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Rax Wrathbone is the dirty rock star you love to hate. The filthy fantasy slithering through your bed sheets. The serpent in your lady garden. The snake bite in your panties that keeps you sweating all night. He. Is. Sex.

And he's no good. For anyone.

After a nasty breakup with his best friend and their band's drummer, Rax is flying solo for the first time in years. Who needs the drama of commitment when the line for your humping booth spans three city blocks? No, groupies and liquor are far finer company than relationships, and they don't leave bruises after they've had their way with you. At least not lasting ones.

Rax's new adventures as an alcoholic, guitar-slashing one-man show are going along swimmingly until the only woman who's ever brought him to his knees shimmies down a pole back into his life. Eve doesn't abide excessive drinking, she has sex with strangers for a living, and she can't remember Rax's name to save her life.

She's perfect in every way.

Now, if he could just get sober long enough to forget his past and convince Eve he's worthy of her future...

## Nocturnes Details

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## From Reader Review Nocturnes for online ebook

### Kimberly Cheeseman says

I was so excited about reading this story about Rax, "Killer Buzz Floats" guitarist. After the rough go around he had in "BEATS"(the 2nd book) I just wasn't sure how he was going to dig himself out of his mess. This story is NOT for the faint of heart when it comes to true HEART felt emotion and Strong language(511 F\*#@'s) and raw sexual content. Rax is lost and looking for a way to go on with his band and with his life. Throughout this book I LOVE being in his head and truly understanding what he is thinking and feeling - The author does the same with the female lead in this book - I had the opportunity to be there with her through out her struggles and trying to understand the "why's" and where she was headed. I WILL be reading this book a second time and I give it 5 stars because it DID NOT disappoint in bringing out several different emotions and the ending was SUPERB...I have some Favorite parts about the book I want to discuss with Kendall's fan page group "Rockers and Harlots". Have a BLAST reading!!!

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### Noelle Pierce says

I loved STRINGS. I adored BEATS. But this one...was my favorite of the three. Kendall knocked this one out, and I couldn't put it down. I started it in the mid-to-late morning, and finished it by 11 pm. Eve was a great character, and Rax...oh, sweet, tortured Rax. I'm familiar with alcoholism (numerous family members and friends), and the author handled this issue realistically and with sensitivity.

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### Lisa Filipe says

Pretty crazy...Yes, Kendall does warn you about a CRAZY Scene involving "Hell" and Some Angels...haha, but it was pretty crazy.

Other than my shock...I really enjoyed NOCTURNES, and Rax and Eve's story. I thought it was heartbreaking, romantic and utterly real.

Kendall does a fabulous job at getting to the nitty gritty of a persons issues and putting them in the spotlight.

I loved the "soulmate" aspect of NOCTURNES, and I wish the series wasn't over.

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### Shayna says

I am SO ADDICTED to this series! I absolutely ENJOYED Strings, ADORED Beats, but I FUCKING LOVED Nocturnes! Every damn time Kendall Grey knocks it out of the park with her writing style. It's dirty, raunchy, naughty, and it just hit the spot for me. Who wants to read dull romance books, when you can have an Erotic Rock Star Romance with a KICK ASS element!

Braxton Rathbone, a.k.a. Rex, a.k.a. RAX fucking Wrathbone! Rax is a rock start that you LOVE to HATE! He makes horrible decisions, he drinks too much, he swears like a fucking sailor, he sleeps with anything and

anyone! But it's OK because when he steps on stage and starts playing on his guitar, all the bad decisions and horrible choices fade away and he is left with the MUSIC. Nothing else matters! It's every other second of the day he isn't in this element where you start to worry about Rax. I have got to say that when Rax is drunk, it is by far one of the most fucking hysterical things, I have read in a long time. He is definitely unforgettable.

Eve, a.k.a. LOLA! Oh boy, I wanted to hate her so much! She was incredibly full of herself in the looks department. She was absolutely beautiful and she knew it too. Little ballet dancer turned full on stripper. Losing her parents at such a young age had to be difficult and she is dealing with it the best way she knows how, trying to save up and have a better life. It is what her parents would have wanted for her. The things she has to go through was so incredibly hard to read. It broke my heart, it made me soften up to her and understand her better. Eve is not only beautiful, she is fucking strong!

