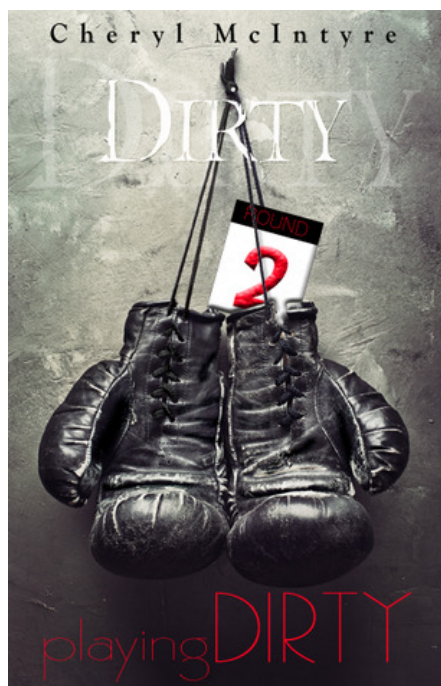




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Playing Dirty Details

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Brandi says

Wow!! That was so good!!

Jonnie says

****Warning: contains dark themes, offensive language and graphic sexual content****

Most people don't know how simple it is to choke somebody. The right amount of pressure in the right spot will bring even the biggest man to his knees.

Every lesson we learned in grade school about stranger danger runs through my mind. Don't talk to strangers. Don't take candy from strangers. Don't open the door for strangers--Not once did my mom or teachers tell me what to do about someone I knew.

In this deliciously dark installment, we see the beginning of Link and Rocky's relationship and delve further into the minds of two characters who find intimacy literally painful, and letting go of the past an impossible feat. Their thoughts are laced with an irrevocable darkness that continues to disturb me and I know this is only the surface of what this book could potentially hold. My mind is swimming.

Mo says

Another solid read. I liked it. Quick read.

Maida»-(^v^)-» says

RATING: 4 How the Hell Will This End??! Hearts!! :) <3

Playing Dirty continues the gritty and angst-filled story of Linken and Rocky, two crippled souls, one for which vengeance is the glue that holds his tattered self together, and for the other alcohol and men as mitigation from an unrelenting past.

"How far is too far?"

This picks up right after the suspense laden ending of the last episode with Link seeing through a precarious and morally corrupt situation, and us hearts in our throats, questioning whether or not our anti-hero can be redeemed, and why we harbor absolute loyalty for such a dark and complex character.

"This agony is consuming me. I've lost everything. I have nothing. Nothing to live for. Nothing to fight for."

At last we get the recollection of Rocky's brutal past, clearing any remaining uncertainties about her and riddling her with justifiable vulnerabilities to ensure a sympathetic audience in us.

"I don't have the strength to end my life. I'm too tired. Too lazy. If I could just fade into nonexistence, that'd be perfect."

The revenge scheme is of course as thrilling, disconcerting, and distressing as the first in this serial, but equally as satisfying is the romance between Link and Rocky that finally takes the stage with a nervous ripple of undeniable attraction and risqué moments as yet to reach their pinnacle. While Link and Rocky both dispute their connection and sexual desires – for his sense of betraying Olivia and her unable to trust in her reawakened feelings – we are still left with a sliver of hope that urges us to believe these two will eventually find some semblance of happy ever after.

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"Olivia was my counterpart since I was fifteen years old. She was the other half of me. Rocky is my parallel. A reflection of what I am now. My mirror image of pain."

Overall, Cheryl McIntyre continues to captivate with this second part to her Dirty novella series, and I cannot wait for more of Link and Rocky in the next segment.

Posted: July 14, 2015

Ilze says

3 stars because these 'books' are too damn short and I doubt I will be reading next one since I have to wait month for another 50 something pages. Shame, because the story is really good.

Harriet ~ bookworm says

4.5 STARS!

This is the second novella in the Dirty series and I found it a tiny bit better than the first.

The first two chapters devastated me. We had flash backs of what happened to Rocky which just broke my heart it was graphic and raw but so devastatingly well written. We also had Link discover things which he didn't know which again was graphic I think because I wasn't expecting it I felt even more shocked and disgusted by what happened to Rocky, Link and Links girlfriend who died, to me the worst way possible.

He's always there. Every time I close my eyes. I'll never be free of him.

I found I was even more drawn in to this one rather than the first maybe it's because we learnt even more about these two broken souls.

What ever the reason, I'm drawn to him. Intrigued. Attracted. Curious.

We also got more of Link and Rocky together in this one which I just loved. They both deserve happiness but I know it's going to take a lot for them to find peace and be able to trust and love again (in Links case) for Rocky to finally be able to find that first love, everything was just taken away from her at such a young age. I'm rooting for these two to find their HEA!

