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Marcus Borden has always been used to power and control. After a crime-filled upbringing in a very harsh neighbourhood, Borden leaves his hometown, returning four years later mysteriously rich and unrecognizable, with one woman on his mind.

A woman he'll never have.

Pained by his devastating loss and filled with rage and guilt, Borden's world turns dark.

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As a fiercely independent woman, Emma Warne knows all about hard living. Having kept to herself most of her life, the last thing she expects is to be thrust into the world of infamous criminal Marcus Borden, the dangerous man the entire city fears and loathes. But the more she pushes him away, the more he comes back, taking over her life and stripping her of her control she desperately clings to.

Once Borden has his sights on her, Emma is going nowhere anytime soon, and what she doesn't expect least of all... is that she may not want to either.

Book 1 of 2.

\*\*\*\*\* WARNING: This is NOT a love triangle. This book contains sexual situations - of a very rough nature - violence, and strong language that may be offensive to some.\*\*\*\*\*

## **Borden Details**

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## From Reader Review Borden for online ebook

### Ashleyjo says

I had high hopes because several people with similar tastes just loved this book.

Sadly, it pretty much grabbed and twisted all of my book pet peeves, with the exception of editing.

### **Spoiler**

The 23% mark in this book will be a problem for a lot of readers.

If you want a spoiler, all you have to do is look at the table of contents for this book, which is divided into two parts: "Part One: "Marcus and Kate" and "Part Two: Borden and Emma."

Not safe for safety gang peeps.

The author promises the book isn't a "love triangle," and that's a true statement in the literal sense.

My thoughts on part one will be specific spoilers that will ruin the twist at 23%; Be warned!

(view spoiler)

## PART TWO

### **Emma**

Emma is a mixed bag.

I like that she's mouthy and has an occasional funny line.

I don't care that she's...

Or

Or

What does bother me is that she's written in the most inauthentic way possible.

We meet Emma as a 14-year-old girl about to be assaulted. She watches her attacker's face get slammed into unconsciousness. She shows no fear, anxiety, nor gratitude. She's street wise and calls her own self a "street rat."

Now fast forward to present day Emma who is a sweetie to her grandma, goes on blind dates, freaks out over violence, doesn't want Borden to be violent, and basically acts like she KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT STREET SMARTS...

Don't you dare feel for that man. That's sick. It's wrong. Look what he did to Joel. But he said he had a goddamn reputation to keep. And that meant what exactly? That it was all for show?

...

Finances aside, nearly all of her inner thoughts and character profile sound like a ~~petty mouthed kinky Kate~~ privileged chick who hasn't the first clue about street life, not the calm 14-year-old who was on the streets being assaulted, carries a switchblade, and had a jailbird mom.

### **Marcus Borden**

Petty hoodlum disappears for a few years. Reemerges as *the richest, most powerful* businessman evah. There is NO explanation by the end how, why, when, where this all happened. None!

He shares Emma's problem...

Only that's about all he offers.

He's a sexy fucker in the bedroom NO DOUBT, but outside of it? Eh, meh...

He's both flat and spastic. He's... Sensitive. Flighty. Commanding. Submissive. Hard core Killer. Sentimental. Offended over porn. Beats people down in public. I mean the dude is just all over the fucking place.

The big issue is the spoiler. My romantic tastes in books do not include the (view spoiler) that troupe. Give me the gold medal or move your ass along to some twit who appreciates the brass your offering.

## Plot

Aside from the spoiler, there's not really a plot for a long, long, long time. It's mundane convos, ovaries and balls throbbing, and them pushing each other's buttons just for kicks. Fine enough.

She wants him but don't. He wants her but don't and won't let anyone else have her.

Goes. On. For. Too. Long.

*Finally, at 76%, he makes his move. It's a hot sex scene. Hot!*

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But, the fucking melodrama of BOTH their internal thoughts about whether it was or wasn't too rough and everything under the sun afterward was just too fucking much.

Her: I'm a bloody, disgraced mess and a sadist. Not ten pages later she fuming over the possibility that he regretted it and thought she was a bad lay because *now* she's dissected it and FUCKING loved every minute of it the kinky shit.

Him: She's mine and always has been. What would *you know who* think. Oh, was I too rough. And finally circling all the way back the beginning and him not letting anyone close ever again. Oooh, I know, I'll ice her out and pretend it didn't happen. Damn, she's so perfect, though. Oh, okay, but only office fucks.

Not long before he pushes her away ... Again.

By 96%...

I swear to god I have whiplash scars.

Back to Emma and confusion.

