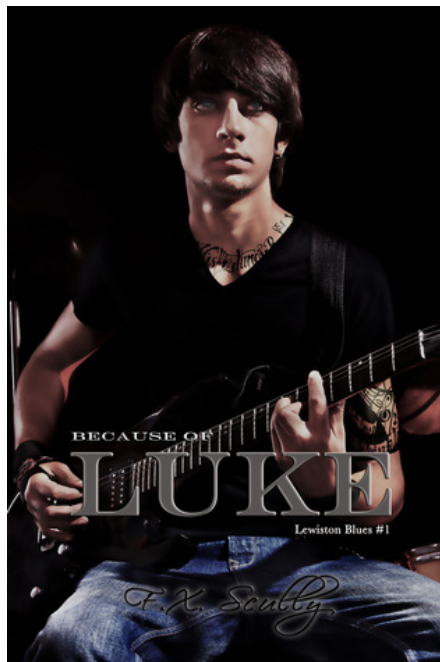




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Music, love and sibling rivalry...all Because of Luke.

Three years ago, Shannon was a wild child. Parties, boys. You name it, she did it. But she's changed and the only way to truly turn things around is to finish college and hop on a plane to...anywhere else. Until an unexpected encounter throws her off track.

Sheila's been covering for her big sister for as long as she can remember. Now it's her turn. But her rebellious plans don't include small-town fun. She's got her eye on something better—a group of budding rock stars and a summer-long tour.

In the middle of the sisters lands Luke, a determined college student who's pretty sure he just met his soul mate. But loyalty to his big brother means leaving her behind to go on a three-month tour with his band. Desperate to get over the girl, he soon becomes entranced with the groupie who's come along for the ride only to find he'll have to make a tough choice—and not without breaking some hearts along the way.

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This book contains profanity, alcohol and drug use, and explicit sex scenes. It is intended for individuals 18+.

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From Reader Review Because of Luke for online ebook

Patricia says

K first thing first reviewing for NETGALLEY and BOOKS TO CURL UP WITH BLOG.

I liked this books, its set in the 90's and those people who were young back then know all about teenage angst. This book is a real tear jerker so have a box of tissue beside you. Trust me you so will need it This story is about two sets of siblings both with their own sets of problems. Sheila and Shannon are the quintessential preachers daughter. Who have kind a gone bad in their own ways. Sheila loves to party and loves rock n roll, Shannon is trying so hard to put that past her and build a life away from their overbearing parents.

Then there is Luke and Roscoe Black hot brooding band members. Luke can become a rock legend if he wants to be but all he wants is to have a normal life . When Shannon and Luke meet for the first time there is an instant attraction .

But when Roscoe comes to Luke with a offer he can't refuse the relationship he started with Shannon, is put on hold . As Sheila and the boys travel the country . Shannon is left at home and when hell breaks loose will the love be enough to get Shannon and luke through

This is not your happily ever after . It is raw and you will have that ugly cry, So if you like a good rock and roll bad boy book with a raw crying ending , this is the book for you

Becca ~BS BOOK REVIEWERS~ says

Because Of Luke

Lewiston Blues # 1

This epic journey takes place over years and follows two sisters that are preacher's daughters and a pair of brothers who are in a band as their lives intertwine.

This book is set in the 1990's and I am not a period reader. I to imagine the characters in the here and now even if the book is written in a certain period as long as it is not spelled out then I can handle it. Having said that, I thought that I would not like this book despite growing up in the 90's. Boy was I wrong!

I feel like I need therapy after finishing this book! The plot was something off a Jerry Springer episode and I was just along for the ride.

To see the rest of this review click [here](#)

Kimberley McGurdy says

ARC copy for Book worms

I was drawn into this book straight away, four bad guys, all pierced, tattooed and in a rock band no less! "I can promise you, I know what kind potential the band has. I know you're more than sexy voice's, ink covered bodies and questionable piercings." My gaze shifts to his crotch and I raise an eyebrow.

