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Elle was never broken.

She wasn't shattered.

And she sure as hell never needed to be saved.

That is,

until she found out what the aftermath of love was capable of causing.

Doing her best to stay afloat amidst the sh!t storm that has become her life, Elle is hanging on by a thread. Between worrying about Fernie's precarious future, an incident with a Shemar Moore look-alike gone terribly wrong, and an inability to let go of her feelings for J, Elle just can't seem to get her head straight.

Deciding a change of atmosphere is what she needs, Elle heads to Mexico to study abroad for a semester.

She has no idea that she is walking into an even worse storm.

One that involves a pissed off MC President, a ruthless drug cartel, and a man willing to die to have her light.

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Carol (StarAngel's Reviews) Allen says

Book – Melted & Shattered (L & J #2)

Author – Emily Eck

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Type – Part of Series

Genre – Romance

Rating – 4 ½ out of 5 Stars

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Review

Damn – this chick does it again – now please, I’m not being bias here cause we talk almost every day. I’m wondering if I would even talk to Emily if she couldn’t write?

I just have to say that I am addicted to Elle and J....fuck I’m addicted to all the characters in this story – it’s the grittiness that Emily writes with is what draws me in and hooks me – I first read this book as a proofreader so I don’t think I was able to get the whole “touchy feely” thing out of it – so I went back and read it again and fuck – I can only say that the relationship between Elle and J is nothing to mess around with.

Now, this one deals more with Elle’s world falling apart after that horrible cliffhanger Emily left us in Steel & Ice than it does with actual scenes between Elle and J – but what this book has is Elle – Elle front and center dealing with her heartbreak, her pain, her suffering and the shatters of her life. She is left picking up the pieces and going to war in her mind over the feelings she has for J.

Not only does she have to deal with that but there is also trouble brewing with her “kids” – this is where Elle’s character develops and grows into a responsible and loving motherly figure. J constantly talks about Elle’s “light” and for once – the reader can see and experience exactly what J does.

I think the major contribution Emily gives to this series is her character development of J and Elle – I know for a fact that this story just pops out in her head and wasn’t a complete thought when she started. So by knowing this, my hats off to you Emily for continuing to develop these characters effortlessly through each book in the series.

Take Elle for instance – in the beginning she can be compared to a robot – no feelings – selfish – all about herself. She fucks guys and leaves them – doesn’t want a relationship – only does friendship and even there she won’t get too close to anyone except her 2 friends – Chris and Aaron.

Then she starts volunteering at the center and spends more and more time with the kids and somehow these

kids bring out the emotions in her – her protectiveness, her giving, her happiness, her sadness – Elle FEELS again – even though she keeps telling herself that she is a shitty role model for these kids. Elle learns about putting others first before herself – she learns about sacrifice.

When she meets J – it may have started out as pure lust – but something is there – something pulling at her heart like it never did before and Elle learns to open up and trust again. She learns to love and by the end of Book #1 – she learns about pain. Now this book deals with all the emotions which are now open and lay bleeding out on a plate for all to see. Elle has to make the right choices in order to continue to survive and decide whether she has a future with J.

Recap

We pick up right after the major cliffhanger from Steel & Ice – Elle is in the hospital and is recovering – J is fighting to see her but Elle wants nothing to do with him. She is devastated at what she learned about him. This devastation continues and her life starts taking a turn for the worse – depression sets in and the only thing keeping her head above water is her “kids” from the center.

She is on a mission to try and make things right with Fernie – she learns about the love Fernie and Gen share even as teenagers and the pain and suffering these two are dealing with.

Elle also has to deal with Larry and his constant crushing on her – and add in Jose in that mix. Elle starts to learn just how loved she is and how many people are there to help put the pieces back together.

Then we have J who wants to put everything back together and get out of the mess he is in – so him and Elle can have a future together – he will DO ANYTHING to keep her safe and make her “his”!

Elle goes on a wild magic carpet ride in this book full with the cartel and bad ass bikers! The quote which really sums up this series is “I’ll love you till the sun ceases to shine.”

Oh....and on a side note here....if you do decide to give this series a shot...don’t forget to include the ½ series also ---- these are told from J’s POV and definitely add more story to the plot!!! Damn I love Emily!

