniel gets the most plot but the least deep character development.

I like all of them. I like the plot and journey of each of them. Through there is a lot of drama that I would have liked to see poured in relationship time instead. It would have made a better book for me without the references to past books and room for more love story and less drama from the past.

I haven't read the other books in this series but I will.

This is an erotic romance and it burns up the pages. The sex scenes are character based so they are super hot and advance the plot and growth of the character. Again, more relationship time after they committed would have led to a richer book and less of a feeling checking off menage (MMF Style) sex boxes but there is some really compelling sexy times here.

So, yeah. Crazy sauce not believable but a sweet don't read in public hot romance with dark touches.

I was given this book for my honest review. So. there you have it!

The_Book_Queen says

NOPE! DNFinng at 27%. Not even 1/3 in and I have enough "fuck no!" reactions to comments and thoughts in this one that I'm seeing red.

The start of *Misconduct* sounded like it could be good. Heroine was injured during her tour in Afghanistan and in the 3 years since then, she has not been able to orgasm (alone – she hasn't had sex since the attack). She's in her room, trying, once again, to masturbate to orgasm. I'm here for the very real struggle many have of trying to overcome the many layers of emotional and mental roadblocks between a person (usually a woman) and orgasm, so I had hopes for this. But not even 2% in and we get this piece of garbage line:

She'd read up on how to do this right, even watched some how-to videos. She'd felt like a total pervert watching women get themselves off, but she'd studied those videos like she was taking the masturbating SAT tomorrow.

REPEAT AFTER ME:

HER WATCHING OTHER WOMEN MASTURBATE DOES NOT MAKE HER A PERVERT. FFS.

This throwaway line came across as "Ew, I shouldn't be watching women because I don't swing that way!" and I am not here for this bullshit.

And even if, best case scenario, she just means watching ANYONE masturbate makes her a pervert, I'm still not here for this bullshit because that's throwing the sex industry, porn in particular, under the bus.

But it's only 2% in and surely it's going to get better, so I keep going. Oh, how I wish I hadn't because then we get some equally fucked up thoughts from the hero (or one of the heroes). This at the 3% mark, btw:

Fucking pussy was sweet and he still loved it, but fucking a guy in the ass was a forbidden thrill he didn't think he'd ever get over.

NO NO NO NO NO. So pussy was sweet and fine but fucking A GUY in the ass – note: not just ANAL SEX IN GENERAL, BUT ANAL WITH A GUY – is "a forbidden thrill"? Fuck that shit. That's code for "I don't like that I like guys because ew, I shouldn't" BS and again, I AM NOT HERE FOR THAT SHIT.

Apparently, I love to torture myself because again I raged on Twitter . . . and then kept going. At this point, I didn't think it would get better, didn't care about any of the characters, but I was . . . interested, I suppose, in how much worse it could possibly get.

Then we get to some covert (not really) slut shaming comment about her dress. That is, her modest, perfectly innocent dress that is NOT slutty and oh, what a relief that is! NO NO NO NO

The dress wasn't cheap looking or slutty. It was high-class, a deep burgundy-red color, sleeveless, with a round neck that didn't show anything below her collarbones. And it came to the middle of her thighs, so not too short.

CAN. WE. STOP. WITH. THIS. SHIT? I don't care if she was wearing a dress that barely covered her vagina – it's still not okay to call the outfit OR the person slutty because of it.

Again, I kept going. I was truly just rage-reading and tweeting at this point.

We then get this oh-so-casual mention in the middle of her kissing the hero:

She'd never done that [slow, playful kisses, etc.] with a guy. They were all so intense when it came to sex, like they wanted to get it done before a woman had a chance to think about it or change her mind.

So what you're telling me is her previous partners were all rapists, or will be on a rapist list soon? Because no one should ever be trying to "get it done before a woman had a chance to think about it or change her mind". Tell me, how did no one – author, editor, etc – see a problem with that statement?! And like I said, it's even worse because that doozy of a fucked up line is just dropped into the middle of a scene and then it's on to kissing and screwing.

