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Skylar Crosby knows betrayal. She knows that deep stab when those closest to you deceive your fragile trust. And she knows what it's like when your secrets cost you everything – including the love of your life.

Now kidnapped, scared, and alone, Skylar has no reason to believe in her rescue. Not when she can still see Brandon's face as she smashed his heart to pieces. Even if Skylar can get out of her physical prison, can she escape the cage created by her guilt?

Brandon Sterling spent the last fifteen years desperately trying to reinvent himself: as a lawyer, a businessman, and now a candidate for public office. But as these daily stressors mount alongside a dangerous threat to his family and loved ones, the old Brandon reemerges: a ruthless hoodlum who'd rather use fists than brains to solve his problems.

Now, when the one he loves most is taken, can Brandon move past her deceit in order to find her? And if he does, will Skylar still want the man he's become in order to protect her?

This is the third book in the *Spitfire Trilogy*. Readers will enjoy it most if they have already read *Legally Yours* (Book 1) and *Legally Mine* (Book 2).

Legally Ours Details

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Nicole French says

It's my book, so, yeah, I'm kind of attached to it. But I particularly enjoyed writing this one because I FINALLY got to bring this story to a close in the best possible way. Skylar and Brandon have been living in my head for years now, and it was incredibly satisfying to tie up the pieces of their complicated story in a way I felt was right for the characters.

Look, in my mind, this trilogy is as much about the personal growth that real love can produce as it is about chemistry or suspense. As so many of you have noted in your reviews of the first two books, Skylar and Brandon are really complicated, passionate, and at times frustrating characters. Many of you wanted to hurl your kindles across the room; some people didn't even get past the first few chapters of Book I. But to those of you who did, who made it all the way through their story to see if they could learn enough to love each other: this book is for you.

xo,

Nic

Jillian Kerr says

This book had my head spinning and my emotions a wreck from start to finish in the most glorious way!! Brandon and Skylar's problems picked right back up from where they left off in Legally Mine. No matter how much they cared and loved each other Brandon and Skylar were their own worst enemies when it came to their relationship. Old habits die hard when trying to please the one you love and for Brandon and Skylar's old habits is what got them in trouble in the first place, always doing things or bending the truth to please the other out of obligation or guilt. They were constantly going in circles. Not to mention Brandon's run for mayor, Skylar's new job and the crazy mobster Messina. Trying to rebuild their relationship under the umbrella of things happening in their lives was intense, challenging and emotionally and physically draining. There was a point about half way through the book I wanted to chuck my kindle across the room or climb through so i could strangle certain characters trying to manipulate and change who Brandon and Skylar truly were. I got even more mad when Brandon and Skylar caved. It wasn't who we came to know them to be in the previous books, but at the same time they were still walking on egg shells with each other so they would bend and do anything they thought the other would appreciate and want especially Skylar. Again it came down to guilt. While Skylar desperately tried to do what she could to please Brandon, he was reliving parts of his past, another thing to add to their crazy list of obstacles. Skylar learned a new side of Brandon and with the help of his best friend Kieran learned how to embrace and deal with this new side. She discovered what truly mattered to Brandon and what he wanted more than anything in the world. With this new information Skylar found her inner strength and started fighting for herself and Brandon. Some things they had little control over but the things they did they took head on once they started really communicating with each other. They faced their demons head on and eliminated those who tried to take them down. This book is intense and emotionally draining at times, but overall it's filled with laughter, love and hot steamy scenes. I loved how this book progressed and the outcome! By the end I loved how connected I felt to Brandon and Skylar. All the chaos from the beginning of book one to the end of book three shaped Brandon and Skylar into the people they were supposed to become, individually and as a couple and I absolutely love them!! Great series!!

Elfina Renee says

The perfect ending to a phenomenal series!

Sara Lucinda says

What a perfect conclusion to a perfect little series about two people just trying to get it together so that they can be together. Skylar and Brandon's story is messy and sad and dangerous and that is why we love them! There may be a couple spoilers in this review if you haven't read books 1 & 2 yet, it is the conclusion to an ongoing story. For anyone caught up on the Spitfire Series to this point should be ok to read without getting spoiled. Anyone else: Read ahead at your own risk.