If you read the previous books, you remember Lola, Rax's drug of choice for a couple of minutes. He thought he would never see her again, but while the band is in New Orleans putting together a record, he stumbles upon a club called NOCTURNES and he spots her. Lola is more than she seems and NOCTURNES is definitely more than it seems. Rax is a total drunken mess after what went down with Jinx and Toombs. He hides away with his tequila, cursing at everyone that looks at him funny. He finally finds his Lola and he is not letting her go until he has her.

Despite the laughter and the cringing and the tons of kinky fun, there is a deep down, emotional roller coaster ride that both Rax and Eve go through together as well as apart. Eve had a horrible tragedy happen in her life. Rax is about to hit rock bottom with his drinking. It's real life problems that everyone goes through, and it's heartwarming to connect with these characters on that deep emotional level.

So even though Kendall Grey can write like a rock star, creating words and phrases that I have never heard before, making her readers crack up with laughter, she also has that special connection with her readers, getting in to the tough stuff, the nitty-gritty of the world, and makes us think and feel. I'm so incredibly elated that I found this author, and I can't wait to see what dirty, filthy, x-rated smut she comes up with next!

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## Laci says

This series gets better with every book. This is a story of life, love and triumph over personal demons and a little sexy time to boot.

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## Pam says

3 stars

***“I wanna be the only pole you ever need. I’m tall. Hard. Strong. Mostly straight. I swear to God I’ll always support you and never let you down.”***

This is the fucked up story of Rax and Lola, two people who were far from stable and definitely not at a point in their lives where they can grow their attraction for one another. Lola was THE reason Rax ended up in the hospital that one night a few months ago and as chance has it their paths crossed once again. You'd

think that after a dose of alcohol poisoning that would stop him from reaching for the bottle but nope, it makes him drown in it more. Rax recently just fucked up his relationship with Toombs, he could have been happy, he could've had it all, dominating both Toombs and Jinx, but his dick had other plans and now all he has left is his guitar and his alcohol.

***“It’s not your fault, vodka. You’re the only one that makes me happy. You keep me steady. And everyone gives you shit for it. I’d never shit on you. I love you.”***

Lola is a glorified stripper on the outside and a broken Eve on the inside. She is doing the only thing she can do and that is Dance. She is so focused on a dream her parents had that she begins to believe it is something she has to have in order to be happy, the problem is getting the dream means living in hell, and there are rules she must obey. It was all just a job to her, being able to separate her mind and her body was a gift, one that was easily shattered the day Rax walked back into her life. She doesn't understand what it is about this man, but **something tells me he's just as lost as I am. Like recognizes like. Even when what we see is horrifying. He's my mirror. And that scares the hell out of me.**

***Rax found me. Not Lola, the broken-winged angel from Nocturnes's Hell who'll do anything with anyone for the right amount of money. He unearthed Eve. Invisible, frail, orphaned Eve.***

Rax and Lola are both owned by two different demons, they are both trapped in their own versions of hell; not strong enough alone and more so together. As long as they aren't in control of themselves they are no good to each other, and sometimes you just have to step away no matter how much it hurts.

***“Everyone deserves happiness, Rax. Even the lowest of the low. Even us.”***

**Nocturnes** is so much more than sex and rock and roll, of course there is a healthy dose of sex and rock, it wouldn't be the same if that was lacking, but there is also a fucked up story on the effects of alcoholism and the lengths people will go too to get their dream. There is a BiG WTF scene here, it's not made up, I haven't seen it but this is the first time I've read about it. Rax and Lola were two lost souls that you couldn't help but feel for, they had everything against them even themselves. I still enjoyed the read, it's one of my guilty pleasures, wonder whose next...