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MissLittleBookAddict says

Miss Little Book Addict's House of Books

<http://www.misslittlebookaddict.blogs...>

Where do I begin with this one. I'm still reeling over the ending my goodness what a rollercoaster I just got off of. I wanted to message F.X on facebook and say "What The Hell Lady" lol. I just did not see that coming(I actually did but I was in denial) Wholly Shit!!! I though this book was going to go one way and it totally went the other. The plot line was written excellently and the fact that this story takes place in the 90's is also a bonus.

4 stars out of 5

The main characters in BCOL are Shannon, Shelia, Luke and Ross. Shannon and Sheila are sister while Lucas aka Luke and Rosco aka Ross are brothers. As with the name sake of the title this book revolves around Shannon, Sheila and Luke as the book is told by their points of views. Most books only have one or two points of views. I admire F.X with the multiple points of views and how she keeps everything tied together and not confuse you because of the different POV's going on in the book. This book had me hooked when I first started reading. F.X really know's how to keep someone invested in reading. Like I said earlier my emotions were all over the place. I don't want to ruin the book for anyone but I will tell you that Sheila can be a brat sometimes especially in the beginning. Shannon was a wild girl gone good and is trying to do the right thing. She has a good heart. Luke just wants a regular life and not the one his brother wants for him. Luke feels he owes it to his brother so he just goes along with things and him. I can't wait to read book 2 which is titled Black Out to see where everything goes from here. This book is a must read for those that like unexpected plot twist and a truly emotional ride.

Moon Love says

This book had me all over the place emotionally. I don't even know where to start. I liked both Sheila and Shannon. I did like Shannon more though. Sheila seemed a little too spoiled in the beginning but my views on her changed. I even liked Luke and his older brother, even if I thought he was an a-hole a lot of the time. The biggest thing for me was even though I was mentally screaming at parts during this book, this book reeled me in. I couldn't stop reading. When I knew things were going to change between Shannon and Sheila I was heart broken because relationships shouldn't have to change the way they did. I didn't agree with what Shannon did but she did it for her sister whom she loved so much. I liked Luke too and my heart broke for him at the end of the book.

So there were parts I didn't like. Those were ones that clashed with my moral compass. However, the actions were true to the characters and since the characters didn't know everything, I had to let it go. The ending of

the book was so unexpected I didn't see it coming. I'm glad there's going to be a second book so I can pick up and see what's going on with everyone.

If you're a fan of lots of drama and don't mind a cliff hanger, than this New Adult book is perfect for you. You're either going to love it or hate it, but you sure won't be able to stop reading it!

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2nd review of Because of Luke

Reviewed by Kelly a Book Worms Reviewer--
5 stars

Because of Luke is a book set 90's about two preachers daughters and a set of brothers who had a rough childhood.

Shannon the once wild child, now trying to make the right choices and Sheila, whose turn it is now to spread her wings, with the help of her favorite band Roscoe Black.

Luke a college student that just wants to have a normal life and Roscoe the rocker who gave up his dreams to raise and help his brother Luke.

By a chance meeting, Luke has met the one, Shannon, but knowing he has to help his brother by going on tour for three months he knows he shouldn't get to involved, but is it too late?

Roscoe decides to hire a tour manager, who better then their biggest follower, Sheila. Sheila makes the biggest decision of her life, after a huge fight and falling out with her family she runs away with the band on their tour.

Two different set of siblings lives are intertwined together throughout this book. Secrets will kept, hearts will be broken, and sometimes fate can just be cruel.

Because of Luke had so many twists and turns throughout. I was filled with so many different emotions from laughing, to be angry, and to down right crying. This a book that is more like real life, not filled with just I love you's. It was raw and real!! I was absolutely drawn in from the beginning and was held in til the very last page! There was a bit of a cliffhanger at the end and I can't wait to start reading the next book in the series to see how the story continues to unfold and develop.