At the beginning Skylar is obviously facing hard times as the second book left us at yet another cliff hanger. We all know it's going to get resolved but HOW?! What will happen with Messina?? And can Brandon forgive Skylar for her decision making in book 2?? The amount of betrayal and strife in book 2 was palpable, this book is a little more on the up and up, but still with it's fair share of drama. It is fascinating to read how well this author is able to weave such an enjoyable and captivating story for us.

Brandon's run for mayor is explored further in this book as well some possible underlying emotional distress that he so heroically refuses to dwell on. His campaign and the image that his team pressures him to take on continue to take it's toll on Skylar internally. At times it is a marvel what their delicate relationship can endure.

I love these characters so much, they are so real to me. Each character (even our secondary characters) maintains their own character arc throughout all three books, and to me they are so enjoyable because of their relatable situations. Yes they may be millionaire lawyers in New York City but their struggles are human ones, love, abandonment, lying, forgiveness, and the meaning of commitment, just to name a few.

There was one moment between them that made me set the book aside and cry for a few minutes, it hit so close to home.

“What if—” I hiccupped over my words— “what if we don’t—don’t know—how to do anything but hurt each other.

Hurt ourselves.”

In the end, Skylar and Brandon have to finally be honest with each other about who they really are and what they really want. It seems so simple when you are on the outside looking in, but for some people the willingness to make the other person happy can outweigh their willingness to tell the truth. With these two especially, this bottom line is one that these two characters struggle with consistently.

The author tied up all the loose ends of the story in such a perfect way, as a reader I really couldn't have asked for a better book to end on. I would encourage anyone who enjoys not only a romance but a sensational twisting plot that doesn't stall for even a moment.

Christy Almeida says

What a way to go! I'm so upset this book trilogy is done but damn it was a totally wicked ride. I honestly can't wait to read all three books again.

So I just finished reading Legally Ours, Spitfire Book 3, and I'm still experiencing all the feels. I have to admit, when I started Book 1, Legally Yours, I downloaded it because it was on Kindle Unlimited and I didn't expect much since it was a new author to me. I didn't sleep that night because I couldn't put it down. It was seriously addictive. I immediately started book 2, Legally Mine, and some parts made me wanted to scream and cry and I didn't know where the author was taking us, but I couldn't stop reading. The wait for book 3, Legally Ours, was torturous, but damn, it was worth the wait.

Throughout the whole series, the author, Nicole French, kept up a fast pace story with drama and a bit of action. But I thought the best part of the series was watching the characters develop into more well-rounded people and grow together. Skylar and Brandon are perfectly imperfect characters. They were real. They hurt. They made mistakes. They had some very hot sex. And they learned so much about each other as they fell in love. It was not a quick and easy journey for them, but it was damn interesting. During their journey, I laughed, cried, screamed at my kindle and I fell in love with Skylar and Brandon. I'm positive you will too.

I have to admit, I wasn't sure where Nicole French was going to take us in this final story, but she did a great job at not just tying up the story lines, but keeping me in suspense on where the story was going. Legally Ours is another Can't-Sleep-Til-I-Finish book! And best of all, we got a great epilogue to help me with my book/series hangover.

I totally recommend this series. It not a sweet and easy fairy tale, but instead, an engaging tale of 'real,' complicated characters who fall in love and have to work hard to 'live happily ever after'.

I received an Advanced Reader Copy of this novel. I am voluntarily and freely providing an honest review.

Ginger Bookaholic says

The third and final book in Spitfire series is here and I can't believe it. How can the story be over? I'm truly truly sad - I will miss Brandon!

Spoilers from Book 1 & 2 might appear in this review!

Legally Ours picks up where Legally Mine ended. Skylar is kidnapped after having a huge fight with Brandon. I don't want to spoil anything, but let just say that it could all end up worse.

Brandon and Skylar have good times and, unfortunately, also bad times through out the course of their relationship. Brandon is still a candidate for the mayor and often shifts his priorities in order to accommodate Cory and the campaign. Skylar just finished her law school.