NO NO NO NO

And the sex . . . Oh hell, there were issues there, too. Like this, when the hero first sees her:

"Now that is what a woman's pussy should look like."

COMPARED TO WHAT? There's no mention of anything "different" or "unusual" about her pussy, so what the hell is he even talking about and why does he think that her pussy looks more "right" than any other he's seen? I'm both confused and pissed off by this line. And again, he says that, nothing more is expanded on or talked about, and then it's right on to him eating her out in the next line.

But wait, remember how she can't orgasm? Yeah, then there's this:

She just needed a real dick inside her. Then she'd come.

BECAUSE OF COURSE, I FORGOT THE MAGICAL CURE TO ORGASM PROBLEMS IS A MAGICAL DICK.

SURPRISE! A few pages of thrusting, etc, later and she has to finally admit that his “magical dick” isn’t going to give her an orgasm that night, either.

REALLY? COLOR ME SHOCKED! IT’S ALMOST LIKE THE PROBLEM ISN’T TIED TO WHETHER OR NOT YOU HAVE A “REAL” [ugh ugh ugh] DICK IN YOUR VAGINA!

I somehow still managed to go another 2 chapters and I don’t have any damn clue how. Then I hit this scene and I was out. It was the final straw on a pile of shit:

“Exclusively?” Danny asked. “You going to give up the guys?”

Tom stopped halfway to the table with his plate in hand. “I didn’t think about that,” he said slowly. “She knows I like guys, too.” He sat down opposite Danny and began to eat.

“Knowing you like guys and letting you screw them while you’re supposed to be with her is another thing entirely,” Danny told him. “Be careful, man. You’re entering dangerous territory.”

Tom sat back with a disgruntled sigh and ran his hands through his hair. “I don’t want to give up guys or girls,” he said."

THAT IS NOT HOW BISEXUALITY WORKS AND THIS FUCKED UP IDEA THAT BI = CHEATER WHO CAN’T STICK TO ONE PERSON NEEDS TO DIE A FIERY DEATH.

Oh, and the two believe that the answer to this problem (of not being able to be exclusive) is to find a female partner who is “okay” with having a third (a guy – or maybe more than one guy, like a rotation?) in their relationship.

Can we stop with this idea that bisexuality AUTOMATICALLY equals polyamory? Yes, some bi/pan (and other sexual identities, obviously) ARE also poly and want a poly relationship (be it committed, casual hookups, open, closed, etc etc etc). BUT BEING BI IS NOT THE SAME AS BEING POLY. Yet that’s how this is treated here.

How many times can I scream NOPE, do you think?

That was it. That was the last thing I could take. The fact that he’s already planning how he can’t be monogamous with her (or anyone) because he can’t give up the guys had me noping out so fast I got

whiplash. Notice it's phrased that way too – not that he couldn't give up the women either if he tried dating a guy seriously, but that he can't give up the guys. The forbidden thrill from earlier, remember? Fuck. That. Shit. Fuck it with an old, rusty spoon because I literally threw down my Kindle after that. [Luckily onto my bed, not against the wall.]

I don't know if she ever orgasms. I don't know how this ménage works out – if it ends up being all three or just the two with some brief play with the third, if the other hero is actually attracted to men or just no-homo-let's-share-a-woman – and I don't give a single fuck. I'm not sticking around to find out any of that. They can stay in their shitty world where bi = compulsive cheater, anything less than a nun's outfit is slutty and cheap, and a woman thinks that a real dick will cure her lack of orgasms.

The thing is, I read one previous M/M title from Kane (Cherry Bomb) and really loved that one. But now I'm squinting back at it and wondering if I missed some of these things in there, too. Because if an author thinks some of these things for one set of characters, it's going to come up with others, too. I'm honestly not sure that I'll be trying any more from Kane. This one pissed me off too much and left such a bad taste in my mouth that even if her other books were clear of any and all problems, I just wouldn't trust her anymore.