Back to You know who... (view spoiler)

Let me say that Emma is perfectly okay with the pedestal plot line here and that her love may likely never be returned.

Back to Emma finally getting the brass ring and her moving in with him.

Of course, it ends in a cliffhanger of a threat to Emma.

### **Bottom line**

How the book was handled AFTER THE spoiler ruined something I had already invested too much time in to just quit.

I put this book down multiple times to DNF, but I kept coming back trying to see what all the five star reviews raved about.

Again, he's a sexy fucker in the bedroom, But I can get that in a short story without reading hours of troupe that bores me.

The endless cycle of push, pull, push, pull BS that finally comes to a head of him just saying okay and (view spoiler) is ultimately too much sugar for a dime.

Insert cliffhanger.

Will I continue to book two:

H. E. L. L! .. F. U. C. K. I. N. G! .. N. O!

1 star for the book as a whole.

4 stars for the smex.

2 stars overall

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### **Deborah says**

Intriguing and addictive

This was recommended by a friend I skimmed the blurb and the cover and reviews were all good so it jumped right to the top of my read list.

It started well and I could tell I was going to love it and then OMG I didn't expect that and I'm a bit upset at the way this book has gone and I need a break.

I took a full day away from this book and then continued and I'm so glad I did both, the break and continuing.

Marcus Borden is a living legend, he's a huge powerful and merciless man who is both rich and powerful but he carries a heavy burden and a ton of baggage.

Emma Warne is a great character although I wasn't sure at first but then I wasn't keen on the circumstances. I'm not saying anymore because I don't want to spoil it but once I'd settled in I couldn't put it down, both Marcus and Emma are interesting characters and I really want it to work out for them.

It's straight onto Borden 2 for me now.

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### **ZARIA (Sheldon Cooper lover) says**

**Me loves how ya mind works miss Lewis.....**

**WARNING: Book 1 of 2. This is NOT a love triangle. THANK FUCK FOR THAT!!!!**

**So this is my second book by this author and i LOVE IT! I think she is becomming one of my favorites. One sexy bad ass motherfucker criminal > two loves (one thankfully out of the picture).....HOT chemistry, suspension and i am SOLD!**

**Please i beg of you miss Lewis HURRY up with part two!!!!**

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### **Karen says**

[Unfortunately Kate dies at the end of the first few chapters. Borden has been away for a few years and returns as a very rich a

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### **Michelle says**

5 Firecracker Stars!

This ones told in two parts.

Marcus Borden grabbed me up at the beginning of this book and held onto me until the end. I don't want to say much about the beginning of the book but it did choke me up. It also made Borden the powerful man he

is today.

#### Part two

Emma is at a club one night and wants some fresh air. When she steps outside a side door she hears something that she shouldn't.

This brings her face to face with Borden. When Borden hears this feisty woman's name he remembers her from when he was younger. There was something about Emma that after 9 years Borden still remembered her.

Emma is scared of Borden but she's also not going to let a man walk all over her. It's not her problem Borden should of tended to his business behind closed doors not in an alley where witnesses could be.

Emma has a shit job but it gets her by. When Borden gets her fired she has no choice but to go work for this alpha jerk. He will just keep getting her fired from new jobs because he wants her to work for him.

These two work side by side for weeks. The tension is thick. I loved that we got both Emma's and Borden's POV. I laughed many times being in their heads. I also needed a damn cold shower after this baby.

Emma and Borden grew up with the same kind of life. They understand each other. I loved that Emma could be feisty as hell but still could submit to Borden when told to.

I can't wait to see what happens next. We are left hanging on a cliff.

I'm off to start on book 2. I hear it's even better than this one. I'm super excited!

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#### Jen says

I sure am glad that I came across this book while seeing Book #2 being just released! Even better is that I don't have to wait for the second book as it just came out! As I was reading this gem, I was scratching my head trying to figure out why this book seems to have been overlooked?? I quite loved it! I love the dark man that is Marcus Boyden. He is not for the faint of heart, and really neither is this book. I really don't want to give much away because some parts of this had me shocked that things happened, and that upped the enjoyment for me. This book is at times heartbreakingly dark, gritty, and absolutely sexy. The warning at the beginning says that there is very rough sex involved, and while the sex is very animalistic and rough indeed, it isn't over the top. In fact I have read a lot rougher; but believe me...I'm not complaining! The intense sex between the couple has more than enough sizzle to satisfy me...hands down!!

My best advice would be to expect the unexpected, and this is NOT a love triangle in the least. I was worried because of the books description, and I want to reassure that it is absolutely not!!