Brandon is...Brandon. Overbearing, dominating alpha male in the bloom! He has everything - love of his life by his side, successful company and yet, he is broken, but doesn't need to be fixed. But doesn't he? I really enjoyed how he was portrayed in this book, where he moved compared to book 1 and even two. But we have to face the fact that he is still just a guy and they tend to be childish sometimes and stubborn. You will all love Brandon nevertheless, despite his flaws!

Skylar wasn't all innocent in their problems and played a huge part of course. But what I really loved was that she also worked hard to make everything all right between them once again! She was smart, cheerful, loving and hopeful through out their ordeal. She loved Brandon enough to sacrifice some of her dreams even.

Guys, it's truly difficult to write a spoiler free review in this one, so I think I'll leave it be here.

Just know one thing - you'll love this book and the whole series when you decide to pick it up! There will be no disappointment as the book makes you curious and leaves you wanting more!

5 stars (sad ones as this means no more Brandon)!

Brooke Gunderman-Harris says

For My Full Review go to <https://goo.gl/eiXqJw>

Let me just start by saying HOLY SMOKE YALL! This trilogy is everything and more than I ever expected when I started the first book. It was so engrossing and I couldn't put it down. Needless to say that didn't get any better the more I read and the further I got into the series!

When I wasn't reading on my iPad mini I was reading on my phone. I refused to stop reading, and it only got better with each book. I am so sad that this is the end of the trilogy! I enjoyed these three books so much!!! If you haven't read these then get on over to Amazon and get all three! You will not be disappointed!

CrazyDaisy says

5 Crazy Ass Must Read Stars!!!!

Emotional doesn't even come close to describing this book. Intense doesn't even come close either. I could come with every synonym for both of these words and will still come up short.

I had to go back and read the last couple of chapters of Legally Mine as refresher and ended just reading the whole book again so I got a later start on this than I wanted. I'm glad I did though because I needed that refresher.

My heart is still all kinds of wrenched from all of it. Skylar and Brandon had me all kinds of twisted up. At one point, I was so frustrated with Brandon that I threw my kindle. I made sure to throw at a pile of pillows on the couch. I didn't want it to break. I had to see how their story played out.

With this series, Nicole French has landed on my Crazy Ass Stalking list. I will definitely be on the lookout for more from her.

Kelley Benson says

I have been highly anticipating the conclusion to the Spitfire Series. Although I am upset that it is over, I am thrilled with the outcome. This is such an intense and overwhelming story that will take your emotions on a wild roller coaster ride. Brandon and Skylar's journey has been physically and emotionally draining but also an engaging and thrilling adventure. There were times I was laughing, crying and screaming with frustration at the turns in their journey to each other and happiness.

I wasn't quite sure what to expect from Nicole but she exceeded my expectations. In Legally Ours, I felt so connected to Brandon and Skylar as they traversed the obstacles in their relationship to become who they needed to be. When Brandon's past comes back to haunt him, can Skylar step up and be the woman he needs her to be? Can Brandon forgive Skylar for keeping things from him? Will they be able to heal the scars of the past and make it back to each other? Their story is full of guilt, sacrifice, pain, lust, laughter, trust and acceptance. Once they finally find what matters they come together and make it work.

Although it seemed like a long wait for the conclusion, Legally Ours was definitely worth the wait. Get ready for a massive book hangover that will leave you reeling for days. Brava Nicole!

Shaliza says

What an awesome life tale.... Nicole French is an amazing author... I'm captivated by Brandon and Skylar's story.... It's so much of what happens in real life... so many unexpected twists and turns.... so much baggage.... but in the end, LOVE really does conquer all. you'll be totally wrapped up in this trilogy!

Cecily Wolfe says

Fantastic ending to a spectacular series - this love story has it all: the intense emotions, smokin' hot sexytimes, and a happily ever after we all dream of. A must-read series for fans of Lauren Blakely and Corinne Michaels.

Ria - Reading Is Our Satisfaction says

One almighty conclusion to a series that has gripped me from the beginning

LEGALLY OURS, the third and final instalment in the Spitfire Trilogy, is one almighty conclusion to a story that has kept me gripped since the very first chapter of LEGALLY YOURS. Skylar Crosby and Brandon Sterling's story has drained me both physically and emotionally, and has left me with one huge book hangover.