1-Click Addict Support Group says

There's hot, there's scorching and then there's Samantha Kane...

I'm a huge fan of this author's historical romance. Her Brothers in Arms series, set in merry old England, is one of my all-time favorites. Ever. Love is love and whether there are two or three in the relationship this author conveys the complex relationships – and the emotions that go with it – with heart and honesty. Throw in great storytelling and I'm all in! Translating that ability to a modern-day ménage seemed effortless... This is the fourth in this football-themed series and Tom, Carmina and Danny are going to come together in a huddle that is blistering in its intensity and rife with angst and even some confusion.

Tom and Danny were best friends. Carmina was a teammate's 'little sister'. As they came together the attraction between all, and I do mean all, was explosive even as it was marked by doubt and even resistance. They are pushing, pulling, and denying as they explore their sexuality, trying to figure out what their relationship really is. Do they even have one? Or do they have many? Or... Yup, there is angst galore and I couldn't help but be enthralled by it.

Same-sex relationships. Ménage. It is not for everyone and at times I even questioned if the characters were as open, and eventually as comfortable, with it as they seemed to be. Not everyone is on the same page at the same time (I mean REALLY not on the same page). While I believed that the feelings between them were genuine, early on some of the dialogue and inner monologues seemed to fly in the face of that acceptance.

It took a lot of conversations and honesty to get there as they each struggled with their own personal issues – whether emotional, psychological or physical - within a not so private setting. A complicated journey with angst galore, this emotional story sparked many questions about acceptance and love. I hope there will be more! ~Diane, 4 stars

Optimist ?King's Wench? & MANTIES Champion says

WWWWWWHHHHHHHHHHHHHHYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY?????????

Why can I not find a MMF that makes me dance a Cajun rhythm? It seems like I used to be able to but lately it's been one dud after another. Maybe MM has ruined MMF for me? I wish I knew what the deal was but I don't like it.

I really didn't hate this book but I can't condone some of the sentiments perpetuated by it, thus the **1 heart** rating. So let's get those out of the way first.

I've heard about Samantha Kane and her MMF books for years but this was my first experience reading one. I thought for sure it'd be good and was SO excited to read it. I mean, I knew I was going to have to suspend reality since approximately a fourth of this NFL team in the deep South is bisexual and in polyamorous relationships and they all work together, but I was prepared with my goggles and glitter. Because girl scout. However, what I wasn't prepared for was the misrepresentation of bisexuality, or more specifically, erasing the line between bisexuality and polyamory and making them synonymous.

Tom stopped halfway to the table with his plate in hand. "I didn't think about that," he said slowly. "She knows I like guys, too." [...]

"Knowing you like guys and letting you screw them while you're supposed to be with her is another thing entirely," Danny told him. "Be careful, man. You're entering dangerous territory."

Tom sat back with a disgruntled sigh and ran his hands through his hair. "I don't want to give up guys or girls," he said. "What am I supposed to do?"

I know it's supposed to be a ménage romance but is it necessary to depict bisexuals as greedy? There were some things that Carmina said and did that were in this same vein or in the vein of being lesbian phobic that rubbed me the wrong way too.

As if that wasn't shocking enough from an experienced MMF writer, I was ill prepared for the sanctioning of rape.

"...You were into it. I wasn't holding you down that hard, Danny. You could have gotten away. If you had said no and meant it, I would have stopped. Hell, you were begging for it."

"His mouth said no, his dick said yes," Tom said with a shrug. "I listened to his dick."

In 2017? Seriously? I literally cannot believe this is still a thing. If Danny had been Daniela in this scenario this would never have happened. Then Tom took it one step further and brought out the big manipulative guns and Danny eventually tows the *I was into it* line. Again, I get that this is a ménage storyline but this could've been handled waaaaaaaayyyy differently.