My heart races, pounding in my chest. I want this girl so badly, but we both have our limits. She can't fuck me. I can't kiss her. And opening myself up like she wants? I'm completely incapable.

I'm totally hooked by this series. On to the next one yay!!

Jess-i-ca ~Sometimes a Gif Witch~ says

4.5 - This Shit is Getting Good- Stars

WARNING- Possible mild spoilers ahead!!

Let me start by saying I'm addicted to this series. I am so sucked in. I can't wait to find out what happens next. I need the next book like yesterday!

Link is still working on his revenge plans against the guys who killed Olivia.

"Does it matter if I cross that invisible line? If I go too far? If I can never come back? I don't think so. Because what's left for me here? Nothing"

Meanwhile, since he's out of the office a lot working on his vengeance plans, he decides to get a secretary and Joe offers up Rocky. Rocky is somewhat intrigued by Link and takes him up on it.

They have some major chemistry action going on between them but don't take it too far. Link goes to the bar that night and notices Rocky there playing pool. He sees Rocky headed into the bathroom with a guy again....

He stops it and decides to help satisfy Rocky's urges himself.

Ahem..... :D

But when she kisses him he freezes. He feels as if he's betraying Olivia.

"Olivia was my counterpart since I was fifteen years old. She was the other half of me. Rocky is my parallel. A reflection of what I am now. My mirror image of pain."

Honestly with this storyline

Beverly says

4 - This keeps getting better stars

Contains Spoilers if you have not read part 1.

Part 2 picks up where part 1 left off, link is at Greg Anthony's apartment trying to get information regarding that other murderers. In part 2 Link is taking a lot of time to seek his vengeance and is out of the gym a lot. He realizes he needs to hire a secretary to do some of the office type work.

and who would be the perfect secretary...Rocky

now that Rocky is at the gym on regular basis this provides more opportunity for Link and Rocky to connect. I really loved (view spoiler)

Again we are only treated to little pieces of information, but I like where things are heading. It is hard to give away more information without providing spoilers, so you really just need to read it!!

Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says

*****FIVE STARS*****

I'm definitely hooked on this series!!

I can't get enough of Link and am dying for him to get it on with Rocky!

Link is holding Aaron hostage in his basement.

He will use whatever means necessary to get the names of Livie's attackers.

We relive Rocky's attack in her high school locker room and learn her attacker was a fellow student that she knew.

Rocky takes the secretarial job at Link's gym.

She's been thinking about him a lot and even fantasizing about him.

Link catches Rocky again in the bar bathroom with a different man and runs the guy out of there.

Things heat up between the two and god damn I wanted more!!!

Olivia was my counterpart since I was fifteen years old. She was the other half of me.

Rocky is my parallel. A reflection of what I am now. My mirror image of pain.

I haven't ached this badly or felt this good in a long while.

I have a feeling they are going to give in to their crazy attraction for each other and it's going to be incredibly HOT!!

I'm hoping they will be able to help heal one another and can have a future together!!!

Sleepy says

This shit keeps getting better and better!!!!

~Possible spoilers~

I've been told over and over how time heals all wounds.

But here's the truth: Time has not healed that loss or filled that hole. If anything, it has only taken her farther away from me.

I need them to suffer—to pay—before I go insane.

Maybe I already am -link

I want to, Link. I want to understand you. I want to know you.”

My heart races, pounding in my chest. I want this girl so badly, but we both have our limits. She can't fuck me. I can't kiss her. And opening myself up like she wants? I'm completely incapable.

I cant"

Off to book 3.....

Mysza says

Plot thickens, revenge begins. One broken hero, one broken heroine. Will they be able to help each other? Let's see..... Off to the next one.

Full review will be posted with the last installment.

Tony says

First, the blurb:

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Link:

How do you react after a tragedy that took a lover and nearly cost your own life too.??

What do you do when that tragedy was a deliberate act.??

What would you do if you could face the perpetrators on your own terms.??

Rocky:

What happens when you discover someone who's demons mirror your own.??

How do you deal with an attraction so strong, a desire you cannot fight, to the first person for years who makes you feel safe.??

What do you do if he offers to slay your demons for you.??

If the chance to hurt someone who caused you so much pain is within your reach, will you take it.??

If you have the chance to be with someone who truly understands you, will you let them in to your soul.??

If your need for revenge is greater than your need, or desire, for love, but one person can offer you both, will you let them into your heart.??

We're a little closer to answering these burning questions.

Tragedy. Survival. Hate. Longing. Revenge.

But:

Love.??

Redemption.??

Not there yet.!!!

5***** Smuttertaining Stars.

Mirjana **DTR - Down to Read says**

*****4.5 My Mind is Racing Stars*****

How far is too far?

What is that point you can't come back from?