The storyline is brilliant, it's not one of those usual boy meets girl romances. This one has substance, grit, power, darkness and is believeable. Nicole's attention to detail is meticulous, not even the smallest of details

are overlooked. This is an enthralling journey that will have you continually on the edge of your seat. You will laugh, cry, scream, rant, rave, become frustrated, but most of all, you will fall in love with Skylar and Brandon and their family (well Skylar's anyway) and friends (Jane and Eric - well you'll just have to read the books).

LEGALLY OURS is Skylar and Brandon trying to rebuild their steadily stumbling relationship. Their's is a love so strong and powerful, yet they must cross many bridges and jump many hurdles in order to find what works for them. Kidnappings, mayoral races, guilt, anxiety and the past, all test this couple in their pursuit of happiness. The ability to find their inner strength and chase the one thing that they both fully desire - love - is what makes this book so special.

An epic conclusion to a wonderful series about people who must learn to heal from the inside out, prior to being the person and with the person that they are truly destined to be and be with. Honesty was the best policy and it took time for them to both realise that. The Epilogue of this book was superb - knowing what happened to these amazing characters rounded everything off perfectly.

Highly recommended book and series.

Read and Reviewed voluntarily for Reading Is Our Satisfaction

FIVE UNFORGETTABLE STARS

Ariadna Basulto says

Legally Ours is the third book and final novel to the amazing Spitfire Trilogy. Books should be read in order to understand the story.

The story begins where Legally Mine left off with Skylar kidnapped and held for ransom. After Brandon manages to rescue a physically broken Skylar, it's also evident that their relationship is broken as well because of Skylar withholding the truth. Can their relationship be rescued and healed or will this be the end for them?

Throughout the books Skylar is great female lead. She's strong and not afraid to set Brandon straight. Where so many female characters tend to bend to the will of the hero in the book. She's poised, confident, and although she wants love and romance she doesn't compromise who she is for it. Brandon is your sexy, wealthy lawyer who is also incredible smart. They both are such strong characters that it leads them to bump heads and fight. Despite this, their differences, and all the hurdles they've gone through they always find their way back to each other and their love for one another. Together they are just simply better and that fact spills out each book.

Legally Ours is just so, so good! From the great, strong characters to the fantastic writing by Nicole French, and especially because of the wonderful, epic love story at the center of it all. This series will take you for a great ride and you'll be sorry once it's over. Five glowing stars!

Sassy Southern says

This is the final book in the series and the books need to be read in order.

Skylar Crosby has just found herself in an awful predicament due to her father's involvement with mobster Victor Messina. But with everything that happened previously will Brandon come to Skylar's rescue this time?

Brandon Sterling is running for the DNC candidacy to become mayor of Boston but his personal life is in a bit of a shambles. Brandon is in love with Skylar but is tired of her running when things get tough. Now he is getting nightmares and the stress is getting to him with everything that is happening.

As Skylar tries to prove to Brandon how much she loves him will the pressure of becoming mayor be too much for her with all the negative press she is getting?

When someone from their past is hell bent on revenge will they make it?

This is such a great conclusion!

There were still so many ups and downs in this book with what Skylar and Brandon were faced with but I loved how everything gradually came together.

For Skylar she had to deal with her past and figure out that she couldn't keep running from her problems. I think with what she had to go through at the beginning of this book it was a huge awakening for her and she really realized how much Brandon cared about her.

Brandon also had so much to deal with as we learn more about his own past and how both Skylar and his best friend Kieran had to work together to get Brandon to see that he truly needed help with his nightmares.

I loved the extent that Skylar was willing to go to for Brandon in order to be seen in the press in a better light. I hated that she had to go through all that stuff and the names she was called. I definitely had wished that Brandon had some press release about when he actually got separated in the first place so that Skylar didn't have to go through all that crap.

I loved the end and Brandon's decision but then definitely knew what was coming at the end with the revenge.

Such a great series and I look forward to more from this author.

Talia (Red Hot Ink) says

What comes after a billion? stars

When many moons ago Nicole French contacted me to ask me whether I'd like to review her novel, I would

have never imagined how deeply in love I would fall for her books and her characters.