Romance Readers Retreat says

5 stars

I was struggling on how to rate this book because there were a few editing problems that I picked up on, for example misuse of their/they're "unfortunately their more worried" and the wrong word being used "they didn't have a clue. But then again either did I"

Very early on in the book, there seems to be some inconsistencies, characters meeting but not remembering the encounters when they meet again.

That being said it didn't take away from the awesomeness of this book. I loved it! I quickly got past the editing problems and the confusion over the meetings and really got into the book. I connected with the characters straight away.

The story is about two sets of siblings, Sheila and Shannon and Luke and his older brother. Sheila is your typical wild child who's rebelling against her religious parents. As her older sister Shannon has had her time sneaking out and partying, she covers for her little sister while she sneaks out to parties and to watch her favourite band Roscoe Gold. Sheila knows what she wants and will do anything to get it. The way the sisters look out for each other and try to protect each other is heart warming, shame things don't last. Sisters fight! Luke wants to make a future for himself and stay in college but he feels like he owes his older brother for everything hes done for him, so he agrees to leave everything behind him and go tour with his band, leaving broken hearts along the way.

For me this book had everything. Sex, drugs, love, loyalty, and heartbreak. I laughed and cried reading it. It's not your typical love story doesn't have a HEA but this is one reason I loved the book so much, it's different to anything else I've read.

Elizabeth Horbaczek says

4 stars

I hated this book. I loved this book. I wanted to throw my kindle through the wall a half a dozen times.

Wanted to tell the characters to shut up and growup, but I just have to say I am so frustrated at this time. The author had me hook line and sinker through the whole book. If you love drama and not having the perfect

happily ever after you got it in this book. The story is told in three pic, which you need and you fall in love with the characters. Sheila, although she is the whiniest little brat there is could be my least favorite of them all. Luke, he seemed like a great guy at the beginning, but further down the book he was just I don't know, absent in a life he so wanted but couldn't give up his rock band ways. Shannon, is the character I fell in live with, but we know how that goes. The author gave many details and this was truly a great read even though it was frustrating. This a cliffhanger and you will definetly want yo get the next book because I need to know what is going to happen. The characters all have issues to say the least, and I think that is what makes this book. Love is not a open book, it has so many layers and sometimes those layers don't come out the way we want them to. I am so frustrated on the ending and that is why only the four stars, I understand everything is not always lovey dove, but some things were to extreme.

I usually tell bout the story, but know you have to read it. You won't want to miss out on it. Don't look for the happily ever after, and don't expect to be smiling all the way through because you won't. Have some tissues at the end because you are gonna need them.

F.X. Scully says

One week to go! I'm so excited to share this one with you. If you're on NetGalley, check out the ARC! It'll be available February 24th :)

Kelly says

****I received an ARC via NetGalley in exchange for an honest review****

Because of Luke is a tragic love story. If you are in search of a HEA, look else where. I was happy, sad, and mad at so many different parts of the story that I truly felt like I was on an emotional roller coaster. I was emotionally exhausted by the end of the book and sad with the way it ended in a huge cliffhanger. I enjoyed the fact that the story was written in three different POV's, I think it was necessary in this book to get into each characters mind to truly deceive what is going on.

All of the character's had depth and I truly felt like I got to know them all personally. I did not agree with every single decision they made but it made the roller coaster ride that much more interesting. This book has hot rock stars, girls finding themselves, and a love triangle (if you do not appreciate a love triangle, you may want to stay away from this book).

I am excited to see what the author has in store for us with the next installment in the series!

Tania Godwin-evans says

After I read this book I confess I looked at some of the other reviews and there were loads of 4 and 5 stars and I wondered whether I had read the same book. But yes mine had the same character as theirs, the same plot as theirs and even the same ending so I am not sure what happened between their reading experience and mine.

Each main character's story was presented in the first person and it was very difficult to identify who was speaking when. After a little while I grew accustomed to this writing style and it became easier.

