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There is underlying beauty in destruction....

Miah Thade, Finn Reese, and Ritchie Meyer are Resonator, an indie rock band with an edge—best friends turned rock stars, known as the Detroit 3. When Evin Rene appears in their life none of them can deny he belongs with Rez.

They may have named their first album Ruin Porn because people get off on seeing how Detroit went from deeply loved to thoroughly forsaken, but they're determined to prove that blight isn't the entire story and blight isn't always ugly.

Ritchie, Miah, Finn, and Evin take Resonator to a level no one anticipates. But no prosperity comes without sacrifice, and no secret stays hidden without a trail of lies. As Rez's fame grows, so does the intensity between two of its members...as well as their potential for destruction.

Evin and Finn are about to discover the underlying beauty in their ruin porn.

Ruin Porn Details

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From Reader Review Ruin Porn for online ebook

Brooklyn says

An ARC of this book was provided in exchange for an honest review.

At first glance, the cover didn't appeal to me. It didn't make sense to me. But I'm a fan of S.J.D. Peterson, the blurb was interesting and it's about hot guys in a rock band, so um, yeah. Then I started reading the book and I thought, wow! During an online QA with fans, the band members explained why they chose Ruin Porn for the title of their first album. And finally the cover of the book made total sense. I get it. And it's perfect. This is one book you shouldn't judge by its cover.

Evin (aka Kevin) Rene gets a once in a lifetime offer to join his favorite rock band as one of their guitarists. Of course he doesn't say no. It doesn't matter that he joins literally at the start of their concert tour and he now has to live and play with the object of his fanboy crush, Finn Reese.

Almost halfway through the tour, his relationship with Finn takes a turn to something more. But of course, it's not all hearts and sunshine. The pressures of being in the public eye and having to hide everything causes the dynamic of the group to crack and fall apart. And you are left waiting for the epic crash.

Maybe it was the rock band theme, but I was sucked in by this book. I couldn't put it down. It starts almost at the end, then brings you up to speed. And the whole time I was waiting on pins and needles to find out how it all went horribly wrong. Miah kept ticking me off with his holier-than-thou attitude. He was a truly egotistical asshole, and I hated how he looked down on the other guys. He somewhat redeemed himself at the end, and the book left some issues open that will make for an amazing second book, that I definitely look forward to.

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Lenore says

This was fun!

Predictably, I developed a soft spot for Miah.

Past Ramblings

Awesome cover!

Rissa (an M/M kinda Girl!!) says

A New SJD Peterson book....woooo!

#Detroit #myneckofthewoods

This cover is simply gorgeous! As soon as I seen it I knew..."This is My City!" I always get a little giddy when I read books that have a connection to Michigan and this book definitely felt like home. Between the cover, the fact the MCs are musicians and the super talented authors who wrote it, I just knew I was gonna love it!

Mich, Finn & Ritchie are Resonator. Rez by the Fans and The Detroit 3 to them. Kevin Rene soon to be known as Evin (not because Miah didn't know his name wasn't 'Evan' but because Evin without the K fit the rockstar image better) got the chance of a lifetime when he wasn't asked to join Resonator as a bass player. Now, the Detroit 3+E will not only tear up the stages across the world...they'll be some tearing up the sheets as well.

This story was anything but basic. It was told from multiple POVs which sometimes drives me batty but it worked so well here. And I got to know right where everyone's head was at...even if they didn't. Each MC seemed just as important as the next guy. Ritchie is the mama bear. He just wants to make sure everyone's getting along and washing their hands. Evin is the 'newbie' and is trying to find just where he fits in with these life long friends. Finn is so laid back, as long as he has a sucker he's usually ok. Miah is the 'leader' of the band and definitely pushes everyone's buttons with his 'I do the most out of all you' kinda attitude. We the readers are involved in just about everything these guys do while on tour and once they're back home. It's fun to see them in the spotlight and behind the scenes along with the highs and the lows...it makes them feel real.