But now I'm here, after finishing the third instalment in the Spitfire trilogy, trying not to get swallowed by the void created by the end of this journey.

These books reminded me of my love for trilogies and series. Because when the narrative isn't constricted in one single novel, you get to know the people beyond the characters. And let me tell you, these people are anything but simple. Out of all the characters I've read of so far this year, Brandon and Skylar shine through for their humanity and realism. They are far from perfect, but still manage to result relatable and likable. More than that in case of Brandon ;)

I love you for the way you leave the fireplace on at night for visitors who might stop by unannounced. I love the way you get lost in science and numbers and leave your scratch of papers all over your house. I love the way you've taken on my family like they were your own, protected us when you didn't have to." [...] I love you because you're the kind of person who will send a woman flowers for six straight weeks to say you're sorry. I love you because you're the kind of man who still shows up in the middle of the night just to walk a girl safely home. The kind of man who will rescue someone even when they've broken your heart."

But above all else, the reason why I think everyone should read these books is that I've rarely in my reader's life come across such an epic romance. And it's not epic in a "separated by the war" or "mythological star-crossed lovers" way. What makes it epic is that they go through so many things, so, so many things during these three books, and yet they always manage to find a way to be together, to let their love prevail. It's angst, and it's raw at times. But it's epic.

Brandon and Skylar both have very strong personalities. They clash, they fight, sparks fly, they hurt each other, they make up. But in the end one truth rise above all: they cannot live without the other. And not in a weird dependent kind of way a la Bella Swan. But because their love for one other is so encompassing... there is no way to explain it. You have to feel it. Their existences are simply better when they are together. And for all their differences, from the age gap, to the power gap, to the money gap, they are perfect for one another, they stimulate one other. There is no real disparity and when they are together, they are like in this little bubble of perfection.

This last instalment of the series was the most epic of all. It starts with a boom. I already knew from the ending of book two that it would be amazing because I love when things start in medias res and the whole situation was so adrenalinic. And from there there was never a dull moment. There was a continuous evolution of the story, the characters, of the romance itself. As they say: Ad maiora!

I also want to give the author kudos for the perfect balance she created in the book. Oftentimes the last book in a trilogy is just a giant bowl of happy happy happy, just to appease the reader's craving for a certain couple. But no. Here you can find the whole range of emotions.

Another thing I noticed and appreciated is how a lot of the focus was on Brandon. In book two we have seen Skylar struggling with her family issues, both mother and father-wise, struggling with her personal decision and dealing with a lot of internal conflicts. We had many scenes with her and Eric, or even Jared. But here, almost the whole narration revolves around Brandon AND Skylar. Them, as a couple. As the title says "Ours" not "Mine" or "Yours" anymore. Not to say that secondary characters get forgotten, but the main focus of the story was more centered on the two MCs.

"It's no mansion on the Commons..." I recalled.

"But it's home to me," Brandon finished with a smile. "And then you let me kiss you again, and I knew you were home to me, Red."

As usual for this series, this book is hot as hell and Brandon has easily become one of my top book boyfriends. He's such a rounded character, with so many contradictions and issues. There's something absolutely endearing about him and the way he approaches problems. There's nothing more than Brandon Sterling wishes more than a family and unconditional love. So we see him fighting against his past, PTSD, and all the while trying to understand what he really wants out of life.

But one thing he knows for sure. That he needs his Red by his side. In *Legally Ours* she's his rock and I loved it. I mean, she's younger than him, a new lawyer, compared to his tycoon status and law firm owner. And yet she's his strength.

So this book is the culmination of their love story and the ending was simply... parfait! I couldn't have envisioned a better ending for the two of them.

Last, but absolutely not least, the writing style. It has gotten better and better with every book and I have no doubt whatsoever that it won't take long before Nicole French goes head to head with the big names in the industry. I won't be waxing any more poetics about her because she knows how much I adore her and her novels. Her books talk by themselves and if you haven't read this series, I'm telling you, you are missing out on an epic romance.

"I was made for one thing, Red," he said as he pulled me close. "To love you."
