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There was no bright light in my death, but perhaps that is because I wasn't destined for the angelic beauty of heaven. No, my short lived life had been played out with so much sin and excess that there would no doubt be a special cage in hell with my name on it. In my death, I felt and saw nothing. No warmth, no cold, no light, no darkness, just nothing. When I woke, he was gone, the only piece of perfection in my ugly world. Part of me was grateful that he had finally found the good sense to leave. Another part of me was broken, irrevocably and agonizingly broken.

THE BOOK TRAILER - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_ts1X...](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ts1X...)

You will also find a purchase link at YouTube to 'A Shade of Violet', the song written especially for Violet Addiction.

## **Violet Addiction Details**

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# From Reader Review Violet Addiction for online ebook

## Jen says

My heart hurt.  
My head pounded.  
I was a blubbering mess.

This is a story of addiction, the power drugs have over you and the desperate struggle to not let them win.

Best friends since high school, Violet and Cain have been together through thick and thin. He plays piano and she sings, and they make beautiful music together. Through it all, he as stuck by her side and many years later, they still perform together.

Violet was born into a life that knew addiction. It surrounded her. Owned her. She watched as both her parents lived a life full of drugs and poor decisions. Feeling no self worth and lots of self loathing, Violet follows their lead and gets caught up in her own addiction to desperately escape the pain of living. Cain is her rock and sadly knows that she is an addict. He remains by her side, trying desperately to keep her from drowning. He truly loves her.

“This is meant to be, baby, you and me. You gotta stop fighting it. Please just let me love you the way you were meant to be loved.”

But Cain’s love wasn’t enough. One very sad day, Violet sinks. She is at the bottom of the barrel. She expects him to be at her side to help her out of her dark hole. He’s always there. Only this time he’s not. Violet is a mess. She doesn’t know if she’ll be able to move forward without him, but she makes a choice. She will fight. She will change. She will, for once in her life, be a new, better version of her former self. Her only hope is that Cain will return to her.

“Sometimes you have to fall so you can learn to stand back up. Falling is hard though; it’s scary and it’s painful. Standing back up is somehow worse.”

I was so emotional while reading this book. Watching Violet self-destruct was so difficult and painful. I wanted to shake her and take the drugs away from her myself. Whether you know someone who has been addicted, or have been through it yourself, you know that it is a battle that is not easy to win. There is a constant struggle, a war within yourself and you have to fight with everything you have to get to the other side. Some of the very fortunate win the battle. Others don’t and it’s absolutely heartbreaking to witness.

This story is painful. It will break your heart into so many pieces. But you cheer and you route for Violet to come out a winner. Kirsty Dallas wrote a story that will rip your heart open. It is not a sappy love story. It is a story of pain, hope and courage. One that I won’t forget.

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## Novels On The Run says

BOOK REVIEW by Michelle 30th October 2014:

RATING: 5 STRONG STARS!

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Well done Miss KD J

Well. Done!

Michelle

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### **Jennifer says**

Violet Addiction is a heart-wrenching story of Violet and her struggles with addiction and the battles within her own mind.

The story will stay with you, long after you read it. Ensure you have a box of tissues on hand.

Well done Kirsty Dallas on telling such a difficult and thought-provoking story. Your words were eloquent, brimmed with emotion and I fell in love with Cain. A must read.

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### **Gitte TotallyBookedBlog says**

#### **DNF**

First off we have to stress that we adore this author's work. We've loved everything we've read from her whether it be suspense, heartbreak or humorous, she has always delivered and she's pretty much a 1-click for us.

So, it breaks our hearts to say Violet Addiction just didn't work for us. The main problem was the heroine. We couldn't connect to her. We know she was suffering addiction and her story should've had us clutching our hearts but we couldn't empathise her. When her story unfolded it didn't devastate us as we expected and her treatment of Cain only served to have us disconnect even more.

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### **Eye Candy Bookstore says**

Violet's constant fight with her own addiction proves that every day is a fight to try and be a better person to try and overcome the overwhelming struggles of any addiction.

You see Violet go through so many emotions with her daily struggle even with Cain by her side, their friendship is one of the strongest I have ever read in a book before, even though he pulls away for her own good. My heart hurt for him just as much as it did for Violet.