Let me quick touch on the sexin' cuz I know that this will be an issue for some readers. I personally LOVED how things played out. I loved the threesome fun, I loved the alone time fun. I never seen any of it as being cheated out of more time for just the two of them to be alone together. Neither of them opened their flaps to say they didn't want him to play with (stubborn/pigheaded men..lol) so he played. I will say tho, that he knew the moment he needed to be scarce and he bailed. That worked for me.

Will there be a book 2? Fuck I hope so! I have to see how Miah ends up dealing with his feelings for a certain someone.

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This review is cross-posted at Reviews by Jessewave

Kade Boehme says

I loved this. Def not your traditional M/M, but it was damn good. These two should def team up again and again.

Sarah says

I really enjoyed this one. I do rather have a penchant for rock star books and this hit all the right buttons. 4.5-5 stars. Hoping there is another.

Jewel says

3.5 Stars

I struggled a bit with the rating of this book. I liked it, but it didn't wow me, and it felt a bit too long. I liked Evin and Finn (and they were especially hot when Ritchie joined in), but as much as I felt their chemistry, I didn't really feel the romance.

Most of the book takes place on tour, so we get snapshots of gigs and things that happen before or after the show. I would have liked more romance and interaction between Evin and Finn. Still, if these authors are planning a book for Ritchie, I'll probably read it.

Caroline Brand says

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4.75 Stars

I have a real soft spot for rocker stories and this one hit just that spot. The love story almost takes a back seat in Ruin Porn as we figure out the Detroit 3+E.

Miah, Finn and Ritchie are rock band Ruin Porn and are well on their way from rags to riches when Kevin Rene hits their radar. Kevin is part of another band that should be opening for them on their latest tour but when his band is sent home before the gigs even start Kevin is offered the chance of a lifetime and three become four.

There is a lot of history involved in the relationship between the original 3 who have been friends since childhood but as much as they all believe they know each other well there are secrets that could devastate their dynamics. Miah is homophobic and their elected leader with an ego the size of a house but you can't help fall for him as he strives to make a father that doesn't even notice him proud. Ritchie and Finn appear a lot closer and when Kevin, or Evin as he is now known, joins the band that closeness becomes like a buffer.

I loved the trepidation and then the heat between Finn and Evin as they tried to work each other out. The build-up, the intensity of their feelings and their desperation and the need to keep things secret. All of them involved know that being honest will more than likely mean the end. The end of friendships, the end of the band and the end of their respect for each other but before they can think about it too hard the decision is taken out of their hands.

This is not just a gripping story that ended far too fast but it also set the scene for the next book and hopefully we won't have to wait for too long. I expect sparks to fly and I hope we get good things for

Ritchie!

Jen says

4.5 stars

This book gets better every time I read it. Still needing that sequel!!

This book had the unenviable task of following an amazing book by my favourite author. If anything can get me over a book hangover, it's rock stars!

As soon as Miah told (K)Evin to play bass, I was done for. Bass is my ultimate weakness.

There are so many things I need to know. Miah and Ritchie? The reunion? How will Finn and Evin handle being out and in the spotlight? There has to be a sequel. Please.

Baba says

2 It-Had-Potential-But-Fizzled-Out-Fast stars. DNF @51%. Review posted November 22, 2015.

Kevin tried to pretend he'd been looking at the bottles next to the.... Oh shit. Of course they'd put the penis enlargement pills directly next to the ass cleaner. Why did the queue for the register have to be next to the men's vitamin section? The heat in his cheeks was going to melt his face off.

“Apparently everyone in this humid hellhole is having ass issues,” someone grumbled.

Finn snorted and picked up a bottle from the bottom of the cart, glancing at the label. “Gonna need desensitizing lube and not this normal Astroglide shit if you plan to fuck your way through a whole continent.” “You would know, you banshee whore,” Miah replied with a mischievous smirk, ripping the sucker dangling from Finn’s mouth from between his lips. “Jesus, fuck,” Ritchie muttered. He grabbed the lube bottle from Finn and the stick of the lollipop from Miah and gave each back to their respective owners. “Lube and candy? Seriously? How the hell did I get stuck taking care of your childish asses?”