Marcus Boyden is not for the faint of heart...and he comes from a major hardcore "ghetto" neighborhood; but his circumstances eventually change so that he becomes very rich and powerful. Everyone fears him, and he takes no crap from anyone....well....there is one person that gets under his skin...but you have to read to find out who! Do not expect flowery, romantic words from Boyden as he is not that type of hero. He is a hard man, one who has had major tragedy in his life...and he's numb to the core. He is very intense, and possessive to the extreme..but there is something about him that our heroine can't resist, and truthfully neither could I!!

There is a bit of a cliffie; but never fear..book two is now out, and that means I am moving right on full speed ahead! I highly recommend this dark and sexy read!!

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### **Cyndi Garcia says**

There are not many books that I hate. But this one took the cake. This is a thriller romance. Which I really only do if the romance plot is good. I thought this was good girl and a bad boy story. I am a sucker for those bad boy stories. At first the author has you reeled in and I was like this is really GOOD! then the author does the most crazy thing...ends the story in the most horrible way and adds a second story title different in the same book named after the hero and I can't even say. ahhhhh! this is BS!

I would never say this. I mean...I have read bad books that the writer just started out as a writer or there was no connection between hero and heroine..but I Want my money back!!!!this is BS.. If there was a rating for no stars...I would give that rating...this author has emotionally scarred me. Ugh!! This is BS!

Okay so I gave it some time and I am giving this 3 stars for my original 1 star..I guess I did not read the teaser and it does state that the guy is grieving a loss. but for me this is a no go. the stars are for writing because you know as readers..... if we could write our own book we would...and writing books is hard work..So extra stars for writing and cover picture.

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### **Ang (Sizzling Pages) says**

Holy Shit - this book was intense. So sad and heartbreakingly real - I had to stop and walk away (poor Kate)!! I didn't think I could go on after all the sorrow, but so glad I did. RJ Lewis really knows how to write a gut wrenching story. Marcus is a freaking sexy bad-ass, but there's a loving man hidden beneath all that 'tough guy' persona.

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### **KAT ? Kitty Kats Crazy About Books ? says**

**TITLE:** Borden

**SERIES:** (Borden #1)

**AUTHOR:** R.J. Lewis

**GENRE:** Contemporary Romance

**RELEASE DATE:** August 01st 2015

### **MY RATING: 5 STARS**

This was recommended to me by a friend on here so of course after seeing her **FIVE STAR RATING** I had to go one click it..Digging the cover and loving that synopsis..

I've only read one other by this author and really enjoyed it..

### **THEN ~ BORDEN & KATE**

**BORDEN:** Straight away you a thrust into Kate's world, bound in a cell with her arms behind her back, no escape, thinking death is just around the corner..

*There had been two of them waiting inside my apartment, springing on me when I stepped into the shower, drugging me and dumping me, nude and vulnerable, in this very place for what felt like an eternity.*

This is promising to be a gritty read if this is the start of what's to come..

## **THEN**

The story has moved into the past and how she first met Marcus at a college party on the wrong side of the tracks..

*I knew all about Marcus Boden. Knew he was a thug. An untameable man.*

*I'm just a normal guy on the other side of the tracks.*

Driving home late at night from dropping off Kate he sees a young beautiful female walking the streets by herself with a lone male closing in behind her, Marcus intervenes, her name is Emma..

Holy shit on a nuns tit!! What the F\*ck!! Here I was getting carried along on the whirlwind romance of Kate and Marcus and loving every minute of it then, that twist or what ever the f\*ck you want to call it was a huge game changer!! A twist that I did not see coming!!

## **BAM!!**

Ohhhh and no it's really really not a love triangle

And even though that whammy twist sucked old man's crusty old nuts I have never ever read a book where one character is taken out!!

You have 2 choices either 1: You go hunt down the author or 2: the safer option just carry on reading!!

Ohhh and since I'm on a roll with that twisty game changer I got a message from the mate that read this and rated it 5 stars *This will not go in the direction you expect be warned x*

Geez thanks for that LOL

## **NOW ~ BORDEN & EMMA**

One night out clubbing on the rich side of the tracks, a young female steps out to catch a breath of fresh air when she witnesses something not for her eyes, her name is Emma, yes the very same Emma mentioned

above.

AND GEEZ why are people always going out of their neighbourhood (stay in your own and no one will get hurt) just saying lol

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## **Jacqueline's Reads says**

### **4 Mr. Borden Stars**

I was really surprised on how the author started this book. I didn't know much but the first 20% kind of threw me off. I'm not sure if it was a good or bad thing, it's just different. R.J. Lewis is really descriptive in the writing, so you get a good painted picture of who Mr. Borden was before he became the man.

