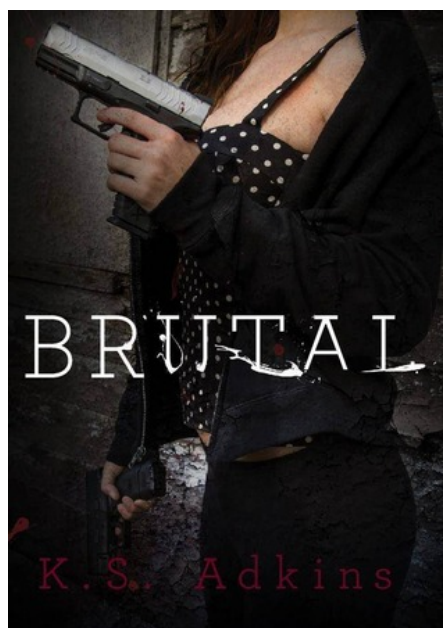




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My name is Venessa Cross.

I'm a Detroit DJ with issues. I know it, my friends know it, and even the enemy knows it.

The problem is, now the Detroit Police Department knows it, too.

I was wrong to think my nighttime activities would go unnoticed. Eventually I wound up on his radar.

He lives for the law, I exist outside of it. I expected the rules to change, but I didn't expect that one simple handshake would also change... everything else.

When he's assigned to protect me, he gets a back stage pass to my world.

Now I make him question the very oath he stands for, and I hate myself for it.

I'm convinced I'll ruin him.

Yet, he wants to save me.

If you thought the streets of Detroit were brutal, you haven't seen me in action.

Follow me and watch me do what the police can't: deliver punishment.

My name is Venessa Cross.

I am justice.

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~*~Brooke's Stripped Down Reviews~*~ says

I loved the FUCK out of this book!

I'm pondering a better review, but for now I will tell you this was a first for me. I read a lot of romance and I usually love and lust over all the male leads. This one, I did not find the male attractive at all but loved him anyway. He was perfect for Venessa and that's all I needed to fall in love with him too.

Enough about that, what I really loved about this book was Venessa...serious girl crush! She was kickass and hardcore. She was so fun to read, I couldn't wait to see whose ass she was gonna kick next or what record she was gonna spin at the club (big 5FDP fan, as well as Eminem). I understood and admired her love of music, how it defines moments in your life as well as your feelings...I can totally relate.

It was a fun read...I wouldn't have put it down if it weren't for having a baby to tend to ;) I can't wait for more in this series as well as by this author!

Sibylla Matilde says

My name is Sibylla Matilde and I loved this motherfucking book. I loved Vanessa and her kick-ass personality so much I made a new GR shelf.

I'm trying to leave nicely, but if he kisses me, I'll probably stab him.

I loved 'Rogue' and his imperfections and his pissing contests.

You need to wake up and tell my why you're friends with that fucker.

I seriously LOVED the pumpkin and the tree.

This is soooooo not your typical sugar-sweet romance. It was really a wonderful story, so different and raw and bare and, well...brutal. It was hot and violent and awesome. Woo-fuckin-hoo, KS!

Natalia says

3,5 stars

This book was a breathe of fresh air...

h is not a dainty flower, she's a fighter!!! She's gone to hell and came back plotting revenge and she gets it...

H not the typical male character... Not drop dead gorgeous, not billionaire, not a man whore.

Their connection was so "made in heaven", fated, perfect that was too much...

Really didn't get why she needed to be beat up almost to death in the end... Unnecessary drama!!!

* **Cindy** * says

Boring. Tried, but couldn't get more than half way. The heroine finished almost every sentence with, yeah. I guess people in Detroit talk that way, but it grated on my nerves. Moving on.

EroticaAfterDark (Lilith) says

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Jinx says

This couple was just *too* over the top for my liking. They were both unhealthy co-dependent on one another. And the story line was unrealistic to say the least. There is no way a woman who stands at 5 feet 2 inches tall and a 110 pounds can over power grown ass men. Drugs or no drugs it can't be done.

Now I know that this book is fiction and not based on real life people but... A little plausibility wouldn't have hurt. *Maybe just maybe* it would have made this book like-able. The Heroine was bat-shit crazy and the Hero was nothing more than her enabler. This couple made Sid Vicious and Nancy Spungen look normal.

(And for those of you who don't know who they are Sid *allegedly* stabbed and killed Nancy in a drug induced blackout.)

Shari Kay says

Well, this was different.

I'm not really sure how I feel about it to be honest. (Thus the middle of the road rating) I liked Rogan. I liked Vanessa. I'm interested in the side characters. So...issues:

This is totally over the top insta/love.

This is totally over the top reactions.

This is totally over the top violent.

This is totally over the top hard to believe concerning the Cap.

This is totally over the top....everything.