Ruin Porn started off good and even though it was pretty much mindless fun it was actually entertaining (all)

quotes above have been taken from the first 25% of the story. Oddly enough, from that point on, the entire story went in one direction only: downhill. I was bored out of my skull and could not bring myself to feel invested in their trivial and mundane activities. They went on tour, hopped from town to town and I honestly could not have cared less what they were doing. Neither their rehearsals nor their actual gigs could hold my interest because the ambiance was totally lacking. Either you have the gift to make a reader feel the thrilling atmosphere of a live gig, or...you haven't. Unfortunately, *Ruin Porn* was a total failure in that regard and was miles away from my favorite rock star books.

An example...

The fans were keyed in, vocal, moving. Miah was on his altar, being worshipped by the fans, and buoyed by his apparent success, his voice carried, filled the spaces between bodies. He slinked across the stage like a stalking tiger, marking off his territory. Ritchie sat on top of his percussion perch and preened like the manipulative do-gooder he was. He kicked up a precise yet punch-drunk rhythm that held them all together and rocketed them forward.

It reads like a dull essay and did not evoke one iota of emotion from me. I did roll my eyes, though.

Also, the MCs constant horniness did not interest me at all. I'm going to stash the sex in one of my mental musty drawers also. I shouldn't forget to mention that they were terribly childish. I remember reading 1% during 30 minutes. I'm pretty sure that's an obvious sign of a major case of disinterest. Whatever the case may be, I'm going to give it two stars because I liked the first 25%; one star only for the the second quarter which was terribly bad. I'm sorry but this was another waste of my time and money.

Anyway, here's hoping I'm off to better and bigger things.

Mimi says

It seems lately that I have been reading more musically inspired books and they seem to be growing on me big time. S.J.D. Peterson has delivered again. I loved all the guys in this book. Finn and Evin are great love interest and man oh man I can't wait for the second book about Ritchie and Miah. That one will be great also.

WhatAStrangeDuck says

I stopped reading at 57%, so I'm not going to rate it. I just couldn't get into it. The problem with me and books about musicians is that it always throws me out of the story when the really great thing about being in a band is hardly ever mentioned because the books are written by people who clearly never experienced it. Being in a band actually *is* like some sort of weird group marriage even if there is no sex among the band's members. I think I have never fought so hard with anyone else except my family or people I was in a relationship with. But when it's good, oh baby, it's so good. And I can personally attest to the fact that relationships within the band can be pure poison because when things go south, they go south for everybody. But the thing is - the connection is through the music. It's a totally different kind of communication and connection than words. In that regard it really is very much like sex - very, very intimate, sometimes even

with people who you don't even really like.

But here, there was nothing of this. Nothing. Except really extremely unlikely things like going on a major tour through Europe with a bassist who apparently has never played bass before, no rehearsals, like, ever, and an American lead singer who is supposed to be a total homophobe but has no qualms whatsoever sitting on the drummer's lap. Because American men are so touchy-feely all the time. Yeah, well, really, no. I don't buy any of this. And don't get me started on sheet music.

Anyhow. Plenty of people who don't think about things like that will probably enjoy the book immensely. Carry on, don't mind me.

Vallie says

I love rock-star romance stories. After reading the prologue, I was so sure that I would get an angst-fest and a romance of epic proportions. It was just that good and so promising. The more I read however, the further away for that I got.

The story revolves around the three original members of Resonator, also known as Detroit 3, Miah, Finn, and Ritchie, as well as Kevin, who swiftly became Evin after joining the band as a bassist. We know from pretty early on that Evin has a crush on Finn and it is very obvious why. Finn is hot, snarky, and has the carefree attitude of a rock-star down pat. Evin, on the other hand, is shy, introverted, and can't quite come to terms with fame, signing autographs, and being recognised by fans everywhere. Miah is the band leader, who is honestly a jerk most of the time, but sort of redeems himself in the end. Ritchie is the mama bear of the group. He often intervenes to put out fires and to keep spirits calm.

