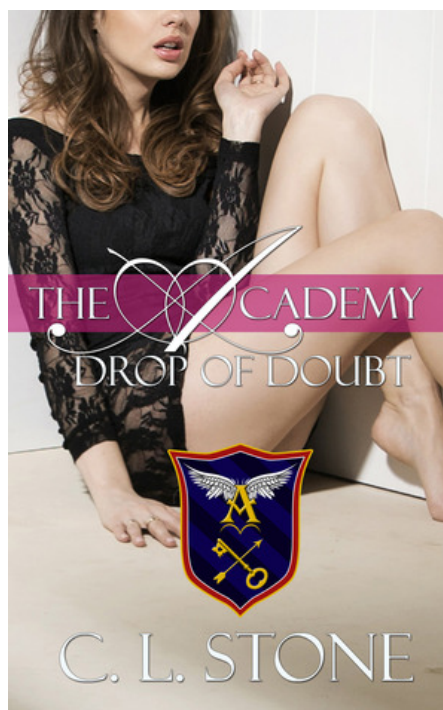




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From Reader Review Drop of Doubt for online ebook

Alexandra Barker says

I am so baffled by the high ratings of this book, and frankly of this series in general. Granted, yes, I read them all and couldn't put them down, but it was more akin to being captivated a very slow car crash that happened on a thruway that resulted in a 200 car pile up.

It is full-on teenage polygamy involving nine, NINE, boys/men and one girl. She's an idiot (I'm sure her defenders would say she is just naive and innocent,) and they are all in love with her and want to share her. WTF IS WRONG WITH PEOPLE. THAT IS GROSS. THE WHOLE PREMISE IS DISGUSTING AND ABSURD. SERIOUSLY PEOPLE.

I was literally laughing out loud to myself like a crazy person by the end of this book. Imagine the stalkery devotion of Twilight's Edward Cullen, and now multiply it by nine, and you have this book, except without glittery vampires or werewolves (at least not yet, god only knows what this author is going to do next.)

I'm assuming there will be another of these books coming out since they once again left it on a cliffhanger with nothing resolved (FYI- this is Book Five, and I still don't know what the eponymous "Academy" actually is.) When the next book comes out, I will be forced to read it, because I'm fairly certain that this car wreck of a series is going to escalate from a just a large pile up to finding out that there is an 18 wheeler carrying gasoline in the middle of it that is about to explode. When that happens, I want to watch.

Emma says

THE BOOK COMES OUT JANUARY 22ND WEEEEEEEEEE

Kayla says

This book was so good! I don't agree with what was said at the end but I'll just have to read the next one.

Jennifer Lanak says

[just wants to talk?? Volto warns her about the Academy's practices and plants a s

Teresa says

Before reading:

FIFTH BOOK TO THE ACADEMY: FIRST YEAR?!

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Ever since I was into Manga and Anime, I had a "thing" for Reverse Harems. Reading this series was as if my dream came true. I rarely took breaks from reading the books, but when I did, I start to do something like this:

I would be getting a cup of water in the kitchen and breakdown dancing, thinking about a scene in the book that I love!

And the details!

it was so descriptive, that I imagined it in my head what the scenes would be like...

When I finished:

I NEED MORE!!!!>u< I SHALL WAIT FOR YOU!

Jenifer Burris says

Loved it! But I need more!!!

It's live @ <http://www.amazon.com/gp/aw/d/B00HZ46...>

It's live @
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/drop-...>

Video teaser

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He turned back to me. The fire in his eyes unleashed into an inferno that could have swallowed me where I stood. His thumb returned to my mouth, this time touching both lips and at dead center, as if encouraging me to kiss his finger. "All you have to do is ask." He tucked his head toward mine.

My heart raced. I'd seen this same look on Kota and North and some of the others. My instincts had told me before they had wanted to kiss me and I'd been wrong. I felt that same instinct again, more powerful than before.

His eyes half closed as he hovered over me. "I'd do anything for you, Princess."

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January 22, 2014.

Ellie says

If I could give this book 10 stars or more I would. C.L. has done it again with another amazing addition to her Academy world. I fell in love with the guys all over again..or maybe I just fell deeper in love with them.

THANK YOU C.L. for an amazing book!

Brittain *The Baddest Female* says

I can see why people are so addicted to this series. It is charming. It is witty. You want to take all of the boys home with you. I mean, I really wish that guys like this actually existed. There would be a lot fewer broken hearts in this world.

I love that Sang is getting involved with the boys' actions now. She is taking an active role in her future and you can see her growing into a personality that isn't based on fear. Sang is embracing her talents and the guys are finally starting to appreciate her skills and not just treat her like some fragile darling they have to take care of.