The plot focused on three self-centred unlikeable characters with no redeemable characteristics. I often felt like slapping each of these characters in turn and tell them to stop being so self-centred and selfish. These characters were more concerned about themselves and their little world than how their actions would affect others with tragic consequences. The ending was the books saving grace; and was, by far, the best for this type of book that I have read so far.

The book would have been far better with a good copy-editor to streamline the story and a proof reader to remove the constant misuse of words such as their for they're and the use of the wrong word entirely.

Unfortunately, another failure of the book was the jumps in the time line together with the constant jumping between the main characters. Apart from the ending the entire book felt contrived. T was one melodrama after another and indeed the ending was perhaps one melodrama too far.

And oh wait it's a cliff hanger. I know publishers want to make as much money out of their customers and even author's work as possible but sometimes it feels as though they are splitting books for the same of it. Can publishers please start to listen to their customers and STOP DOING IT.

Full Disclosure: I received a free copy from Netgalley for an honest review.

Anny hernandez says

I was provide a copy of both books by the Author for an honest review.

Ok so I am gone do this a little different, since I got to read both books at one time, I am gone write a little about both books. I am gone keep this short since I don't want to give anything way.

Book 1

I really like the books and like the characters,

this book take place in the 90's, and its about two sister, and two brothers Roscoe, one that would do anything for the band to success, and Lucas would stay in the band but what he wants more is to stay in collage, than we have the sister Shelia she's the younger one. and than we have Shannon, now Shelia is young wild, rebellious and love to party, and she love the band, she does everything she could to be part of the band, and to be part of some one else, Shelia become the band manager, and fall for Lucas, now Shannon use to be just like Shelia when she was younger, and she know what would happened, but than she meets Lucas and start falling for him too, now both sister fall for the same guy, and Lucas don't know that both woman are related, but all that change when they find out that they all know each other.

I really like and enjoy reading about this book, this book had me in tears, you get to see the pain and the drug abuse that they go through.

Book 2 Blackout this is Shelia and Roscoe

I was heartbroken after reading Because Of Luke, after everything that these four people had been through

for it to end like that but Roscoe holds himself to blame, for everything, after what happened to Luke, now Shelia is an emotional wreck, and don't think that she needs the help of anyone specially Roscoe, when deep down she knows that she needs the help of her family and friends, into one day she realize that she also need Roscoe help.

Shelia goes through so much in this book, that she will have you crying like a baby, her feelings are so deep, that she star doubting her self, This characters are strong when it comes to their feeling, they make you feel it for your self.

I love and enjoy reading both of this book, even though they got me mad, and crying , at the same time but I love it from the first page to the last, this is one series that you must read, Author F.X. Scully THANK YOU for introducing me to this amazing wonderful characters and this awesome great books love them.

Heather says

Have you ever read a book and got done and thought WHY? Why did you just do that to me?

That is where I was at the end of Because Of Luke.

I was cruising along, loving this book. Loving the drama between the sisters and the brothers and even though all of them are making stupid decisions here and there I couldn't help falling in love with Luke and Shannon and Sheila and even Ross. Then BOOM! I got smacked with the ending. It isn't even that it was a cliff hanger. I am ok with cliff hangers. Man, that messed with my emotions way too much. If I was a grudge holding type of person... I'm not. I read the sequel, Blackout, right after I read Because of Luke because I had to see what happened next. I know the ending to this one set us up for what was to come in the future but that was tough man.

Two daughter's of a preacher, two rock star brothers. This pretty much spells out drama.

The chemistry between Luke and Shannon was amazing. Sheila drove me a little crazy until I thought back to when I was 17 – 18. I would have acted the same way probably. That got me thinking about what an amazing job that F.X. Skully did in writing these 2 sisters. There was enough of an age gap that there was a maturity level difference. Some authors don't write the younger age as well as the older and vice versa but this book flowed smoothly back and forth between POVs, each character had their distinct style of speaking, their own way of reacting when it was there turn to tell the story. It was excellent.