The warning on the summary is true, this is not a love triangle book, although there is a third woman. I'm kind of confused to why there is a third woman, I guess she kind of sets the tone and pace of the book and molds Borden to who he will become today.

Marcus Borden is the guy from the other side of the tracks. He's had a hard life and he worked VERY HARD to get where he is at today. He's a powerful and dangerous man. He basically owns the town and everyone is scared of him.

I loved getting to know Marcus even though it was a different and not typical beginning of the book. We saw him when he wasn't powerful and just a guy trying to survive. It made me understand him a bit more as I read on.

Emma is a typical struggling girl. She's poor and works as a waitress even though she has a degree in book keeping. I didn't even know that was a thing, but power to her. Somehow Emma and Borden cross paths and no matter what Emma does she continues to bump into him.

Borden likes Emma. He sees something in her that makes his heart ignite and brings some life to his darkness. I love his reaction to Emma. Borden is not the hearts and flowers kind of Hero. He's harsh, abrasive and doesn't care if he plays games with Emma. He takes what he wants when he wants it.

Emma is conflicted with her emotions as she should be. Borden is a dangerous man and she's not sure if she is ready for that kind of person in her life.

***“You’re the sun, babe, and I’m the ... darkness. We come from completely different realities, and you deserve a ... lot more than me”***

***“Yes, he was a criminal. Yes, he was a rage case lunatic. Yes, he made my skin crawl when I thought about the rumors that people spoke of him. But being around him was an entirely different thing, I discovered.”***

What I really enjoyed most about this book are the “dark aspects”. It's not a dark book, but with Borden's rough treatment towards Emma, it makes the book darkish and very addictive to read. He makes her crawl to

him, come on, that is hot.

The book doesn't end on a huge cliffy, but you will be want to read the second book.

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**Arianna◆\*SteamyReadsBlog\*◆ says**

**4-4.5 Stars!!**

Ugh...why I waited so long to read this one? No time for reviewing these days, but I have to say I really enjoyed this one! Loved Marcus & Emma! <3

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**Maria Clara says**

Pues.... exactamente no sé qué decir. Es verdad que la historia engancha y tiene un momento "what???", pero no puedo aceptar lo que ya viene siendo normal en esta clase de novelas: el poco amor que se tiene la protagonista hacia ella misma. Es ridículo e insultante la facilidad con la que él la domina.

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**Christine says**

[The hero has a history of sleeping around. I am not sure if that is true or not but that is the impression I am given. But he sleeps with the first "heroine" Kate, after know her her a few hours at a party when she approaches him. She goes back to his house, they have sex and she asks him if she is like every other girl he sleeps with and he says no. Yeah right..

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**Snow says**

**Posting my late and short review...on 28th October**

**LATE** cause I had to start reading the book 2 immediately after the book 1

**SHORT** cause I have no extra words to describe the stuff that goes on in my mind right now...

about **infamous criminal Marcus Borden** MC of this book:

**fuckin speechless, man!**

**and I feel kinda goofy right now...**

about the heroine **EMMA WARNE** you effin rule, babe!

you need to teach me how to use that little switch blade, and how to keep it hidden in a bra! I need to look that up!

I loved them both, I liked the story, the only thing I didn't quite swallow as acceptable was the beginning, well one small thing at the beginning to be precise...LOL

**moving on to book 2**

**move it, move it, get out of my way...**

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**Olga therebelreader says**

This book was so good I could not put it down. This was really epic storytelling, and the author has done some terrific character work with Borden, Kate and Emma. There are no two-dimensional characters in this book, and the supporting characters bring so much to the plate too.

This story focuses on three characters, Borden, Kate and Emma, and as the blurb warns us this is not a love triangle. Borden is the main character and I must admit I'm in love with this guy. Borden is a straight up hot Alpha whose devotion to the people he cares about is his first priority and anyone who threatens them will have to answer to him. His journey of life will lead him to two women, very different the one from the other. Kate is a nice girl from a rich background while Emma is a sassy, fearless girl from a poor and rough neighborhood. Borden is rough around the edges, tattooed, pierced, and fierce and a male dominant, but it seems that the two girls still want him in his worst.

I don't want to give much about this story, because spoilers are going to ruin it. What happens is an emotional coal cart full of tears, healing shattered pasts and finding true love. It's off the rails sexy and filled with raw emotion and heated passion.

**The books that have amazed me 100% are quite a few, and *Borden* is undeniably one of them. It's intense, fully layered and deep.**

This is a **must read!** I can't wait for book 2 to be out! Please, hurry the heck up Ms. Lewis! :)

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