Adore Victor in this. He is one of my favorites. (Hell, they're all my favorites) There is something beautiful about a piano player. Especially on that can play Vivaldi.

Taryn says

#TeamVolto

Maybe he's a bit misguided on how the Academy works, but he's on the right track with Sang and her harem. It's disgusting how they handle her and the series is passing it off as romantic.

Sang is still an idiot. *Drop of Doubt* tries hard to push Sang's undiscovered genius, but most of it is either common sense or so stupid and passed off as brilliant. All the guys are treating her like a girlfriend and she thinks they're all just being friends. They put an idea in her head and back off, then she initiates it because she's curious. It's how they get around Blackbourne's rules. Silas forces her to make out with him through her fingers like she did with North a book or so ago. Someone (I forget who) touches her below the navel, a little too close to her sex, and she gets so turned on. Apparently that's "friendship".

The guys:

-Gabriel is a whiny bitch near the end to create drama. He pings my gaydar way harder than a certain someone does in *The Scarab Beetle*, so I can't take his love and want for Sang seriously.

-Victor is shown as doing "smart stuff" that seems made up to appear smart.

-Mr. Blackbourne is a teenager trying to play dress up, and he's pretending to be an adult. He's *nineteen*.

Every time it's mentioned how he's acting vice principal, I roll my eyes and snort. He's written like he's thirty, but made nineteen so that he can screw Sang when the series goes into New Adult territory. All of the guys are like that, adult men in teenage bodies. (Sang is written like a six year old.)

-Dr. Green. His medical license is his name written in crayon on a piece of paper that a toddler scribbled on. What a joke. That imaginary license should be revoked for the crap he pulled this book.

This series is starting to reek of gynophobia. Other than Karen (who I think Stone confirmed to be a lesbian in love with Sang), all women are treated as **the enemy**, the obstacle between Sang and her happily ever after with her nine brother husbands. First Mommy Dearest, then Marie, then Danielle, then Jade, and now Muriel. The polyandry is even justified by the guys saying all girlfriends would get jealous and the other Academy girls aren't good enough for them. Sometimes I think we're dipping down a little too hard into misogyny in this series and its sister series, *The Scarab Beetle*.

Speaking of, Kayli's brother Wil makes an appearance, and so does Marc. Hooray crossovers?

I don't have a problem with the polyandry. What I have a problem with is how it's being handled. A socially inept girl being coaxed into it because she doesn't know any better is disgusting and awful. I want to read about a woman who willingly engages in a relationship with multiple guys, knows what she's doing, is confident, and not a doormat. I should have received that in *The Scarab Beetle*, but, well, we know how that turned out.

Really, I only continue reading this series because it's quick, easy, and I want to know what other stupid situations Sang gets herself into while acting clueless.

Alaina Meserole says

Second time read. First time review.

First off, I seriously suck at keeping up with my reviews. I don't know how I haven't written a single review for any of the books in this series.. but I am more than happy to redeem myself now.

Drop of Doubt is the first installment of *The Ghost Bird Series*. The first time around - I was completely in love with these books and I'm more than happy to state that my feelings haven't changed one bit. Sang and the gang are still going through some wicked shit. It definitely feels like someone outside the group always has the upper hand. Of course, this frustrated everyone involved (including me).

At this point, North and Mr. Blackbourne have come to the conclusion that everyone in the group is slowly (but surely) falling in love with Sang. Or they might be down that road already. Of course they are waiting to see the little signs or cues from these guys before they approach them with the whole everyone loves everyone or nothing happens. That situation doesn't always come out correctly because it seems to be a tug of war with all the hearts involved. However, after the ending with Victor admitting his feelings for her - well, how could I not root for them??

The villain(s) in this book were so freaking mysterious. I definitely kept flip-flopping as to who I thought

Volto was.. and I'm still sort of doing that while writing this. I have a creepy feeling I know who it is.. and I also have a feeling that this is going to shake some people to the core (mainly myself).

Besides all of that, I still have no idea how the cops haven't been called on Sang or her sister. People have got to realize that no car has been in the driveway or that the neighbors haven't seen either of their parents. The entire time I'm wondering what kind of neighborhood they are in.. because these neighbors seem to be nonexistent or just all up in everyone's grill. It's weird and I want to dive further into that..

Tessa says

I loved this book!!! Not exactly my favorite in the series.....but I still couldn't put it down. I loved how she got close to Dr. Green or excuse me "Sean". I can't wait until their romance starts to flourish. I also can't wait for Sang to get close the Mr. Blackbourne!!! Book 6 hurry up!!!

Regina says

A sexy and seductive, strategically perfect addition to the Academy series. C.L. Stone was just warming up with the first four books in this series. Sang is turning out to be quite the fearless protagonist. You can check out my official review here: <http://wp.me/p47EpU-1Dv>

Chloe says

I would have to say... HOT DAMN!!!