I like OTT reads. I do. But, this one had so much unbelievable stuff happening it got a bit whackadoodlish. (It's a word)

We've got Vanessa. She one tough chick and messed up. Her past is heartbreaking. And I understand why she is how she is, but all the "kharma" stuff was a bit much. All she got away with...highly unlikely. The Cap knowing. Everyone wanting her. All the bad guys cowering to her.

Rogan. He's a stand up detective in the DPD. He's big and ugly. And a virgin to boot. He mentions his sad upbringing too, but I was confused on the details. He's never wanted anyone and then...BAM! He sees Vanessa and she's IT for him. He will bend every law to keep her safe.

Vanessa feels the same way with one look at Rogan. She hates being touched...until Rogan. We get her reasons why...but it is truly insta!

The plot is a bit all over the place. The stalker only briefly alluded to among lots of other story seeds, and then all of a sudden it's the main event. And what Vanessa did at the end. I don't see it. I just don't. (view spoiler) Everyone is just okay with this? Really?

I think story is a bit long. It could have been tightened up a bit, and has some editing issues. And Tony...whom I still kinda like, but his explanation is ridiculous and I feel kind of sorry for his future heroine. Will I read the next one? I think I will.

~Dawn~TUG says

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Cyndi says

Thank you to my sweet friend Leonor for loaning me this book! It was good and different. A tough, self sufficient heroine and a tough, loner hero! They were sweet with each other. The suspense storyline was interesting and continues in the next book.

Alex ? says

*** This book and this review is not for sensitive readers***

Cursing, giving-of-zero-f*cks, showing of my sociopathic side and other crap.

blah
blah
blah
blah
blah

Well, well, well...

What do we have here?

A talented badass author, who apparently doesn't give a fuck what they normally sell in romance.

AMAZING!!!

They sell us shy/sweet/~~weak~~ forgiving heroines, K.S. Adkins gives us a badass kickass bitch!

They reach best-seller status by writing good-looking/gorgeous/etc. manwhores, she creates a scary looking virgin motherfucker.

SIGN ME THE FUCK UP!!!

My name is Venessa Cross, thanks for asking. I am justice.

The 1st time the heroine quotes *me* and not the other way around ;-)

"Bitch isn't an insult, you idiot."

Vennessa.... Badass chick, unapologetic, cruel, but still sweet (deep, very deep *lol*) and extremely loyal.

Kind heart & 'sunshine' wasn't the main point of this book...

"...and watching them die was beautiful. Revenge is beautiful."

Hero. Rogan.

Da fuck? Like WTF? FINALLY!!!! Not a good-looking guy, but scary & big (still a soft teddy bear with his woman). He had a tender side and wasn't afraid of showing it. And he loved how strong and cool his woman was! Muah!

30 yo and virgin, coz the women didn't throw themselves at him and he wasn't interested.
WTF you say? AMAZING I say!!!

Delicious!

The romance part was very touching. Raw and real, OTT insta, but still cool. Many beautiful moments.

"Fucking love you, pumpkin," he whispers.

"Fucking love you too, tree," I whisper back.

I suck at retelling.

I enjoyed this book a lot. Not everything made sense to me, maybe some plot holes and, common, it's fiction, so I don't dwell on heroine's überstrength – loved when she kicked ass! ?

The hero was OTT obsessed and he monitored her calls till the very end and even beyond. Yeah. What? If she was ok with that, then ok. I wouldn't have, but the book wasn't about me, so... *lol*

The only scene I didn't like and that's why 4 and not 5 – when the h beat the policewoman, because she got jealous? Not cool, so not cool!

Overall: very different and fucking good.

“Shadow Squad”. Can't wait to read them all.

Tara TUG says

If you picked up this book hoping for warm soft cuddles than you picked up the wrong fucking book. This is about rawness, revenge, love and also fighting for your own injustices. I started reading this book and was in awe that this was a debut novel. The writing is so real and intense, but yet so effortlessly described in detail that makes you feel like you are living in the story. This is not your everyday romance book it's a book about tortured pasts, reasons to fight, learning to live and in the end straddling the line between right and wrong.

Venessa lost everything the night she watched her family die – hoping for death as well, but forced to live a life with memories of the brutal attack forced upon her. What would have made most people stop fighting – pushed her to fight harder. That night her dreams died and a vigilante was born. Straddling the line of fighting monsters, but not becoming a monster. V only sees a future clawing for the atonement she so desperately needs. Venessa is such a kick ass lead female that she quickly steals your heart and in the end has you rooting that the hate does not suck her in. What I loved about Venessa was although she was so tough on

the outside she came across caring and loyal as well.

Rogan, I loved him instantly. He was a broody, growling, asshole who was all Alpha. He's fighting on the right side of the law as it's all he knows and wants until he meets Venessa. The need to protect her is intense as is the need to make her his. Rogan was perfect in my eyes. The walls he built to keep people out crumbled once he set his eyes on V and to me that made him endearing. He would do anything for V including teetering the line of the law that he lived by.