***“We are Killer Buzz Float, where the women rock the cock—or in Jillian’s case, the twat—and the dudes cut loose our love fountains, quenching the insatiable thirsts of cock-kind. Long live The Rock!”***

\*\*\* Reviewed on 12.26.2013 :)

## **Nemo (The Moonlight Library) says**

I really liked watching Rax's transformation but the sex scenes weren't as good as previous books and the whole thing seemed repetitive and probably a bunch of shit could have been cut without adversely affecting the novel.

However the most unrealistic aspect wasn't the sex act we are 'warned not to say is unrealistic because I've seen it done in movies and we all know they're realistic as fuck' in the author's note, but the idea that a pole dancer never gets bruises.

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## **Meagan says**

Damn you Kendall Grey for making me feel! I loved Letty and Shades. I needed Jinx and Toombs to get together. But Rax? Rax could have jumped off a cliff and I wouldn't have cared, until Kendall Grey made me actually care for the son of a bitch. Out of all the characters in the Hard Rock Harlots series, Rax has always been the most difficult to like. It was hard to find any redeeming qualities, especially after he almost forced himself on Jinx in Beats. But Nocturnes not only changed the way I viewed Rax, but I actually found myself rooting for his happy ending.

I've had more than a few conversations with readers who said they just couldn't get past the Rax and Jinx incident. And I understand that, but I think to really enjoy this story you need to go into it with an open mind. Rax is an alcoholic, so you need to decide if you're willing to forgive his sins, accept his past transgressions and move on or if you will forever condemn him for his actions induced by alcohol.

But enough about Rax, Nocturnes also focuses on Lola/Eve. Eve is the stripper Rax first met in Jacksonville. She's now stripping in New Orleans as well as working in the underground sex club, Heaven, affectionately nicknamed Hell by those who work there. One of the first scenes we get with Eve and Rax is the scene. Yeah, you know which one I'm talking about, and if you don't . . . don't worry there's no mistaking which scene everyone's talking about. Eve must decide if letting the patrons of Heaven use her body any way they see fit (and I mean any way) to finance her dream of finally having a home is worth the psychological damage.

Rax and Eve do this odd dance, taking one step forward and two steps back. They get each other's decisions and sadness, but that doesn't mean they like them. It's their destructiveness that both pushes them together and pulls them apart. The way they were drawn to each other was beautifully done. To be honest, I don't think either one of them would have made it much longer if they hadn't found each other.

So, final verdict . . . is Rax's character redeemable? Well for me that'd be a big Killer Buzz Float hell yeah! But that's just me, what can I say . . . I love an underdog and I really, really enjoyed the book. Oh and huge kudos to Grey for sneaking in characters from her Just Breathe series, it was the sauce on top of my awesome.

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## StacyHgg says

### *Nocturnes by Kendall Grey*

Series: Hard Rock Harlots #3

Genre: Erotica

Age Group: New Adult

Release Date: November 30th 2013

Print Length: 243 pages

Steam Rating: Nuclear

**Overall Rating: 4.5 STARS**

### **Review:**

Wow... I don't even know where to begin o.O I mean Kendall Grey likes to take me out of my comfort level but I was so shocked at the first "sex scene" that I thought she may have pushed me too far. But she didn't. In fact Nocturnes ROCKED MY WORLD! Kendall knows what she's doing, and she knows her characters and just what they need.

*Move over rockers and Harlots. Eve Belikov is in the house.*

After Beats I wasn't sure I would be able to like Rax. He was a selfish, horrible person inside and out -- without apology. And although we are shown that he is (slightly) redeemable, we are also proved right about how we felt about him in the first place. He was everything we thought he was. But losing Tooms has sent him spiraling out of control (even more than usual), you see his rock bottom coming, and so does he but he is powerless to stop it.

Rax meets Eve in New Orleans while spiraling out of control. And it's not "boy meets nice girl and falls in love" NOT AT ALL. Eve is one seriously messed up chick.