My last major grievance was Danny's depiction as an angry black man when his actions didn't match that depiction. He's distant and maybe not warm and fuzzy but angry? I didn't see that. I **think** the objective was to contrast "the angry player" in and out of the locker room whose submissive in the bedroom. The idea though trite is solid but the carpet needs to match the drapes otherwise it looks hella racist.

As far as these characters are concerned, I just couldn't with them. I have a tendency to look at behaviors as a conduit for connecting with characters. If I can understand or identify with their actions, things sync up like they're supposed to but this conduit felt more like shock treatment.

Things started off well enough with Carmina. She's ex-military with a TBI and can't orgasm. For 3 yrs! She's kind of frantic at this point and grasping at straws, willing to try anything. Makes sense, right? She's been crushing on Tom and Danny who are best friends, but Danny's got it in his head that he's not ready to make a commitment so Tom it is. They have sex, she doesn't come so he decides to up the ante which equates to public sex? You don't maybe want to try different positions first?

Guess what happens. Fail 2.0

Then... **smh** I... alright, hypothetical situation, say you're casually dating someone, your shower breaks, said person says come on over and use mine. You do. Said person says use my roommate's shower because they're asleep and I'm going back to bed. While in the shower said roommate comes into the bathroom, you lock eyes and go directly to Pound Town without passing 'go' or collecting \$200? Show of hands for this being a thing.

Call me judgey. But that shit is weird to me.

Carmina finds The Big O in that short trip to Pound Town and this **THIS** is what garners all the attention. Not the fact that Tom's best friend and his sort of girlfriend went to Pound Town while he was taking a disco nap!

The next rabbit to get pulled out of the hat are some kinky D/s games that don't even merit mentioning. Tom has no clue what he's doing and no business calling himself a dom period. Case in point, Carmina immediately gets a safe word whereas Danny well... see above quotes if you have any doubts. I need more than someone bossing someone else around and bossed person using the word "owned" often to be interested in or titillated by some quasi kinky shenanigans. To add insult to injury, the sex wasn't even that hot!

Overall the relationship between these three wasn't all that satisfying not just because of the above reasons, but Danny's reluctance to get involved dragged on and on and, honestly, he came across as being willfully obtuse by comparing his desires to what happened to Marian; that just read like a lazy plot device. There was very little page time with them as a throuple which I found frustrating. If more time had been focused on them working through their issues and developing as a functioning unit I probably would've invested in them but as it stands the resolution seemed rushed and their commitment disingenuous.

The story is easy to read and the football stuff was good, though that game with the Rough Riders was a bit OTT. It'd be an understatement to say that I'm disappointed by this read. I may try something else of Kane's in the future because her writing style is pleasant and maybe this was just a fluke. Nevertheless, I can't recommend this but I'd encourage anyone considering it to read the other reviews before making a final decision.

An ARC was provided by NetGalley.

Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says

5 stars

I loved this book and I love this series.

On the believability scale, I'm giving it a two. I can't see these situations happening in real life or playing out the way the author depicts. I can't see people making such life altering decisions so quickly and making peace with them so easily. In my opinion, not realistic in the least.

That being said, if I wanted believable, I'd read non-fiction. This was over-the-top, kinky sexy, melt-in-your-mouth men engaging in all kinds of naughty play with the women they fall for. The sex, the athletes, the brotherhood, I just can't get enough of it.

Danny, Carmina and Tom are no exception. We've met all of these people before and know their issues. For Carmina, it's recovering from a traumatic brain injury and fighting to have people see her as the able person she is, not a recovering patient. For Danny, it's struggling with past actions and past guilt that he needs to let himself release, and for Tom, the realization that he wants more than just a good time with a lot of nameless, faceless different people. It was sweet to see them all come together emotionally, as individual couples and a threesome, and it was smolderingly hot to read about the details!