One of things I loved most about this book was feeling like I was living in the pages. I felt the need to fight along with the characters. I lived their pain, love and also the need to have revenge. I watched Rogan and Venessa heal each other and fight for each other. I couldn't put the book down once I started. When you toss in suspense, great character, a fucking awesome story line and back characters that demand their own book, you know you have an author to watch out for.

❀?Yasmine?❀ says

'Who am I, you're asking yourself. My name is Venessa Cross, and I fight for those who can't.'

VENESSA CROSS

ROGAN BLACK

Genre: Gritty action-romance. **Maybe for fans of 'Real Ugly' C.M. Stunich**

Cover: 5/10

Writing: 7/10

Heroine: 9/10

Hero: 9/10

Amount of humour: 3/10

Amount of jealousy: 5/10

Hotness: 7/10

Romance: 8/10

Ending: 9/10

Extra book Details: HEA. Dual POV.

What Venessa experienced at 17 years old, was absolutely HORR-IF-IC. When her families murder investigation is dropped, Venessa decides to take the law into her own hands.

'No-one follows the rules here. Instead, rules are treated as options.'

'These days, the cops are the clean up crew, not your first line of defence. They couldn't save my family, and they can't save yours. Detroit needs a wakeup call, and I'm the alarm.'

Rogan Black was raised in the system and grew up on the streets.

'With no authority figure or discipline, I figured out quick that I needed rules and order in my life.'

'I'm crime's worst nightmare. I make women and children cry. I'm feared because I'm an asshole, and I like it that way. Detroit is MY town. I'm Detective Rogan Black, and I'm THE motherfucking law.'

'I'm an ugly son of a bitch. Bigger than most men. Meaner than 'em too. Women don't run to me, they usually run from me.'

Only Venessa doesn't want to run from him.

'He's one of the biggest, scariest guys I've ever seen. Only he's not scary to me. I wanted to jump on his lap.'

Fair to say, I loved the characters. They were perfect for each other; they both love aggression, are ruthless, obsessed with each other, extremely brutal and are determined warriors.

Venessa was totally kick-ass and admirable. It wasn't just the horrors of her family's deaths that she went through.

Rogan was both an alpha and a beta. He's a loner, an aggressor, a virgin, a tough guy. But also innocent when it comes to women and most social situations. He thought he was sooo ugly, though he might have been, but Venessa saw him as wonderful.

I adored him when he says things like; *I'm thirty years old, and this is my first real hug.* and *"Never had shit that's mine, got you now. Don't need nothing else."*

There were some funny bits for me. The porn scene made me giggle and when Venessa said; *"Rogan, I'm going to come on your face if you don't move!"*

I loved seeing Rogan and Venessa explore sex and love for the first time together. There was quite a bit of sex too. *wink wink*

I knocked this down a star because I felt the author took on the insta-connection (not intsa-lust or love) heavy handily, causing some lines to come out a little corny and their emotions to be too much too soon. This also was evident when it came to the 'jealous scenes'; where either party would punch someone for looking/talking/generally touching their other half.

I did expect this to be a cat and mouse chase, or a love/hate, crime vs criminal, kind of book. It's more about the two working together to fight something greater, something that they believe in. Expect an imperfect, gritty, sex and violence kind of read with two loveable, tough, unique characters.

Maayan says

"ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review"

Leo (Queen of the Rants and the Crazy) says

3.5 stars...

****Some Spoilers****

Thank you **Fei** for the recommendation!!

Well I can say that I enjoyed this one.

What I liked:

~A strong heroine, who's loyal to her friends.

~A protective hero, who is described as ugly, huge guy with no abs. I didn't find him ugly, I found unique, a virgin hero who was ready to protect his love one way or another. He was all but ready to peed on the heroine. He acted way OTT with possessiveness and jealousy.

~Friends... I liked Macy a lot.

I do think both hero and heroine were kind of crazy. From the heroine beating up a woman for touching her man, from the hero wanting to kill any man who was after his woman.

I think I too would have done the same if a woman touch my hubby. #sorrynotsorry

Btw everybody and their mama right along with their dog wanted the heroine.

What I didn't liked:

Anthony, Tony or whoever you are aka the OM.

While I love OM drama in books as long as I don't have to see or hear from his ass again but it seems like book 4 will have this man as a hero.. Yep... I imagine my surprise when I read about him saying that this heroine is his, and that he needs her, craved her that he's in love with her that one way or another she (heroine) would caved in and will become his.

He flat out **RUINED** his book for me. A book that I was actually looking forward to read but I can't in any shape of form forget that he chased this heroine hard. That he claimed her in front of everyone. How would his heroine feel that he lay claimed to someone else. Someone who may be her friend or acquaintance?

I felt like I was in a ping pong match, where the hero and the OM went hard for the heroine. And let me be clear that the heroine never gave him an inch, she rejected him but he couldn't take a freaking clue!!

The scene at the hospital, the heroine reacted way OTT. I was rolling my eyes.

Lady Vigilante (Feifei) says

Now this sounds promising!

