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Beautiful and Dangerous Damon Black isn't what Ariel Montgomery expects, not at all. Living with the all-consuming darkness of her tragic past, she's always kept everyone and everything at a distance. And love? Impossible!

Not if she wanted her past to stay in the past or her dark secrets to remain secrets. The future was never even a real possibility, but between Damon's lyrical voice and devastating good looks, she's finding it hard to stay away. Their white hot chemistry has her re-thinking everything. For the first time since she's lost her family, Ariel dreams of a life she knows she'll never deserve.

He's determined to win her heart, body, and soul.

But can she trust him?

Trust his promise to save her from herself?

Or will his attention be the final catalyst that breaks her forever?

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Julianna says

This book needs a warning and I'm here to tell you what that is. This book is going to consume your thoughts, time, and overall, your emotions. I thought that I would be able to start this book late last night for a light read before I headed to bed. I read for a while and then got ready for bed. When my head hit the pillow I thought I would be able to fall asleep quickly, but instead I kept thinking about Ms. Sevani's characters. So what did I do? I did what any reader would do—I turned on my lamp and kept on reading. Next thing I know I've read the WHOLE ENTIRE book. Saying the story is a page-turner is an understatement.

Ariel is a young woman who punishes herself with the past, unable to move forward. She once had everything she could ever hope for until one event changed her life forever. Now she has a simple life, hiding away at Dalton's bar working and keeping everyone at bay—especially hot, sexy leading singer, Damon.

Damon is a lead singer of the band and a man who knows exactly what he wants without any games or drama. He's had his share of women every night, but when his eyes catch on Ariel, he has a feeling that he'd want more. Problem is Ariel isn't giving him the time of day and she's doesn't think he's serious. Ariel is a challenge that he's willing to work for because she'll give in. They all do. She just doesn't know it yet.

It's full of passion, strong characters and a solid storyline that will grip you long after you finish the story. I highly recommend this book to anyone that loves a good love story. (No Cliffhanger!)

~Tempting Sexy Thoughts Book Blog?
(Received a copy for an honest review.)

C.C. Ravanera says

If you are planning on reading this book, prepare to find yourself unable to put it down until you've finished the very last page.

I started reading it thinking I'll just sink myself in to a nice love story before going to sleep then before I know it, I've finished the book and only managed to get a wink of sleep in between. Wow! Talk about a page-turner! It is a love story. Yes, I am turning sappy again. Apologies to the world of fantasy and paranormal since that's what I normally follow. BUT you just gotta read this book!

It's full of passion, strong characters and a storyline which just gripped you and refuses to let go. The book will take you on a wild ride following Ariel, a strong-willed waitress at Dalton's bar & restaurant who has a passion for music and a secret to keep. As well as an interest on Damon, the smoking hot singer of the band who performs at Dalton's.

It's quite refreshing to read about a male character who knew exactly what he wants without any games or drama. That something or someone is Ariel. I fell in love with Damon. Hands down one of the best book boyfriends to date. The relentless way he pursued Ariel just melted my heart.

Ariel, on the other hand, is a great female lead who showed strength, integrity and a will like no other. I ached for the hardships she suffered in her life and wished I was half the woman she was.

There were also a handful of side characters throughout the book with their own stories to tell. I imagine each one of them would be worthy of a book themselves and if Ms Sevani would write about them, I'm certain they will be awesome as well.

On a side note, the beginning of the book paced along slowly which happens usually when a story was being built. So far, that's the only issue I found with it because after that I just literally devoured the book.

Take my word for it, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS BOOK.

Lisa Daniels says

Beautifully Damaged by Gina Sevani is intense! It is difficult to believe that this was her debut novel considering how well-written it was. This story was extremely emotional, deep, raw, and full of angst. It had me completely consumed from the first page to the very end and I devoured it within hours.

Ariel Montgomery is a waitress at Dalton's Bar, who is simply just passing time and floating through life at a distance from anyone who tries to get close. She is beautiful, damaged, broken, yet strong and has an incredible passion for music. Although it was a tragic event that caused her to lose her family, Ariel punishes herself daily and believes she is undeserving of love. To anyone on the outside, she seems to be a loner, but it's just her shield to the fear of losing anyone else she may come to love. Besides, if she ever let anyone in, they might discover the dark secrets of her tortured past.