I especially found the pseudo-BDSM aspect to be very interesting. It was not flat out physical bondage and domination. Rather, it was seeing Tom realize his dominant side and his desire to care for those he loved. He watched, he analyzed and he acted upon what he felt his lovers needed most, and he gained the most pleasures out of giving them what they needed. It seems odd to describe it in this manner, but I found his evolution, especially in the youngest of this threesome, to be touching and...well...sweet.

While all of the Birmingham Rebel's stories are stand alone, I believe they are better if read in order. It gives a better picture of what is going on and all of the past characters are brought back in some manner, so it's nice to see how they're doing.

If you're looking for a deep, realistic story, you may want to keep walking. But if you're looking for a dirty, kinky, stay up late story, look no further.

4.5 stars

I wasn't sure where the author was going with this book. These three characters are so very different- a wounded Veteran, an all american player, and a guy looking for revenge. While reading I constantly thought they are never going to get there HEA.

Tom is a player looking for fun and not interested in settling down. He's been stifled in his early youth but now he's free and loving every minute of it. He's been waiting for his best friend Danny to admit they could be more but has finally captures Carmina's attention.

I was happy to see our wounded Veteran Carmina getting her own happy ending. This woman has been through a lot but she is determined not to give up. I liked reading her thought, what she overcame and what she still needs to overcome. She's tough and sexy rolled into one. She's at an impasse when she wants both Tom and Danny. At one point I wasn't sure she liked either one.

Danny is an angry guy. He's got hang ups from his youth that continue to haunt him . He's determined to settle the score before he can build a relationship. He wants Carmina but can admit he wants Tom too. Can they give him what he needs? The answer is YES!!!! When these three finally came together it was epic. I loved how Tom took the dominant position. This worked with both Carmina and Danny. They all seemed to click. The relationships between the pair didn't seem forced but a nature progression of their relationship.

Past characters are also in the book but it only enhanced the story. I liked reconnecting with Sam and his brotherly relationship with Carmina. I found this to be a great addition to the series.

Review copy provided for a voluntary review.

Cam (abookeater) says

I couldn't get through half of this book because its literally a white woman's fetishized wet dream. Bisexual folks who MUST be poly amorous by default and a fetishized portrayal of Afro-Puerto Rican Women. Its just queer people used as sexual objects. No thanks.

Received a copy from the publisher through Netgalley in exchange for an honest review

Carol [Goodreads Addict] says

Misconduct: Birmingham Rebels is book four in the Birmingham Rebels series by Samantha Kane. First, I want to say that I've loved this series from the start. I have gotten attached to this crazy football team and their sexual escapades. I'm so glad that Danny, Tom, and Carmina got their chance for their own story.

We met Danny in the first book. He is Coach Marion's best friend and is carrying some pretty deep scars on the inside from something that happened to both of them years before they ever came to Birmingham. Now, he is Tom's roommate and they are also best friends. He knows Tom is interested in more than just

friendship but he's not going there. He let down his guard once and never again. And then there is the way he feels about Carmina. Carmina has her own issues, she doesn't need someone like him who is dealing with all kinds of baggage. So he keeps his feelings to himself.

Carmina de la Cruz has been home from Afghanistan for a long time. She moved to Birmingham to be near her closest friend, Sam who is also a member of the Birmingham Rebels. He was also with her when everything went bad in Afghanistan. She has physically healed from the explosion that they drove over, but her head is still messed up. She has trouble with her words, and she gets overwhelmed easily. But Carmina is ready to live a normal life, get a job, be with a man, or two. She can't help but to notice Tom and all his country boy charm. But so has every other woman, and man for that matter, since Tom doesn't turn down an offer from either sex. And then there is Danny. He is completely the opposite of Tom, all serious and brooding. But there is a chemistry there, and she has caught him watching her. Is she really attracted to them both?

Ever since Tom finally realized he liked being with both men and women, he has been going crazy. But he knows this isn't really what he wants. He wants a committed relationship. He has fallen hard for his roommate, Danny. But he keeps it to himself. And he is also strongly attracted to the sexy Carmina. He's caught Danny looking at her as well.