You see Violet on the dark path of destruction which is what drives poor Cain away, she tries to move on but

even though her addiction causes so much struggle and emotional effects her heart belongs to Cain. You literally want to hug him and tell him to stay but you can't but feel it's right for him to go. You feel every dark emotion that Violet feels and it's heartbreaking. For such a young woman to have so much self hatred towards herself it hurt, my stomach has never knotted so much in one book before, I cried a few times during this book but it was well worth every tear.

It's true what people say that you don't fully know what you have got until you lose it, but in Violet's case she knew what she had lost but she also knew that she had to lose it to try and find herself.

Life throws you struggles and with the right help, you can pull yourself out of the dark and that's what Violet did!

And just saying... Violet's dad rocks

5 stars

Amy

Eye Candy Bookstore (Manager)

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### **T.L. Smith says**

Kirsty has gone above and beyond with this book.

Violet and Cain's love is a roller coaster, one that will hurt your heart and then slowly be put back together.

I fell in love with Violet's Father in the story as well, his words of love were breathtaking.

"Sometimes you just gotta be a little daring and a whole lot brave, pumpkin. That's what love is about. You gotta feel it all to make it real, the good times, the bad times, and everything in between"

Insert swoon here\*\*\*

I can't thank Kirsty enough for gifting me a copy of this wonderful story.

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### **Christine says**

5 Brady Bunch Stars

Violet a jazz singer with Cain her best friend playing the piano. Violet has had a horrible upbringing with her mother a drug addict and father recovering alcoholic. The Whiskey and Cocaine too easily available. With Violet's self loathing and not feeling worthy of someone's love especially Cain's she falls down this road of despair. She will do anything to get her next fix.

I was happy for Violet when she met Peiro and hoped it would work out for her. I felt she needed a clean break but I guess when you love someone so deeply you just can't let go.

When Violet's mum dies and she sees Cain with Annabelle and finds them engaged, this finally tips her over the edge.

A truly dysfunctional outcome but just what it needed.

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## **Bethany says**

**“Someone once told me crying was not a sign of weakness, but simply someone who had been strong for far to long.”**

Per usual Kirsty rips my heart out, and breaks it to a million pieces only to glue back every broken shard to resemble a different beautifully mended heart. I effing love you for this reason Kirsty. I mean it. In every book you’ve wrote, and I’ve undoubtedly read... you take me for the roller coaster emotional ride of my life. Violet Addiction was just the next work of art in Kirsty’s story telling mind. You’re a genius, woman. Hand’s down one of my favorite Aussie’s every. Seriously, I think there may be one person ahead of you... but it is Jesse Spencer and let’s face it – he’s just perfection. Excuse me while I wipe away a spot of drool!

**“When you meet someone who leaves a mark on your heart and soul, that, my dear Violet, is truly a treasure. You are no doubt treasure by many; it’s time for you to recognize that worth.”**

To be honest, I thought I’d have a harder time reading this than I did. I’m not entirely sure about addiction. I mean I’ve been told I have an addictive personality, but I’m happy to say I’ve never had to deal with the enormity of a painful addiction like drugs. I do have empathy for those who have been stricken with the unfortunate problem of addiction, though. After reading this, I can’t even imagine how hard it must be to recuperate and stay sober. I know I always imagined it was excruciatingly painful, but the imagery and honesty that Kirsty poured into this novel just makes me feel that much deeper for people with addiction.

**“I wanted him to lose that control, I wanted to ignite a flame within him that would consume me with passion”**

Throughout the entirety of this novel, my heart bled for these characters. My face was constantly salty from tears, and I just can’t tell you how many feels I had from the ultimate painful throbbing of the pure heartache that Kirsty exploited through the characters of Violet and Cain. My heart is aching just thinking about it, and writing this review.