Damon Black plays guitar and is the lead singer for the resident band at Dalton's. He is tall, dark, handsome, muscular, and has tattoos that every girl in the bar drools over. Except Ariel. She seems to be unaffected by Damon and this intrigues him. He has never talked to Ariel but the constant staring contests they engage in have him interested and he knows that she is different. He needs to know what she's hiding and what makes her so special.

When Damon approaches her, Ariel refuses to admit there is a connection between them. She doesn't want to believe that he has changed his ways, after clearly seeing him leave every night with a different girl on his

arm. He has definitely had his fair share of women and Ariel is, in no way, that type of girl. She will not be just another conquest. But something in Damon really has changed and neither can deny that they are drawn to each other. There is certainly something between them and he isn't about to give up on finding out where the electricity comes from.

As they begin to spend more and more time together, Ariel realizes there is a lot more to Damon. He is jealous, has a temper, and is very protective of what's his, but he is sweet, determined, and beyond patient with her. Damon is clear on what he wants and that is to win, not only Ariel's body, but also her heart and mind. He brings out the best in her and before she knows what truly is happening, he is slowly knocking down the walls she worked so hard constructing around herself. But, can Ariel trust Damon? She knows that it is only a matter of time before it's over and the inevitable heartbreak comes crashing down. She knew from the beginning that a happy future was impossible. Will she run, again or will Damon be the one running when he hears the truth about Ariel's hidden past?

Needless to say, Gina Sevani has left me wanting more from her. Beautifully Damaged was amazing and I'm dying to see what's coming next! The possibilities are endless. Will there be more to Damon and Ariel's story or will we get to hear about those secondary characters I love so much? I have to admit that Grams had me in giggling fits quite a few times. I am very excited to read more from Gina and I highly recommend you do the same. She's a very talented writer.

Review on behalf of Your Next Hot Read ~LisaRae

Tobi Forget the Housework, I'm Reading... says

Beautifully Damaged is a super addictive new adult romance. From the first page I fell in love with Ariel and her barbed personality. Even if she felt she was mean those around her didn't seem to see it. She meets her match with Damon. Once he meets her she's the only one he wants and he's out to prove it and earn her trust. Ariel doesn't make it easy on him but slowly he gets in her system and she can't let go. Though I know this story is about Ariel, I can't help have many more questions that were unanswered about Damon and am hoping there's a sequel. Beautifully Damaged is a story about learning to trust and love after living a damaged life.

NMmomof4 says

DNF @ 49%. I'm actually pretty confused as to how I'm a minority on this one...oh well.

Bummer. I'm actually surprised I lasted this long. The H was so obnoxious! I didn't get any of that impression from the sample, but almost immediately after the sample ended and the purchased portion began -- I started getting annoyed. There is way too much inner dialogue IMO, because I started skimming through the long parts of irrelevant information pretty much right away. She was extremely immature. I get that she had some type of trauma in her past (view spoiler), but no major details had been provided by 49%. I still don't feel like that trauma justifies her immature behavior. For example...(view spoiler) I just couldn't stand her! I don't get why the H was so drawn to her -- and it wasn't the "golden vagina" thing either, because they've only kissed by the time I dnf'd. Oh!!!! WAY too many exclamation points IMO!!! Even in whispers!!! <--

insert sarcasm. This is definitely a big pet peeve of mine, because it makes it hard to take the writing seriously when they're put in when they're really not necessary.

Sorry, I just couldn't do it. Too bad I lost the \$2.99 on Amazon :(

Michelle says

I was given an advanced readers copy of this book and have decided to leave a voluntary review. Where do I begin when Gina approach to read her book I was really excited because I had her debut on my TBR for a little bit now. Now that I have Read beautifully damaged I'm so in love with the characters especially Damon. The man just oozes sex appeal and his talent is taken to another level and his heart is big. He's a totally sweetheart, mind you he wasn't always like that with other women, but with the right girl he fell into that roll perfectly. I can't wait to here more all about his story Ariel. And can't forget about his band mates Sean and Travis I adore them.