Both Danny and Carmina are dealing with serious issues. Who would have ever thought that Tom was the one who could help them. The Tom I first met in the first book is so different than this Tom. He's all grown up. He genuinely cares for Carmina and wants to help her. And his feelings for Danny are deep. He somehow just knows how to help these two. It's like he's their missing puzzle piece. And wow did he ever find his inner Dom!

The Rebels are playing their best season ever. But the game against Las Vegas is the last game of the regular season. And a member of that team, a person that has a history with Danny and Marion, has the potential to ruin everything. Can Danny let go of his anger and just play football? Or will he choose to exact his revenge?

First, this book is crazy hot as all the books in this series are. But it's so much more than that. It's about letting go, allowing yourself to live, and love. Both Danny and Carmina have guilt and anger they have to let go of in order to move on. And it seems Tom knows just how to help them do that. I'm not sure how many books are going to be in this series but I hope Samantha Kane keeps going. It's so much fun and I've come to love this crazy bunch. So turn down the A/C, ladies, and come and meet the Birmingham Rebels. There is enough testosterone here to fuel your fantasies for a long, long time.

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

Horrible bi-rep (can we just stop with the whole "cheaters" bullshit), homophobic comments from MC's, slut-shaming, and more.

Here's TBQ's review that sums up what you'll get in just the first 25%.

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

Ginny Lurcock says

I only made it as far as chapter two before I hit this gem:

Okay... lemme break this down:

Gay sex isn't forbidden and titillating. It's not a fetish for you to exploit for bored white women who want to read scandalous fiction

I am married to a straight cisgendered allosexual man. We're monogamous. And yet, this is a bi relationship because I am bisexual. That's what makes a bi relationship. That's it. I also do bi grocery shopping and do bi laundry and have bi sex because I'm bisexual... (pansexual, actually, but still...)

What this character is looking for is a relationship with two partners who are also involved with each other.

A form of polyamory I refer to as a triad, though it's probably wrong. (See previous: monogamist.)

But this character specifically wants a man and a woman so he can continue fucking pussy and ass. Making the most important characteristic in potential life partners their genitals. Something that is not only gross (I am more than my vagina, thank you) but transphobic as fuck.

So I won't be reading anymore of this book. To do so would not only be a colossal waste of my time but risk further bouts of having to swallow down rage.

Amy ~ Love At 1st Read says

Misconduct, #4 in the Birmingham Rebel series, has all the passion and excitement that I've come to love in this series. There's a healthy balance of romance and plot, and there's lots of action on and off the field. Tom's ready for some full touch contact with Danny and Carmina. Danny, hesitant about his feelings, causes a little delay of game. And Carmina, determined to feel like a desirable woman again, is hoping she won't make an incomplete pass. What you get is another score by author Samantha Kane.

Tom Kelly has a wild man reputation on and off the field. He's pretty carefree about his sexual lifestyle and has tried it all. But he's tired of the sexual merry go round he's been on and wants something more, like so many of his teammates have. Especially if it involves sexy Carmina de la Cruz and his best friend Danny Smith.

Danny Smith has been known to be as kinky as the rest of the team. He's Tom's roommate but they're best friends too. Tom's seen him at his worst and knows his deepest secrets. Danny knows Tom is attracted to him but he gave into that kind of temptation once and has no plans to go there again. He's confused and guilty over what he did and enjoyed. Danny has been attracted to Carmina since the day he met her. But Danny is dealing with a lot of anger and bitterness resulting from his past. He's not ready to take on a relationship and someone else's baggage when he has enough of his own.