**"Sometimes, time can feel like a slow moving tide, splashing and ebbing over minutes, days, and weeks, tediously slow and unrelenting. In other instances, time can be a tsunami, crashing down on you, thundering by in fragmented moments.”**

Violet, grew up with addicts for parents, so she didn’t expect much from life. After watching her mother deal with addiction, she set herself up for total destruction. Even though she is beautiful, witty, extremely talented, and loved by so many... Violet hurt. The only way she knew how to take care of her internal pain was to get drunk and high. The one constant Violet had in life was Cain. God, she loved him like no other, but in her own vision of self-perseverance, she decided on never acting upon their feelings for one another. Cain was incredibly talented as well. With his shoulder length hair, his beautiful voice, and musical talents, he was just amazing. He was sweet, loved Violet to the end of the world, loyal, and completely supportive. Cain was Violet’s rock, always there to pick up the pieces.

**“We made love, and it was as wild and impatient as it was profound and passionate.”**

After so many times of picking up the pieces of Violets violent and destructive behavior, one has to give up... right? My goodness I still can't believe how Cain handled her. This story is so unique and beautiful, but terrifying. Violet Addiction gives you the right feels when you need them. There are times of laughter, sadness, happiness, panic, and angst.

**“You're my home Cain, I'm not happy unless I'm home, and I trust you more than I've ever trusted anybody.”**

I can't even tell you about what happens. You need to read this to find out. A few times during this novel I thought there was no way to have a happy ending. However, this book leaves you completely satisfied, yet devastated at the same time. Didn't think it was possible?! IT IS! Kirsty Dallas did it!!! I've had a serious book hangover from this, and writing the review is equally as hard as reading this novel. My heart HURTS. There's so many things that I want to reveal, but can't because you need to read this for yourself. You need to feel everything to understand why I can't tell you, and you'll agree with me.

**“I want you with me baby, I want you in Seattle, I want you in my home, I want you in my bed, always. I need you to trust me to take care of you.”**

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**Jenn Green says**

☆☆☆☆★ **5- Death and Re-Birth -Stars**

*~this review may contain minor spoilers~*

**I've always craved things that destroy me; things that make me forget the worthlessness that fills my veins. In the end, the poisons I consumed in an effort to feel numb killed me.**

*Violet Trivoli* 's life has never been typical or easy; growing up in an emotionally abusive home with two drug addict parents doesn't exactly teach you how to love yourself and inevitably Violet became an addict herself. Drugs seem to be the only thing that numbs the pain and constant feeling of never being good enough, never being loved enough, just never being enough. The only constant in her life is best friend *Cain Everett* , the man she has always loved but never allowed herself to have; he is far too good to be tainted by the blackness of her soul but she is just too selfish to walk away completely, she needs him as he needs her, he is the one always picking her up after her benders but she knows deep down that eventually he will reach his limit and she is terrified of losing him... but she does, right when she needs him most. When she finally takes her addiction too far, resulting in an overdose that literally kills her, she wakes up alone and soon realizes that as hard as she fell, getting back up is going to be sooo much harder. Does she have the strength she needs to do what it takes to survive without the other half of her soul at her side?

**I cried for the loss of so many years hating myself and my family. So many mistakes I couldn't take back; I could only learn from them and move forward.**

*Fair Warning* ~ if you're looking for a hearts and flowers, sparkles and candy, sweet romance; turn around, this is NOT it. If like me, you like your stories with a bit more grit, a lot of tears and heartache, and you don't mind the author making their characters earn their HEA the hard way; then I happily encourage you to



proceed, just do so with caution. Yes, this is a romance ~ but at it's core, it's a story about addiction and all the ugliness that entails. Kirsty Dallas did NOT shy away from all the gory details and the result was gutwrenching, but totally worth it. She forces us to really feel what these characters are going through; you will not always like them, you may not understand them, but you will at the very least see why they do what they do~even if it doesn't make any sense to you personally. It truly was an amazing story chock full of people you will completely fall in love with, hope with all that you have that they find their true paths in life and are able to pull themselves out of the abyss of blackness they fall into. It also shows you how the downward spiral of addiction is the easy part, getting back up and going on with your life once you hit bottom is the hard part and Kirsty show us just how worth the fight it is. I first fell in love with this author thanx to **'Decker's Wood'** and she proved to me once again why.