Minus the ending that broke my heart and made me cry a bit and all that, I loved the book. Let me hold on to my grudge for a few more seconds until I get into my review of the next book.

Thank you so much for my copy of Because Of Luke that I was given to facilitate this review.

Rose says

F.X. Scully's "Because of Luke" is the kind of book I could probably get behind for the idea and the epic

nature of the story when considering it on an overarching note. If I'm going based on what the premise entails, it has to do with sisters who fall in love with the same rockstar, but don't realize as their lives diverge just how close their relations with each other and the complication that comes with that. I wanted to like this story, I really did, and there were moments here where I could've said "Scully has something here that could make for a great narrative tale."

But this story's respective execution has so many issues, it ruined the tale for me. New Adult cliches aside, I was disappointed with the respective writing and presentation here. I almost DNFed this book before 50 pages because it seemed like the author went with every NA cliché she could throw into the story and I could not identify a single lick with any of the characters. I hated them, they gave me no reason to care for them or want to follow them. Plus, the presentation of the narrative worked against it. Having three first-person perspective points in each chapter is akin to head-hopping, and I'm definitely sure that selection of presentation did not make it any easier to get into the respective characters' development. I felt like I had to jump from one to the next, and that was a huge turnoff to start in this story.

But I realized as I went along in the narrative that it got easier, and there were some moments where I could see myself getting more into the situations of the characters for what the events allowed. That was what kept me continuing. The real story started when Shelia left her sister Shannon and parents behind, became a tour manager for an up and coming band, and subsequently got involved in a relationship with the band bass player - Luke. But I can tell you right now - it's not a story that I could appreciate with depth of depiction because it was hampered by cliché after cliché in formulaic drama and the presentation of it all was quite uneven, so much that it kept throwing me out of the story.

This is a narrative shared between Shannon, who's in her early 20s when the novel starts, Shelia, Shannon's sister who's not quite 18, and Luke, a bass player for the up and rising band Roscoe Gold, around the same age as Shannon. Luke starts a relationship with Shannon as he drops out of college to commit himself to going on tour with Roscoe Gold, alongside the brother who raised him when his parents could not. Shannon and Shelia are sister who live under the protective wing of their very religious family (they're preacher's kids, basically). Only a few months before she's supposed to graduate high school, Shelia decides she's had enough of her overprotective parents and gets a job as Roscoe Gold's manager. Shelia moves out, leaving her sister behind and hoping to bang Luke (losing her virginity in the process). Shannon is in a brief relationship with Luke (unknown to her sister), and has a final fling before he goes off on the road for his tour. There's a ton of complications that occur in the mix (near rape attempt in a revenge plot, groupie sex, general misogyny from the bandmates). I kept feeling like slamming my head against the wall for the manipulative drama. It felt formulaic. The time jumps didn't make it any easier to follow in addition to constantly trading back and forth between Luke, Shannon and Shelia's perspectives in each chapter.

I did end up seeing some coming to terms moments for the characters in the narrative, but felt that was shortchanged by the way it was presented. I knew eventually the other shoe would drop once Shannon, Shelia, and Luke realized they were all connected, but after a certain point, it was just a lot of melodrama that didn't feel like a fuller experience. It lacked streamlining in the prose and felt tedious to slog through - some good moments within the majority of bad, and I don't say that in terms of having happy things for the character, but rather it had potentially good presentation within a sea of inconsistent quality of the narrative.

I do give credit for Scully not ending with an HEA, but I felt manipulated by the way things abruptly ended. It didn't feel like a jarring, emotional event to me as much as a cop-out to have something dramatic happen. The ending itself isn't really an ending, but a lead in to a follow-up story which I believe Shelia will be a part of. But honestly, I'm not invested enough to continue with this series if the quality's going to be as touch and go as this one was.