Carmina de la Cruz is an Army veteran suffering from traumatic brain injury sustained during her last tour in Afghanistan. She's avoided going out and being around people. What guy would want a girl who couldn't manage a simple sentence without breaking out in a sweat? But she's tired of the "dry spell" she's been on for the last 3 years. She's ready to face her fears and make some changes. When she does think about ending

that dry spell, she imagines doing so with Tom Kelly and Danny Smith. Tom seemed so natural when it came to sex. Not awkward at all. And she was the queen of awkward. She'd noticed Danny looking at her with an intensity that unnerved her, but she wasn't sure if those looks were always directed at her or at Tom. And that thought turned her on. She'd be the luckiest girl ever to have one of these guys. What was she doing thinking of two? It was all so complicated. How could she and Tom work if Tom wanted Danny? And how could they work if she wanted Danny too?

A perfect addition to the Birmingham Rebels series. One thing I love about this series is that I get each character's individual story before I watch them make that journey together to discover that they are just what the other's need. Carmina was tired of being treated like she was fragile or an invalid. She needed to know how strong she was and she needed someone else to see it. Danny had a hard time accepting his feelings and attraction. It was easier to live in denial than to accept what he wanted. Plus, he was carrying so much anger. He needed to let go of his anger and embrace who he was. Tom was perfect for them both. With Tom, Carmina didn't have to think through everything she said or did. She could just trust in Tom and give up control. It was like that for Danny too. He'd never felt as vulnerable as he did with Tom and Carmina, but he found a freedom in it he'd never experienced before. Together they learned to trust and let each other in. When love filled their hearts, there was no room for worry and bitterness. I can't wait to see whose story is next in this series. There are so many possibilities. A Book Obsessed Chicks Review Team Selection

Jeanny says

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This is a story about a MMF polyamorist relationship & everything that entails.

I should start this review by disclosing I've not read all the books in this series. Therefore some instances discussed in this book are explained more in detail in book 1 or 2 of the series. That said I was able to follow along & never felt like I was missing essential information. Although I was familiar with Carmina's history it was a pleasure to get inside Car's head. She's a strong woman & I really loved her & Tom as a couple. I wasn't as fond of Danny & truth be told never warmed up to him. However that didn't detour from my enjoying the story. 3.5 stars

Rejane says

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Dia says

4,5 stars rounded up because I really enjoyed the writing

This was my first book by Samantha Kane and it was a very nice surprise. I enjoyed her writing more than I

expected. I laughed out loud SO many times. I never thought an MFM book could keep me up ALL night. **But this one really worked for me.**

I asked for an ARC on *Net Galley* because I was hooked by the cover. I mean, look at **that body!** *droll* I adore MM books but I thought about trying an MFM too. When I dived in I really didn't know what I was going to get. I won't lie, at first I wasn't really fond of **Tom**. He was pretty full of himself and the way he saw the world and especially **sex** was not to my liking. But he was a football star, a handsome and free young man, super confident and he enjoyed experiencing lots of sex with men and women who threw themselves at him. Nothing new, right?

This being said, I also must admit I didn't know what to think of **Danny**, his introverted room-mate and colleague in their football team. There was some tension between him and Tim and he was also attracted to Carmina. But his past prevented him from giving into temptation. Or so he thought.

Carmina seemed to be having a lot of problems of her own. After being injured in Afghanistan, she had trouble speaking and couldn't find her O anymore, no matter what she tried. You think this would be funny and to be honest, the writing made it all super funny and also HOT. So HOT!!

I thought I knew what's going to happen next, but this story surprised me. I had a book hangover. I wasn't able to put it down, but I went to sleep wearing a huge smile on my face the next morning.

I really loved the writing AND **the jokes!** My most favorite thing, well besides **Danny and Tom together**, of course. Tom was SO sweet!! He ended up being unexpectedly funny and the way he made Danny submit made me love him even more. I would have wanted more action on the page between the three of them, but overall I really enjoyed this story.

It might not be the most surprising MFM book, but for me it was exactly what I needed. **Light, hot AND funny.**

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Kristie says

Reviewed for Just Love

Review contains some spoilers. I'd click the hide thing, but I think the spoilers aren't that bad and seriously, people should know what they're getting when/if they read this book.