*Knowing that this woman is a walking biohazard is a huge downer. And coming from me, that's saying a lot.*

But she is somehow perfect for Rax. In all their messedupness they come together with beauty and love. And it's not the sappy kind, Kendall doesn't do sappy, it's the raw, in your face, powerful kind. The Hard Rock Harlots series may be Erotica, and it has its share of laughs too, but it also have very powerful character development and story-lines. It is hard to find this in smut, but Kendall does it to perfection!

I also loved the way Kendall dealt with Rax's alcoholism. She didn't sugar coat it -- it was REAL... The story was told from dual POV's so I got to FEEL his misery and choke on his desperation.

But the million dollar question → Does Rax get redemption in Nocturnes? Do I love him like I do Shades and Toombs? The answer is HELL YES!!! Rax is not for everyone, and he is far from perfect, but he stole my heart :-)

As for Eve, she was frustrating at times but I did like her. I understand that she had to be messed up for her to be a good match for Rax but I did not understand some of her decisions. I was shaking my head in bewilderment throughout many of her mental ruminations just not "getting" her. I think that is the only reason I could not give this one 5 stars like I did the other two. But I did like her, and like I said she was PERFECT for Rax!

*Her halo might be a little crooked, and she might be sporting tiny horns, but she really is an angel.*

Overall, I HIGHLY recommend this series to those who are NOT faint of heart, it is amazing! I LOVED all three novels and *cannot wait* to see what Kendall comes up with next!!!

~StacyHgg~

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## Lela Manuela says

4.5 \*

*Rax Wrathbone is the dirty rock star you love to hate. The filthy fantasy slithering through your bed sheets. The serpent in your lady garden. The snake bite in your panties that keeps you sweating all night. He. Is. Sex.*

*I'm so fucking ready for it, right now!!!*

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## Stacey says

This book, the whole 3 books is the absolute tits. 2 words - squirting lessons!! Hell yeah. Kendall - your a freaking genius. Lets have more from these guys!

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## Paula says

This one was more serious than the others. I really enjoyed Rax's story. Contains one of the craziest scenes that I have ever read!

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## Sophie \*\*2 Greek Girls Reading\*\* says

**\*\*2.5 Drunk stars\*\***

This review may be spoilerish. Proceed with caution. Rant may have been added as well.

Rax Wrathbone had a fight and a break up with one of his band mates; his tag mate with the groupies and long best friend. At this point he decides to give up on relationships and prefers the company of the alcohol. Alcohol becomes his best friend and he becomes a constant shit-faced drunk.

Eve is a pole-dancer, stripper at a night club called, Nocturnes. Her staged name there is Lola. Rax had met her once at her previous job at Jacksonville and now that he found her in New Orleans, seems like a dream

come true.

Lola is trying to brush him off, because she's interested in gathering more money in order to be able to get her dream house in the future and that can only happen if she sells her body in Hell. Hell is a secret room where VIP clients can do with their 'angels' whatever they please for a few thousand dollars. Eve accepts to agree to the terms and stay away from other guys outside of work, but Rax keeps messing with her plans. Meanwhile, Rax gets warnings from his band about his attitude and his alcoholism.

***“Ready to give this pole a workout it’ll never forget?”***

***“Baby, you’re my number-one, go-to pole.***

I'm probably in the minority here, but **I didn't love this book**. It didn't blow me away, I didn't feel any particular emotion that would make me enjoy it, like I wished to. Maybe it was the fact that I didn't like Rax as a character, so I wasn't into the hero that much. But even the heroine made me roll my eyes and wonder **why do I keep reading this?**

I need to say something about this series, that I forgot to mention on my previous reviews. Is it only me or this series remind me a lot of The Sinners on Tour Boxed Set?? I'm not saying the plots are the same, but a stripper, two parts of the band long time best friends who were fucking each other, submissive rocker who wants to get beaten, alcoholic etc. etc. Maybe it's just me thinking that, who knows? Bottom line, I had enjoyed the sinners more than the Hard Rock Harlots.

