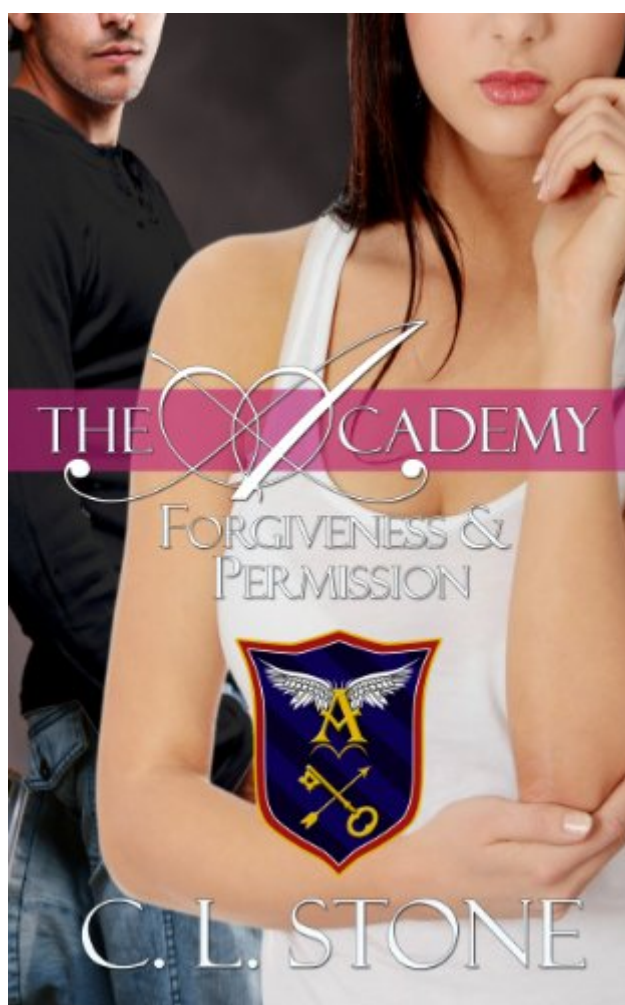


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Synopsis

Sang Sorenson's abusive mother is secure in a hospital, and her father has vanished to a new family of his own, leaving Sang and her sister to fend for themselves. Sang is hanging by a thread, and her only hope is a group of boys she feels she barely knows. She's never really alone. The Academy team has stepped in, promising to protect and care for Sang. Kota, Victor, Silas, Nathan, Gabriel, Luke and North take over, showing Sang they can be depended on for anything. But just because the parents are away, doesn't mean Sang's life has become any easier. The newfound freedom will have a higher price than any of them had imagined. Principal Hendricks now wants to use Sang to exploit Academy secrets. Mr. McCoy has his own dark plans for her. Enemies are closing in. Sang will need to learn to believe in the boys, and the boys will need to learn to trust her if they want to survive their rivals. And each other. The Academy, Relentless Trust

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Customer Reviews

What do I say? It's all so plausible, that it's mind-blowing! I can see myself in Sang's situation, being

bullied by a paranoid mother, now being bullied by her school's administration. Throw in daddy issues and sibling rivalry (that's what I saw anyway), and how could she not value the attention, affection, and friendship offered by the guys? She's 15, lonely, sooooo innocent and gullible, and just now able to come out of her shell because her craazzzaaayyy mama (can't forgive her for that shower scene) is in a hospital somewhere. Yeah you remember those days, when you first start to question the world around you but also want to please all your buddies. And Sang is the biggest people-pleaser of them all, you know those types: they don't say no to anyone, and they let everyone walk all over them. I just wanted to get in there, be her bff and slap some good old common sense into her. But good thing Mr. Blackbourne is there to inject some strength into her backbone. So let's get to it, the attraction to seven, possibly nine guys, realistic? HELL YEAH! (Mostly only true for this series, but I'm sure y'all will lemme know if there's other good ones out there.) And let me say that I hate, absolutely HATE love triangles, and this is some sort of mutated love polygon or should I say love decagon (whispers thanks to Kota). The way this story is woven together with the personalities of the guys, mixed with every day high school problems and secret Academy espionage business, it so totally works for this series. In this book, you get more of an in-depth look into most of the guys and the workings of Sang's mind. This group is a family, and they share everything. Nathan tells her that The Academy's boot camp showed them how to overcome unnecessary everyday gripes in order to recognize needs and be able to depend on one another. If he needs a car, he can borrow Victor's or Kota's. If he needs a place to crash, any one of the guys' houses is available. Family is a choice, and they choose to be together and help each other with everything. Family first, The Academy second! This lead to the big "Oh, that's why they're not jealous!" moment in which I became eternally grateful to the author and sent her air kisses and hugs. Sang's been so abused and she's deserving of any one of the guys, but without another female friend/mentor, I'm glad there was no jealousy displayed among the guys to discourage her even more. Some jealousy is addressed and Sang gets to see it from a male and female perspective. Yep, our sweet little princess has gotta grow up some time. The reason I love this series is that it could totally happen in the real world. Back! Back you! (to all those vampires and werewolves keeps suggesting) Remember being so young and checking out every hot guy that passed by wondering, "Is he the one? Will he love me no matter what? What do I do? How do I act? Does he like me? Or are we just friends?" I admit, I drooled a lot, actually fanned myself, and literally stopped breathing several times. But that's ok, because I read this well into the night so that I could finish it, so I fan-girl'd in private, thank you very much. Anyway, it was so fun to see how the guys were trying to get Sang to kiss them. As you will recall, from the last book, they are only