The first 50% of the book covers the first tour the band went on. The head hopping became a little bothersome because the other band members' POVs didn't seem to offer anything meaningful other than noticing Finn stealing glances at Evin and vice versa. That came especially from Ritchie because Miah is pretty homophobic and has no qualms about showing it. I can understand getting Ritchie and Miah's POVs for inclusivity purposes, considering there will be other books. But for the first half, their POVs were a few pages at best, describing a sight-seeing expedition, or rehearsing for a concert, or other ordinary things that didn't seem that unique to the characters so I couldn't see the point of it.

So I patiently waited chapter after chapter titled after every city they toured in to see the sparks fly and something happen. ***Then at 27%, my hopes burned and crashed along with any chance I had of liking this book.*** I guess this is where I should disclose that monogamy is a pretty hard limit for me in romance. I am glad I recently read a book where a threesome at 2% is the catalyst for the MCs to develop feelings for each other, so I have a point of comparison. ***The MCs here did not develop feelings after the threesome.*** If they did, it was not mentioned. They both kept referring to the possibility of a threesome again as something really hot and they didn't seem to have any problems with sharing. In fact, there was no mention of feelings at all. It was all about wanting, lusting, and generally having the hots for each other. There were a few ménage scenes until Evin admitted to himself that he'd rather be alone with Finn but when asked if he wanted to do that by the third party, he didn't take the chance, acting for all intents and purposes as if he was simply blowing off steam. This bothered me a lot and affected my reading experience significantly. I was so frustrated from the lack of confessing anything, even to themselves, that I honestly couldn't wait to finish it just so I could move on to something else.

Eventually, there are some plot twists where Finn and Evin show jealousy and possessiveness over the other, but again, it doesn't amount to anything. They make up by having sex (sometimes alone and sometimes with someone else involved) and go back to being bandmates and friends. There were so many opportunities for them to come clean to each other, even be together in secret, but no. Friends. Bandmates. And threesome partners.

When things come to a head, the band dismantles, which brings us back to where we were after the prologue. Within less than 5%, everything was resolved. Feelings were confessed, monogamy was discussed and promised, the MCs got a happily ever after, and issues which supposedly held them from opening up before (morality clauses in the contracts etc) were magically resolved without even a mention. I was happy to see the guys get a HEA but I feel like I was cheated out of the whole relationship. In fact, there was no relationship as far as I'm concerned, at least. There was friendship, yes, and camaraderie over music and concerts, and bonding and all that. But there was never anything romantic until the very end. Nada. So, the HEA left me a little cold, I am sad to say, because the epic romance that the prologue promised simply never came.

This book already has several 5 star reviews so this is probably a case of it's not you, it's me. I won't discourage people from reading because this might just not be my personal cuppa.

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Karen Wellsbury says

I totally adored the cover of this book, but before I started reading it looked at some reviews and heard some comments and for some reason I got put off - so it took me ages to get into it, and this was a mistake.

RuinP is as much a book about the dynamics of being in band and friendship as it is a romance, but it is definitely a romance albeit narrated and arrived at in a non standard way. The POV shifts from 3 characters, which is interesting and gave me that feeling of watching your friends, who are totally right for each other, bumping around slightly cluelessly. However at times this lead to a rather tell-ey style as well.

I liked the writing style, a lot and the references to 1D made me laugh. My main issue was the lack of communication between Evin and Finn. However they were clearly young and all bar Evin had grown up together, so while it was frustrating it kind of made sense.

Lisa says

I enjoyed this book and it would have been 5 star read but I felt that the ending was rushed and everything came together and was resolved just a little too easily.

I know that one thing will definitely be carried over to book 2, but to give Finn and Evin their HEA, it came just too easily.

I wouldn't have known of this book if a friend hadn't suggested a buddy read and that would have meant Missing out on a great book. Easy to read and finished in one sitting.

Barbara says

**HOT Rock Stars?
Of course I will read it!**

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