**“My crazy is no place for you.”**

**“Violet, you are my home, so if following you through your crazy leads me home, I'm gonna follow. Your crazy can live within the walls of my crazy, and we will be one big happy, crazy family.”**

Check out my FULL post @ Bookworm Betties

**Happy Reading xo Jenn**

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### **Kirsty Dallas says**

Violet Addiction was, without a doubt, the hardest book I've written so far. I interviewed a number of people in preparation to write V.A, all with varying degrees of substance abuse. Many of the people I interviewed had made remarkable and courageous recoveries, a couple of people though were still fighting the battle. Many of the stories I heard were heart breaking and emotional. I have tried to create the same heart felt emotion in the story.

There will be scenes in this book that some readers may find difficult to read, but I assure you I have tried to tackle the subject matter with as much decorum I could manage without taking the intense emotion away from the reader.

In a story about hopelessness, addiction, love, death and birth, I hope you all find something special that allows Violet Addiction to settle in your heart for a long time to come.

KD

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### **Tammy Choate says**

I cried that's all I wanted to say. No really I did. This book was emotional and was truly touching. There's no doubt in my mind that if this didn't have the ending that it did that put a smile on face or left me hanging there I think I would of thrown my phone across the room. Not many books have that effect on me, but this one did.

Violet, Violet, Violet.....her name should of been Violent. She was on a destructive path and it almost took people she loved down with her. It almost did. The way she was raised and treated by her mother how degraded her mother made her feel while growing up and her father not doing a damn thing about it well I was pissed off from the get go. Violet is a drug user and alcoholic she does things that made me cringe and I wanted to jump in the book and shake her, but Cain was there to pick her back up even after 10 years of this. Until one night he see's what she's doing and it changes everything.

Cain holy sweet Moses, MY CAIN!!!! I loved him from the start even doing what he did leaving Violet like he did because he couldn't watch her self destruction well that there I have no words for. I was hurt just as much as Violet was I cried, I got pissed, and I was so hoping things would work out some how some way. It had to right? They were soul-mates! But things don't go as well I thought and I continued reading she's off in Paris hasn't heard a word from Cain in months and then comes a long Peiro ewwwwww weeeeeee sexy Italian waiting to pick up the broken pieces of glass that was left behind by Cain but Violet just can't seem to let go. She knows she can't give herself completely to Peiro unless she rids herself of the feelings she has for Cain. Its just not that simple anymore. Something terrible happens while she's 'recuperating' in Italy and has to leave immediately.

She's back and she finds things have changed so much that Cain has in fact moved on. She always wanted better for him, because she truly believes she's just not good enough from the way she was raised by her family and how she was treated by her mother, her drug and alcohol dependency that he's better off with Annabelle, but that doesn't make it right. And it sure as hell won't be.

This book was so good and I am glad I won an ARC. It even has a couple steamy scenes but nothing graphic but it was well written and thought out. The book wasn't rushed and I stayed hooked to it until I finished it well till the early morning light and finally writing my review tonight! I have to say I am so curious about Peiro and what's happened to him, along with Annabelle and Toby. \*hint hint\*

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### **Kristine GPI Bookblog says**

I had the absolute pleasure of beta reading ?Violet Addiction for Kirsty Dallas, I've been a fan of her work since stumbling across Breeze of Life. Dallas has a way with words, drawing you in, transporting you to a different time and place. Her ability to transcend genres, to make story telling seem effortless, reading her words leaves me breathless, wanting and desperate for more.

?Violet Addiction is the story of one broken woman's journey from the depths of despair and addiction, of darkness and agony, but more than that it's a story of hope, of forgiveness, of healing and finding the light.

?Violet and Cain have always been each other's person, a bond so strong it seems almost un breakable. Forming a successful musical duo, they have the world at their feet, but the road has so many twists and turns, the one constant in Violets life has always been the love and support given by Cain, until her struggle with addiction forces his hand.

?Violet Addiction is at times so dark and gritty that I had to hold back tears, the plight of one woman, ravage by addiction, heartbreaking isn't a strong enough word. Some books shatter you, absolutely decimate your pre conceived beliefs. I felt every emotion, every high, every low, I lived this story right along side of Cain

and Violet, I desperately wanted them to find happiness both individually and together but more than that I wanted Violet to find herself, find strength, find contentment and FINALLY realise what everyone around her already knew, that she was enough, that she deserved love.