I didn't like the fact that they kept saying goodbye to each other, then they were going back to each other (for no apparent reason, in my opinion). I didn't care for Rax because I never liked him, so I can't say I fell sorry for him. It was up to him to cut this addiction, having a bunch of people supporting him and all. Yes, alcoholism isn't easy, but like any addiction isn't something that cannot be cured. Also, he met Eve while he was drunk, **whenever they were together he was drunk**, he would even dump her after their moments in the bedroom and go get some booze. He needed alcohol more than her, so **I didn't feel their 'love'**.

***“Rax may be the serpent in my lady garden, but I’m the one who tempted him. I only hope his choice to bite into my apple doesn’t prove as devastating as the original Eve’s did.”***

I did like Eve's character and I agree that whatever happened to her was tragic and **her life wasn't easy** with all the drama surrounding her. I thought that she was a wise girl, but selling herself and stooping so low just to get her dream house? I couldn't accept that excuse for suffering the things they were doing to her. Especially (view spoiler) \*shudders\* I could accept all these if she could barely survive, if she had a baby, I have numerous of reasons to justify this, but these kind of actions are not acceptable to me. I would maybe be okay if she enjoyed all that and she was into it, but she was clearly suffering, so no.

What I enjoyed was the character development, the fact that it shows the raw effects that alcoholism can cause, the friendships that were fixed, the importance of having someone that you can count on, that sometimes you have to move on and change your dreams etc. So no, **I didn't hate this book, but I didn't love it either**.

Sucks to be in the minority, but I have to be honest with myself. Trust me, I wish I had enjoyed this story

more. Hopefully others will like this book more than me.

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### **Kathleen says**

Story Rating ~ 5 Rocking Stars!

Hero Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heroine Rating ~ 5 Stars

Romance Rating ~ 5 Stars

Heat Level ~ 5 in your face red HOT NAUGHTY stars!

Language Level ~ REALLY BAD and I LOVED IT!!

Ending ~ 5 Stars with squirting included.

Overall ~ 5 entertaining Stars

I LOVED both Strings and Beats so reading Nocturnes was a must read book for me. I really do feel sorry for those of you who decide to forgo reading this series. You really are missing out on some of the smuttiest, naughtiest and most entraining reads that I feel has **EVER** been written.

This was my favorite read of the series. It touched on several dark area's and Kendal Grey pulled it off most amazingly. This book grabbed me right from the start and I had a very hard time putting it down. What she also did fantastically was the characters. I LOVED RAX and EVE! They were some of the most original characters that I have EVER had the pleasure of reading. Lets NOT forget about the heat, this may have been the HOTTEST read of the year for me. The sex scenes will BLISTER your fingers and have you squirming in your seats. What surprised me most about this book was the emotions I felt while reading. I was drawn emotionally into the story and I was TOTALLY invested in Rax and Eve as they dealt with some pretty bad shit that was going on in their lives. I LOVED reading how they came through all of it with the help from each other and from the other members of Killer Buzz Float. If you have read Strings and Beats you will be happy to know that Letty, Shades, Jink, Toomb's and yes even Jillian all had HUGE rolls in this book. I wish this series would just keep on going. Here's a few words I would use to describe this book, WILD, passionate, angst, SCORCHING, emotional, thrilling, squinting and lube.

So for all you rock loving, smut reading woman who don't mind some really bad language and EXTREMELY kinky sex scenes I HIGHLY recommend you give this series a try.

**I have one more thing to say, ROCK ON KENDALL Grey!!!**

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### **Laura- BookBistroBlog says**

I'm just going to go right to the pink elephant in the corner.... Not 1, Not 2, But 3!!!! Wowza that scene was just what Rax needed to watch. It was like a mini wake up call for him.

Oh my little messed up Rax....he just never was truly loved. That's all he wants is to have someone who can look at him with googoo eyes and feel wanted like he see's happening with his band mates.

This is the raw, yet sad story of Rax and his conquest to over-come loosing out on Toombs. Rax never has given up on that one who got away in Florida...

So instead of moving on and working on getting the new album ready to go, he turns to Alcohol...it gives him all the good feelings he is looking for. But with those good feelings, at what price does the band suffer? Will they meet the deadline for the album or will they loose Rax and have to find someone to take his place.