I have so many issues with this book. Too many to actually talk about, mostly because the more I try to unpack all that is wrong with this story, the angrier I become. I'm not sure how I read the whole book, but I did. I think I pushed on to finish because I was hoping that the author would somehow, miraculously, find a way to write herself out of the mess that she started. While some things did work themselves out, sort of, other things still rang true through the whole book and it made me so very angry.

Misconduct is part of a series that I have not read. While this book can be read as a standalone, it would probably be a good idea to read the previous books. There are clearly things that have happened in prior stories that impact these current characters. Still, because I did read the whole book, it seems like I was able to piece together what I may have missed. The big thing is that this is a pro football team full of players who are, apparently, very into poly relationships. But that's where the rub starts. It's totally unbelievable to me to

have that many team members into the same things, the same types of relationships, having the same sexual desires. Why? Bad story telling for one.

Then there are the characters and their personalities... Ugh. Take Carmina. She's a war vet, suffers from PTSD, has had some serious head injury, and is trying to deal with things back as a civilian. She's likable enough, a tough cookie, and really spunky. I liked her for about a minute before I learned that she's having difficulties reaching an orgasm. There are reasons... all related to her PTSD and issues she's not ready to deal with, but oh no, all she needed was a guy with just the right amount of forcefulness... or something. Please... please tell me why the way to "fix" her involves two men who take control of her pleasure and that's what does it. Please tell me why it's not because, oh maybe, she has some other issues steaming from the war and her being injured and duh, the dude she had a thing for while in the war. Dick(s) do(es) not fix things!

Then there is Tom. OMG Tom. Tom wants a long term bi-relationship, whatever the fuck that means. A bi-relationship. Really? Perhaps the author want's Tom to come off completely and totally clueless? Perhaps the author wants readers to believe that Tom doesn't know the difference between being bisexual, and what participating in a polyamorous relationship means. Perhaps this is where I should have stopped reading... why didn't I stop reading? So Tom comes off to me as a guy who is bisexual, doesn't really know what that is, and really just wants to have sex with men and women because having both is like some sort of fun game to him. Because "fucking a guy in the ass was a forbidden thrill he didn't think he'd ever get over." Seriously, again, why didn't I stop reading?

But then there was Danny. Danny is in denial, does not want to act on his feelings towards Tom, nor Carmina. So what changes? Tom feels like he just knows that if he pushes, he'll get what he wants from Danny. And because Carmina is also attracted to Danny, she'll get her happy too. There is a moment of 'he said no but his dick said yes'. Hell no! What even is that? I'll tell you what it is. It's gross. Dubious consent isn't the way to win a dude over. But it doesn't stop there. We also get dubious consent threeway sex just so one guy could have his cake and eat it too.

Oh, and there's more... This book is filled with men who think they have to protect a woman who was the victim of assault and was almost raped, only because it's like their duty or something. Meanwhile, the woman in question wants to get past shit and she's bad ass enough to handle her own problems. These are not the problems of the men she's involved with, or her friends. Most of them didn't even know her when it happened! Ugh. Like, the entitlement these men have is disgusting. Plus, there are a lot of problems on how the actual football play is handled on the field. As a huge football fan, this book offends me. As a woman, this book offends me.

I can't with this. It's totally offensive to me on so many levels and I wish I'd never picked it up, but you decide.

~Mandi~ says

Misconduct
Birmingham Rebels #4
Samantha Kane
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I am really getting into these sport romance books. I'm not a big sports fan but I love the team camaraderie. Players are always watching each other's backs and are like family with each other.

I also love books like these where you get to know other characters and then get the chance to read about them in another story.

This is the fourth Birmingham Revels book. Each book so far is a polyamorous relationship. This seems to becoming a theme with romance books. It doesn't bother me to read about a bisexual couple, but it's not for everyone.

I can't wait for the next book in this series to come out for me to read. Hopefully it will be soon.

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