This book have more suspense and mystery than the previous books. I have to say that I actually miss some of the guys since they'll only be mentioned a few times. However . . . There will be more in depth meeting with one of the boys *wink wink*. A new character will pop out along with old friends.

I know it sucks, but you'll have to wait to find out what happens. I guarantee though that once you get your copy, you will not be able to put it down once you start reading.

(I received an early copy through magic ;P)

Beth says

I've been a big fan of The Academy series from the beginning. I enjoyed *Drop of Doubt* and find the entire premise of this series to be quite riveting. In each installment, Sang grows closure to an individual or individuals of the group, she is faced with an unknown threat and must rise above the chaos that has become her life and together with the boys unravel the mystery and defeat the "bad guy/girl". I really do find each story individually fascinating BUT I would really like a little more meat to the mystery behind the academy, its been 5 installments and we are still in the dark. I'd also like a little more into the back ground of the school leadership so I might find their actions plausible. I'm having a hard time reconciling some of the characters continued actions without more background. Please don't get me wrong, there is something about

these books that have captured my attention...but if we don't get some sort of direction, I'm afraid I will lose that connection.

There is something inherently fun watching all these boys/men vying for the attention of Sang. It has the same draw as an Anita Blake story less the copious amounts sex and paranormal tendencies...leaving us with a much cleaner, contemporary, romance, mystery wrapped into a young adult storyline.

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Tomoe-Aurelia says

5 brilliant stars for Drop of Doubt, the 5th book of the Academy series.

I am really happy that I stumbled on the Academy a few months ago because it has been my favorite series since that !

Each time I read a new book in this series I fall a bit more in love with the characters. Thank you CL Stone for allowing me to be in love with Luke, Gabriel, Owen, Victor, Sean, Nathan, Silas, North and Kota !

I was very pleasantly surprised by Sang, learning to trust the guys like she did, getting stronger and starting to voice her thoughts and feelings ...

Bethany says

HOLY...?!?!? Poor Gabe... Who IS that masked man? (-)).... Was he really...?.... Awwwww Victor!!!!.... I LOVE YOU, SEAN!!!!.... Fingernail painting, zombies and cupcakes!!!!.... The most silent one... I fall in love with these books more and more. CL, you are absolutely amazing!!!!

Charity says

[The scene where Luck took her on one of his mission. The one where they have to steal back the camera (which we find out in the Scarlet Beetle series that it belongs to th

Siv Therese says

review from amazon :)

Once upon a time there was this book series you just had to read over and over again. The pain of having to say goodbye to your beloved heroine or hero, the friends, and the amazing stories they lived through. The majority of many would say something like LOTR, Twilight, and books that are splashed through the media, and then the movies and sometimes they even squeeze out a not so good tv series as well... but then.. you just buy a random book out there. From a pretty unknown author, maybe it's his / hers debut. Maybe you just think, it's cheap, and well.. I'm out of good stuff to read anyway.

I just happened to randomly pick up The Academy - Introductions. There were no recommendations, it was suddenly there. And well, it was cheap.

And never imagined The Academy to become one of my number one book series. At the "tender" age of 25, there is sometimes a pretty annoying wall to climb when reading young adult books. The story and people sometimes feeling silly, and shallow.

But oh.. when the release of book 5 trailer was released, I had my first "fan-girl" moment ever. I giggled, sucked in my breath, and sat patiently ("cough") by my computer for the clock to tick over to the release day.

And I think to myself.. There just are not enough stars to give. I gave book 1 - 4 , 5 stars, but in reality, the stars should rise in numbers for each book, because the truth is, the series keeps getting better and better.

If you just randomly fall over book five, and you have not heard or read about the 4 other books, pick them up, and you'll get to experience a mountain climbing like no other. How is it even possible to keep the pace so steady, but still get the feeling that there are so much more to learn. Not to mention the growth of our heroine. How different she is from book one, but still keeps her essence that makes her "Sang".

I do have a sad moment as well... now I have to try my patience...again with waiting for book 6. And I'm getting worried about the length of the series. Maybe hoping for 20 books may be a bit too much... but.... here's to hoping.

An absolutely stunning book 5 in the truly breathtaking series The Academy. Hats off to C.L Stone.

Jamie (The Kansan Reader) says

Reread 12/7/16

Original post

Can one of the guys seriously kiss her?! I mean it!!

I am falling in love with these boys. I seriously cannot choose which one should be with her. I mean if she could she should just be with them all. The author created that good of characters.

I still want to beat up Marie. She drives me insane.

Melissa (Ever So Mela) says

I saw this and **Luke** came to mind! *wipe the drool off your face*