What line do you have to cross before you're so far gone you can't even recognize yourself anymore?

People...I am stressed out!!

This next installment upped the nervousness! How far is Link willing to go? And if he does follow through with his plan, can he live with himself afterwards?

But now Rocky has crossed his path. He sees something in her. Recognizes the loss of something in her eyes. He's pulled to her and he doesn't know how to deal with that.

And then I understand the draw. It's not that we've both been damaged. Or that we both have suffered, or lost, or hurt.

It's that we both survived it.

Rocky is shocked by the feelings that stir within her when she's around Link. Feelings, emotions and desires that were long ago ripped away from her. She's intrigued by Link...his motivations...his actions...his pain. She's both terrified and excited to pursue that connection. He claims to understand some of her pain, but even so, where does that leave them?

"I know what it's like. To pretend to live when you feel dead inside. When the person responsible walks free. I understand the yearning to feel safe. And I know the only way to wholly gain control is to take it."

Link needs vengeance, not a distraction like Rocky. His sole motivation for getting through the day is to find the bastards that ruined his life. He's getting closer...he's focused...he knows what he must do. But Rocky has crept into his thoughts, gotten under his skin..

Olivia was my counterpart since I was fifteen years old. She was the other half of me.

Rocky is my parallel. A reflection of what I am now. My mirror image of pain.

OMG I have NO IDEA where this story is going! I'm still just as intrigued, still just as enthralled and can't wait to dive into the next installment. It's like speeding down a darkened, back road highway...I can't see where I'm going, but wherever it is, I'm getting there fast!

Elizabeth says

"How far is too far? What is that point you can't come back from? What line do you have to cross before you're so far gone you can't even recognize yourself anymore?"-Link

Playing Dirty picks up directly after Getting Dirty. Link has made a choice and now he must follow through or deal with the consequences.

"Does it matter if I cross that invisible line? If I go too far? If I can never come back?"-Link

Rocky is rehashing her violent past as she comes to terms with who Link is and what he might mean to her. How is it possible after all of these years she is craving his touch?

"I imagine what it would be like to touch him. To let him touch me. I don't allow men to touch me. I have to be in control."-Rocky

And yet, Link is changing everything. She begins to crave his touch. She wants to heal the hurt in his eyes. Can she help erase his pain?

"I haven't felt a man's hands on me intimately in three years. Yet, I can't stop picturing Link's hands now, gliding along my heated skin. Pressing and caressing all the right places. His callused fingers prodding all my girly spots. The thought scares me and excites me at the same time."-Rocky

Still drowning in liquor and men has been her only solace. She continues to be the victim of the pain.

As Link and Rocky grow closer together, the question remains...can we ever truly heal when the pain has cut us so deep?

"I understand the draw. It's not that we've both been damaged. Or that we both have suffered, or lost, or hurt. It's that we both survived it."-Rocky

Link is still caught in the prison of revenge and yet, Rocky has offered him a safe place.

"I want to make her feel safe. I want to protect her in all the ways I failed to protect Olivia."

Overall, this series continues to mesmerize me. I can't help but fret over what is going to happen to these two. I want so much for them to forget the pain and move forward together. Somehow I don't envision they will be walking hand in hand into the sunset anytime soon. This is just the beginning for Rocky and Link. Things are still raw and oh too painful. I am struggling a bit with Link (view spoiler) Can't wait to see what happens next. On to the next one!

***J* Too Many Books Too Little Time says**

4.5--**Link is Definitely Playing Dirty**--Stars!!

Warning: May contain spoilers for Getting Dirty.

Playing Dirty picks up exactly where Getting Dirty left off. We have the parallel stories of Link and Rocky that are slowly starting to come together.

"How far is too far?"

Four years later and Link has finally come face to face with one of his attackers. The one that raped and beat the love of his life, Olivia.

Vengeance. It's what he seeks. But not just vengeance for one. Vengeance for all four. All four men responsible for Olivia's death and his pain. And he'll stop at nothing to get it.

"This agony is consuming me. I've lost everything. I have nothing. Nothing to live for. Nothing to fight for."

We get more about Rocky's past and exactly what happened to her. She continues to float through life, using booze and sex to numb the pain. Knowing she's playing a dangerous game but not having the will to care.

"I'm the one in charge. I love it. I hate it."

What is it about Rocky that draws Link in? What is it about Link that makes Rocky want to understand him, get to know him, allow him to touch her?

"And then I understand the draw. It's not that we've both been damaged. Or that we both have suffered, or lost, or hurt. It's that we both survived."

"Rocky is my parallel. A reflection of what I am now. My mirror image of pain."

There were some definite

moments in this one.

Link's need for revenge is so strong. I just...I just have no idea how this is going to turn out.

One month for the next installment....