allowed to touch her in a way that they have previously done so, and the only way to move forward with her is if Sang initiates. I was glad she was so innocent in the ways of relationships because I loved seeing the creative methods the guys came up with to be nearer to her and how they hinted at wanting a kiss. Of course sexual tension rules say we must suffer until Sang gets a romantic epiphany, so I sighed and aaahhed, and hugged my e-reader (like he was the guy of the moment).
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Pros: 1. Know more of how Sang thinks. 2. Getting up close and personal with some of the guys. (swooooon) 3. Realistic High School issues
Cons: 1. This book is part of an 8-book series (waaahhhh, I don't wanna wait that long) 2. These lines made me sad and think too much: "The hardest part was admitting to myself that if I really liked one of them, knowing that if we really started dating, I'd have to let go of the others. And I felt the lure every time they called, touched, or said my name." I don't want to give too much away because I know you love squealing at surprise revelations too, but the last chapter was jaw-droppingly beyond belief (although, I was secretly wishing for something like it all along, haha). So in conclusion, read this book, your romantic daydreams depend on it! Gonna go shop with Gabriel and then swim with the guys now, tootles.

There were things I did like about this series. I love how 7 hot teenage boys basically take in this shy abused 15 year old girl. The guys are more like fathers to a girl who really needs them to be. They protect her and actually even raise her a little, ground her when she messes and forgive her when it's over. The part I really didn't like was how it shifted, or tried to shift into romance. With 7 guys? Really odd turn. And, the way they play with her like a puppy, she sits on everyone's lap like she's a toddler...and they pass her around? It was just weird. I also never got use to her name, Sang? I just never saw it fitting her. And, the author never really describe what Sang looks like so I could never get a good visual. Still, there was something about this book that made me keep reading it! 7 boys taking care of one girl is pretty sweet and hot...I just wish the author would not have taken the relationships to the next level, that's where she lost me....

I've gone through these series so fast, all of the books have become a blur to me and I can't remember what happenings are from which book, so I'll make my review short. From the first book, there have been a few things that have bugged me in this series. Sang, our young protagonist, can get a little annoying because she is so mellow and clueless at times, and some happenings are simply surreal (like the way she met some of the boys). Nevertheless, I would recommend this series in a heartbeat. The story is so good that even with those things, I kept reading it with an

unnerving thirst to know what comes next. At first, I found myself biased with some of the guys. I liked some more than I liked others, and wanted her to lean more towards those that I liked. As the series went on, I learned to appreciate each character in a different way and began to understand Sang a little better. This book, along with all of the other of the series, are priceless good. C. L. Stone has earned my respect.

Oh Man!!!! Spoiler Alerts below! Holy crap!! I am so invested into this series now!! I have been reading the other reviews and I understand why some people don't like where the last chapter of this last book went, but for me it blew my mind! I have been patiently waiting alongside everyone else for someone to finally give this poor girl her first kiss and then find out who she will choose, but once North and Mr. Blackbourne visited that other group hot damn! I am not really into the erotic or anything like that and I am not getting that feeling with this. I am 28 a little older than 16, but I don't really see this as uncomfortable for someone that age myself. I read 50 shades of grey like everyone else and I hated it. That was awful. Yes, Sang being shared with 9 guys is a little weird, but I don't think it's going to get nasty or so I hope. So far it doesn't seem like that kind of series. I think North has to be my favorite. I knew who I didn't want Sang to be with, but (swoon) North is a overbearing, overprotective cuddly bear. I want more of his back story! Such a manly man ;). I can't wait to see where this goes. I'm glad Sang is finally starting to show some back bone as well. I was getting tired of the meek annoying attitude. She needs some balls to join this group.

The Ghost bird series is a highly addictive series that always has me wanting more. The suspense and the mysteries that the author draws out has you constantly guessing what will happen next. I thoroughly enjoy this series, and recommend it to anyone that enjoys a good action, adventure, suspense, and of course love filled novel.

OMG! I'm on the edge of my seat with this series. I'm so glad I found it after 10 books were already written. I'd be going crazy waiting for the next one if not. The characters have so much depth, yet so different from each other. The storyline is fun, creative and well, perfection IMO. Got to go so I can buy the next book.

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