Violet Addiction is one of those books that come along once in a lifetime, it ripped my heart from my chest, at times had me feeling bent and broken, but more than that even at moments of pure heartbreak the sense of hope so eloquently delivered by Dallas had me so enraptured that I couldn't put it down, couldn't pull away and had me simultaneously speeding through the pages and desperately not wanting this story to end. Kirsty Dallas continues to deliver books that stand out, stories of hope, cementing herself as an author to watch and one that I will always click upon release.

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## **Emma James says**

BOOK REVIEW 29th October 2014:

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## Joanne says

4.5 surprising stars

Wow what a read I've had this on my kindle forever and am glad I've started the year off well. I loved this pair with their quirks and wit and that everything wasn't perfect but had me rooting for them from start to finish.

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## Lorie says

Read my review, watch the trailer, and enter the giveaway at *Sinfully Sexy* .

*"I'm just a girl who likes to sing."*

*"And I'm just a guy who likes to play the piano."*

Cain and Violet have been best friends since the day Cain noticed Violet watching him play piano in that high school theater. Cain somehow convinced her to sing for him, and that was it. He grabbed her by the hand, walked her to class, and hasn't let go since.

***“They say the sky is the limit, but you and me together, baby, maybe we’ll reach the fucking heavens.”***

Ten years later, Cain is still holding on to Violet's hand just as tight as ever. They travel and perform together – Cain on piano and Violet behind the microphone singing like an angel. They have supported one another through everything and would truly be lost without the other. Violet sees firsthand just how true that is. Cain knows Violet uses. He's been there to pick her up when she falls too hard, no questions asked... until the one day when he's not there. That day changes EVERYTHING.

***“Life is too short to be lived in the grey area of passable and average. Life is meant to be lived with bright and vibrant colors, with words like extraordinary and passionate.”***

Not seeing Cain when she opens her eyes from her latest fall sends shockwaves through Violet. She can't believe it. Cain has never NOT been there. It's Violet's wake-up call. She's determined to get the help she needs, and pick herself back up. She's tired of living life only half fulfilled. Violet knows brushing herself off and moving on isn't going to be easy, but she has a few strong and supportive people in her corner. With a little help, and a lot of effort Violet starts down a rocky path toward a new life. But will Cain be a part of it? He walked away, but will he come back?

Wow! This book is so emotional I had to read it in doses. Usually I will want to read a book straight through to find out what happens, but with this one I just couldn't. I was one big giant ball of tears! I needed a break from time to time to get myself together. I love books that make me cry - happy or sad - but this one is simply emotionally crushing!!! I love that a book can turn me inside out the way this one did.

It was easy to connect with both Violet and Cain. My heart broke for both of them. Watching Violet get hammered by her addiction was hard. But, seeing Cain and his inability to really help Violet was just as difficult. Watching an addict not wanting to be helped can be devastating. You walk a fine line between being supportive and enabling. And, if you push too far you run the risk of losing that person totally. Cain was afraid of pushing Violet too far, but in the end she's the one that pushed Cain too far.

I love raw and intense which is how *Violet Addiction* started. We intimately experience Violet's struggle with self-worth, her self-destructive actions, and her inability to recognize her problem. After Violet's fall, I was expecting her to struggle much more with her “after” than we saw. I wanted to see her clawing her way back and struggling to stay sober. I thought she would be more tempted and really walk the tightrope of sobriety. I know Violet's road back wasn't an easy one, but I expected it to be more intense and wrought with more powerful emotions. I didn't cry as much in the second half. I wanted it to be more heartbreaking. I know that probably sounds awful, but I really love books that are difficult to read and tear you apart.

I really did love this story. Kudos to you, Kirsty Dallas, for drawing out such big emotions in this one. *Violet Addiction* is a story about falling down and learning to stand back up. It's a story about losing yourself in addiction and fighting your way out. *Violet Addiction* is a beautifully written heart wrenching story that will stay with me for a very long time to come.

\*\*\*\*An advance reading copy was generously provided to me in exchange for an honest review.

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