Cranky - The Book Curmudgeon says

5 Cranky Stars!

Prepare to get lost in this book. From the opening page, it is difficult to put down and you will find yourself inhaling it right up until 'The End'.

It starts as a slow burn, but quickly speeds up the pace.

The story centers on Ariel and Damon. She's a strong-willed waitress with a passion for music and a secret to keep. He's a smoking hot singer in a band.

Ariel has experienced heartache and hardship, but she's still full of passion and hope. Damon is the guy who knows what he wants: Ariel.

Currently, Damon is one of my favorite male lead characters. His pursuit of Ariel is swoon worthy. He's not a game player. He's clear about who he wants and what he has to offer her.

There are interesting secondary characters in this work who, hopefully, will get their own stories. Full of passion and strong characters, this book will grab hold of you and not let go. Highly recommended.

Sylvia McElroy says

This book is Amazing. It is funny, sexy, and you will probably need to take a cold shower lol. I can not wait to read the second book Beautifully Devoted.

Becca says

An amazing debut for Gina Sevani. She grabs you with fantastic characters and a gripping story line that will have you devouring this book and wanting more at the end.

Damon is the right amount of brooding rock star attitude, won't take no for an answer alpha male and downright romantic soul.

Ariel is broken yet strong. Living a life of non-existance and thinking she is unlovable for a past she believe would send anyone screaming from her. So when Damon pushes his way into her life, she thinks someone is playing a joke on her. Why would the hottest guy around want anything to do with her.

I loved that no matter how hard Ariel pushed, Damon was there standing his ground.

A powerful read! I can't wait for more from Gina.

5 Stars

Christie72 says

“No, love isn’t easy and perfect, but it could be a wonderful, crazy, perfect mess”

I’m stunned and will be nursing a bad book hangover after finishing this book. It was an absolute pleasure to read. However, it’s hard to write a review for because I want other readers to know how great it truly was. I hope I can accomplish that task!

Ariel is a beautiful, damaged soul, as the title suggests. She has some of the strongest walls erected around her heart that I have ever seen. She lets no one and I mean NO ONE break through those walls, except her beloved Grams. Damon is the sexy singer who performs in the restaurant/bar where she works. She’s noticed Damon and feels a pull toward him, but she knows he has the power to completely break her, so she watches him from afar. Guess what? Damon feels the same pull toward Ariel. One night he starts a conversation with her which later turns to flirting and leads to the two of them dancing around a relationship. But, every time he gets close, she runs. Will she finally stop running and allow herself to be happy?

I don’t think there has ever been a character that has pulled me into a story or into her heart as Ariel did. It’s so evident through Sevani’s awesome, descriptive writing that she is almost damaged beyond repair. I’m not ashamed to say every time that precious girl shed a tear, I did the same. I wanted to ease her pain just like

Damon did. Damon's soul was as beautiful as his body and face. He was so kind and patient with her. What woman wouldn't swoon when a man tells her he will never run away from her but toward her? Be still my heart. Another character who captured my heart was Grams. I loved her hard, and the scenes between her and Ariel were some of my favorite. She reminded me of my own grandmother, and it made me grateful to have had the special relationship I had with her.

As far as the story goes, there is a lot of angst, but there had to be for the book to work. As you get to know Ariel, you will find out why. You will realize winning her heart will take patience and strength. Damon will have to work hard to do that! The building sexual tension was intense and explosive, but their big scene was worth all the frustration and waiting. The sex scenes were steamy, but they are some of the most beautiful I have ever read. They don't just make you hot, but they engage your heart.

As I was reading, it was hard for me to believe this was Gina Sevani's first novel. I would never have guessed that from the descriptive way she writes. While this book doesn't end of a cliffhanger, I am wondering if this is the end of their story. I think there are some secrets our sexy Damon is hiding. There are some other characters whom I believe have a story too...I hope so! I am eagerly awaiting Sevani's next book!