In the end, I was highly disappointed and felt emotionally exhausted in the wrong way after finishing this. It had moments of potential, but in the end, did not impress me. There may be some who will find value in this

story for some realistic notations and coming to terms, but it's difficult to maintain interest for so long when the narrative itself could've had much better presentation than what it did. And for including formulaic New Adult cliches that have been beaten to bits that made the characters not worth the investment they could've had.

Overall score: 1/5 stars.

Note: I received this as an ARC from NetGalley, from the publisher.

Jeannie Zelos says

Because of Luke F.X. Scully

Review from Jeannie Zelos Book reviews.

Rocker romance, always sounds good :) So I asked for this to review. Shannon, she's gone from wild child before we met her to consummate good girl, covering up for her sister Sheila, who's taken over the wild child mantle. Their parents – deeply religious, repressive, avid church goers, dad is a reverend and they expect the girls to toe their line, even though Shannon is 21 and Sheila 17....It all has to bust somewhere doesn't it? Shannon meets Luke – in conversation she gives her views on bands, Sheila is currently lusting after one particular band, and its coloured her view of the people involved. Luke's in a band...but he likes Shannon, more than likes her, so he keeps quiet about it. They get close, very close, then he needs to tour for three months, so he makes an excuse about family to Shannon to explain why he's away. I liked Luke to begin, but over time he changed so much, made some bad decisions and I could see what was going to happen. I got so invested in the story I wanted to scream “ don't – don't do it...” but he did...and of course there's repercussions. Its a good story when it makes me feel that way! His brother Roscoe had given up so much for Luke after their parents were jailed, that Luke now felt obligated to go touring with the band even though he really wanted to finish school, and it meant leaving Shannon. Poor Shannon, her parents had been pushing her at another boy, one they approve of and all she wants is Luke. She doesn't see how it'll work with him away, and though they try at first with phone calls and a visit it gradually all falls apart. I really like Shannon, she's trying to please everyone but herself, but I think she could have tried harder for Luke. I felt he gave up on them too easily too – and too quickly tried to move on despite still having feelings for her. Sheila meanwhile has been running the bands fan club for two years, and gets the tour managers job, in the midst of a row she tells her parents she's off and goes...Shannon cops the blame for not keeping her closer, and for covering for her. Sheila thinks Shannon told her parents deliberately where she was to avoid heat herself...so the girls aren't speaking. . I didn't like Sheila to begin, and by the end I still didn't like her. I found her selfish, though she needed to be that, and very thick skinned to fill the role she wanted. Roscoe, as big brother and band leader, really plays a secondary role much of the while, providing background for the other three characters. There's a slow build up where the reader can see what's coming, train crash voyeurism.... and when things finally came to a head – well, they really went bang. I understood Shannon's decision, though I disagreed with it – once again she's trying to please everyone – though of course secrets have a way of getting out.

I really, really didn't like the end, and I HATE, HATE, HATE cliffhangers, and this has a massive one. To be honest what happened at the end came as a real, unwanted shock, I've only seen a similar plot once before and I hated it then too :(I just cant see how the story can move forward in a direction I'll enjoy, now the ultimate ending I wanted has been rules out. But I'll prepared to be surprised, as book two is out this summer. I'm not sure if that's the final one, or if there's a book three planned. Again I need to know these things as reader when buying, because when the story is unfinished and I don't know when it will be, or how much the complete version will cost it affects my decision. I feel stories broken into separate books don't work so well for me, I lose the feeling of being “in” the book with the characters, and prefer to read duos/trilogies back to

back once all parts are out, and I know what it will cost me. I know others feel differently but I also know there are many who feel as I do. It's fabulously long at 474 pages for just £1.85 on kindle so a real bargain, and that length really means we got to see characters and plots to the fullest extent.

Stars: Difficult, if it was a complete book with the ending I wanted (ha.. I know its author story not mine) I'd have gone five as the writing and story is full of emotion and drama, but divided and with the current position having taken my ending out I have to bring it down to a four.