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Maria says

4.5 Stars

Review Under BookJunkyGirls

Amber says

Okay SCREAMS I just finished reading this and I go to tap my kindle to turn the page and that is it the book is over
my eyes are popping out of my head I can't believe what happened I am kind of freaking out here = my Screaming I really love this series but the cliffhangers are being total killers first she gets shot and now shes ----- (I'm not posting any spoilers on it) but Seriously when does the next book come out ??????? I'm hooked and you have taken my book away no no no no no I'm being pitiful I know but seriously I'm on edge right now ... lol I must know what happens who all does J have to kill to keep his girl safe I think lots of people need to die real fast and painfully ... ;)

Ms. MiLo says

Rating: 4.5 Stars

Awesome sequel to Steel & Ice. Emily Eck knows how to pull you in and keep you on the edge of your seat. This book is intense and it will definitely make you fall in love with the characters.

The story continuous from where it left off from the first book. There's a battle going on inside Elle whether it was right or wrong to forgive J. She tried her best to pick up her life and put it together but when evening comes that's when it all starts to come out. Her loneliness and the fact that no matter how hard she tries she loves J no matter what.

I would've given 5 stars if it wasn't for that damn cliff hanger.. LOL... SMH... I'm anxious to find out what happens next.!!! Because I know shit just hit the fan with that kind of ending!

Tonya says

wow, great read. There isn't a lot of J in this book, but he is talked about a lot in this. Elle has to come to an understanding about being shot by J. She is shattered. Her head tells her one thing, but her heart tells her another. You do need to read the previous books in this series before reading this one. We get to see a whole different side of Elle in this book. Her emotional side. And she gets very emotional. I really felt bad for her. You can see the changes that she's going through. Can't wait to read more. I still wish it was in duel POV. Oh and we can't forget about Jose either. I'm really liking him.

Ghiselle James says

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The Book Fairy Reviews says

A book about loving someone so much that you would change your whole life around and start a war to

ensure that you could have her in your life. That is exactly what J decides what he is going to do. He has to have Elle in his life and the only way he can do it is to leave the life that he has lead behind. Easy said than done! Specially when your job has hurt the woman that you swore to protect, yeah it hurt her and it happened by his own hand. Can he still keep her? Will she forgive him? These are the questions that J deals with in this story. This is not a HEA if that is what your are looking for rather it leaves you wanting more.

Elle realizes that no matter what j does with his life she needs to be part of it, because she realizes that her heart can't go on without her sun and that is what she is to him they light each other up like no other.

This book was written so beautifully, that you delft every heart wrenching moment they share and are apart.

The journey they take to the realization that their love is the only way to be complete is amazing.

This story had some amazing revelations and twists. Danger and suspense but above all love. I couldn't put it down thank god i didn't have to work! Be warned you do have a cliff hanger that will have you dropping your mouth and breathing hard for Elle and J, but oh soooo worth it!

Sarah says

This is book #2 in the series. I gave it 4 stars. You must read the series in order and I recommend including the novella for better understanding of background information. Elle went from a squealer to a cryer. She never knew what love had in story for her and the pain love can cause. "Love isn't easy. Love isn't Fair. Loves chooses you, not the other way around."

Chris is the best friend a girl could ask for. She is even like a motherly figure that she never had because her mom was not there for her the way she wished it was. I know there is only one person in my life that is my BFF that would treat me just like Chris treated Elle after her incident. After several mishaps, Elle Realizes that Chris is there for her and has her back no matter what.

Elle tries to get over J, but their "love bond" burns her the way that J's eagle talon's grips his shoulder.

Elle decides to study abroad in Mexico for one semester. She doesn't know what she is walking into...

Just as I think I have this whole story and love bond figured out, sometime takes another turn and leaves you with a cliff hanger to pull you into the next story. I absolutely loved this series and can't wait to read the next in the series.

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Hooked On Books says

Awesome sequel to Steel & Ice. Emily Eck knows how to pull you in and keep you on the safe of your seat. This book is intense and it will definitely make you fall in love with the characters. Just when things are finally looking up, once again we were left hanging... SMH... I'm anxious to find out what happens next.!!!

Christina says

**** I received this complimentary book by the author for an honest review*****

I Knew I would love this book more! This isn't your average MC book! Elle and J Burn up my Kindle! It was

so hot I had my A/c on blast with my Kindle in bed with me *Gasp* Yes with me .. in bed! But Elle is hot for J , and Jose is hot for Elle! Holy hell what a triangle! The fight between them is WOW. I can't wait for book 3 to come out hopefully soon! 5 stars ! ~Chris

Tobia James says

Motherfrickin' CLIFFHANGER!!!!!!! ^_^

Red Cheeks Reads says

This book continues from where Steel and Ice left off. We follow Elle as she recovers in hospital, we watch her struggle with what she is feeling and who she wants to see and who she doesn't. Elle awakes to Chris by her side, as the ever present best friend will always be. When J visits Elle sends him away, and reading this is hard for both of them. We can feel Elle's pain and you can see the hurt in J. "I was empty. Or at least I thought I was empty. J ran his hand over his face, catching a few tears before they could fall. As he turned and left the room, I realized I wasn't empty. In fact, I was overflowing."