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Beneath The Covers Blog says

Full review can be found here! --> <https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

~Lisa

Aliyeh says

Four stars for Damon and Ariel

This was a total pick out of the box for me and I just decided to go with it. Im glad I did as this read was pretty good! The sexual tension though was completely off the charts. Damon goes down in book boyfriend history for one of the hottest.

Ariel is closed off from the world. She has gone through too many tragic things in her life and is just walking through her day to day, not truly living it. Damon is a lead performer in the band that plays at big joe's bar where Ariel works. No matter how much Ariel wants to deny their attraction, she can't for long.

What I enjoyed the least about this book was a little too much quote like soul searching talk. I'm a reader that likes more dialogue between characters than the lead POV just talking BUT that being said this is a debut novel! In which case makes this excellent!

Carol Seymour says

I had the pleasure of being introduced to this amazing author through Facebook. I was able to purchase her

debut novel for the bargain price of .99 but it is worth so much more. Gina weaves a tale of love mixed with mystery. The main female character, Ariel, is holding a devastating secret that will not allow her to love even though the man her heart has dreamed of is right in front of her. She resists the love she feels for Damon, lead singer in a band that plays at a bar where she waits tables. Damon is a "man whore" who could break what little is left of her shattered heart and leave her an empty shell. Yes you will want to read book 2 - Beautifully Devoted but this first book will leave you completely satisfied and yet still yearning for more of Ariel & Damon!! "I keep it all inside because I'd rather the pain destroy me, than everyone else." - author unknown.

Samantha Congdon says

"Damon was tall, dark, and handsome as the saying goes: mysterious, tattooed, and very muscular with broad, defined shoulders – at least six foot-two – and the most crystal-blue eyes I had ever seen." Ariel played like she was unaffected to those around her to keep up her "loner image". Having experienced more than her share of loss and heartache, she decided it was better to push everyone away and keep to herself as much as possible. Her Grams was all she needed in her life now.

Damon had his share of admirers/followers but Ariel's indifference to him has him intrigued. He knew she was special and had to get to know her better. Her constant rejection to his advances was no deterrent. He decides to give her the room and time she needs to realize life is too short to live alone and not with those who love her. Little did he know one of her secrets would bring them together in a way he never intended. I cannot wait for more in this story!! There are so many options. Gram's story (please more Gram!!).

Damon's story. More of Ariel and Damon. Trish's story... There was great development without leaving you totally hanging, but just enough to keep you wanting more. The internal struggles with Ariel of not inviting more pain, but at the same time she acknowledges there are people who have lost more than her. It doesn't make her pain any less significant, but it shows her heart. The people in her life see her struggles, but know to tell her anything is pointless. She has to find peace within herself to allow others in. She has to learn to participate in the life around her, not just live in it. It allows insight that all of us have our own unique stories of loss and pain, and it is ok to have those emotions. BUT, to remember to not let it take over your life and destroy all the good you still have along with the memories.

Helena Bookhooked says

This is the first book that I have read from Gina and I do believe that it is her debut.

Ariel is the primary character, her family was murdered when she was a teen and the trauma haunts her to this very day. She is closed off to love and she is terrified of losing anyone else that she loves.

Gina really gave Ariel character she is strong, she can look out for herself and she is probably one of the most intriguing characters that I have read.

Damon is the lead singer in the bar/restaurant that Ariel works in resident band. There is something between them but Ariel isn't fond of Damon's womanising ways. Damon is one of those characters that when he falls he falls hard and he doesn't relent in his pursuit of Ariel, he is really quite sweet and this made for some brilliant yet hard scenes as I really felt for Damon and his fight for Ariel to lose the guilt for surviving and to

bring her talents out where they belong.

This is extremely emotional and angsty, it's raw and beautiful and there is some incredible writing in this book.

This story was paced well up to the last 80% where it just felt very rushed, I've read this beautiful story that captured me and the ending just didn't gel with me, it was rushed and I needed more. This could have been a five star read if this was the case, I would definitely read more work from Gina, she really can pull you into a story and I really enjoyed Ariel and Damon's story.