This book centres around Elle's recovery, moving onto some kind of normal and "her cubs". We get to read the aftermath of the shooting and how it affected everyone not just Elle. We see the pain with Chris, Genesis, J and Fernie. We follow the fall out they all have because of this. Chris spends all her time trying to help Elle back into some kind of living state. Genesis has a secret to hold onto, which at 16 is a lot to handle. Fernie has the worst of all with what is happening because of what happened. He feels guilty over what happened to Elle, he is hurting because of Genesis and there is nothing that can be done. Elle tries to life some of the burden. "I was running on instinct, and my instinct said you had to live."

J crumbles, this is hard to read. We know that he feels the guilt of what happened, whether it was an accident or not. The person he loves he hurt. We read Elle struggle with how she feels, she wants to hate him but she loves him. "Baby, I'll be the light for the both of us. Just promise me you'll let me. Promise me you'll give me a shot at redemption."

J doesn't appear for most of the book, but we do get to read about Jose, and we get to watch the friendship between the two of them grow. I loved Jose in this book, he is such a lovable character and if Elle's heart wasn't with J, I think that Jose would be a great fit for her.

Melted and shattered was different to the first book in the series as this was about Elle and about her finding herself and a way to live without J in her life. It was about her realising that the kids at the centre mean more to her then she knew, it was about her doing what she can to help those around her and what she can do to better herself.

The ending to this book, just left me wanting more. I need to know how J and Elle's story ends. Do they get the happy ever after they deserve or do the outside force have more sway. I need the answers. Well done Emily Eck on another great book in this series.

Stacey

United Indie Book Blog says

Wow!! Ok let me just say I think Jose is HOT!! But L & J are so perfect for each other! What an amazing follow up! I swear I feel like Elle is in my head!!! I just can't get enough of her! God cliffhangers SUCK!! Please don't make us wait long!!

Reviewed by Yalitza

Barbara says

This is my Zon Review

I really do like this Series .. the story continues with J (the Hulking Hunk) & Elle (fiery) Elle .. you see a much softer side of Elle in this Book & a really conflicted J... & as I was mowing my lawns today thinking that I wish I was reading instead of doing what I was doing that it was going to end up the why I thought it would go dam it!! Always HOT, more drama in this one, & a WT# to finish.... on to the next... & I'm hoping it's not a Cliffy... So If You've Started this Series Don't Give Up Now People ... Let's get to the end..... Go One Click this Book... Find Out !! :-)

Elena says

So excited for this to come out! I got a sneak peek at a few paragraphs yesterday and aside from chills, I completely teared up!

Elle's journey is just begining and we all need to start getting comfy for the ride.

Emily has a gift of truly grasping her characters and putting it in writting in the most honest and truest ways.

I can honestly tell you people, that cliffhanger, is worth it!

I've finished.

Ouch.

That. Hurt.

This book was not what I expected. That's saying a lot because I got a few sneak peaks.

I don't think I was ready for Elle's journey. Her healing. Her changes. Her determination. I think sometimes readers don't appreciate what it takes to overcome traumatic events. Emily does an amazing job of not sugar coating it. We are there, step-by-step through Elle's journey to be whole (or as much as she can) again. Its a crazy, bumpy ride, but so worth it.

Every person is multi-dimentional. Elle's journey is in part, putting all of her "Elle's" together. Letting people into different parts of her life that she was not confortable with. Depending on others. Admitting that she needs help, even if she doesnt want it.

We get to see so many sides of Elle in this book, I sometimes had to stop and re-evaluate everything I

thought I knew about her.

I laughed quite a bit in this book. And that's really strange cause, guys, it's gritty. If you are looking for hearts and flowers, this is not your book. It's real, and in your face about it.

J, I hate you, I love you. That last scene.. Ugh, gutted me.

Jose- sighhhhh- don't worry ladies, I've had words with Emily about giving him a HEA.

Shamar Moore is ruined for me. Oh well.
