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(ASIN: B017C0G1OE) ALTERNATE COVER VERSION

Conor Quinn is the gorgeous rockstar guitarist for the popular, yet recently troubled band Rogue. And he's made a mistake. A stomach-churning, heart-aching, nothing-will-ever-be-right-again mistake.

So, what do you do after your mistake - your betrayal - has been revealed? One that's threatened both a lifelong friendship and a music partnership? If you're book-smart but love-dumb Conor, you woo back your ex in an effort to prove you've moved on.

But when Conor's old schoolmate unexpectedly returns to his world, he gravitates with increasing frequency toward their renewed friendship. Harmless flirting soon turns into real temptation and suddenly Conor's questioning whether his impetuous reunion with his ex means he's missed his chance with the right woman.

Can Conor make the right decisions and finally stop playing at love?

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Vanessa Tomason says

This is a story line that is perfect for those who want to read more than just YA novel; a desire for well written, clearly developed characters with a can't-put-the-book-down storyline. Lara Ward Cosio's "Playing At Love: A Rogue Series Novel" created a world that made me fall in love with the characters and their lives that molded them. From the longtime loves and married couple (Gavin and Sophie) encountering struggles along the way, to the wild to tame Conor, who is simply trying to figure out what he truly wants in life...or rather, who. This author gave great depth to each character in the novel, something you often don't see. This was a wonderfully enticing novel and I'm looking forward to the next installment! It's definitely a great read.

Paula White says

4.5*

Sasha Marshall says

A fabulous 2nd book in the Rogue Series!

It takes a lot for a book to resonate with me. I found this book to be so realistic and heart breaking. It really shows the pitfalls if the music industry and how tortured artists can fall down the rabbit hole. I was really rooting for Connor in this book, but Ms. Cosio brought back another character and had me second guessing everything I thought I wanted for these characters. Bravo on this book. I'm waiting for Shays book!

Caryn says

LOVED IT! An excellent and dynamic follow-up to the first book (Tangled Up In You), this follows Conor Quinn on his journey to his HEA.

On his way Conor becomes engaged, for the second time, to the model Colette. He is trying to move on after Sophie. He isn't very happy though and feels lackadaisical about her. Colette is a very shallow woman and craves public adoration which takes its toll on their relationship.

Felicity, his high school lover, is back in Dublin after her 10 year marriage ends. Conor and Felicity pick up their easygoing relationship.

No more on the storyline for now. Just know that once again we get our money and times worth from Lara's writing. BUY IT...you'll love it too.

Doris says

Fine Wine. You know how you want to take your time to make sure you get everything that it has to offer and then some. That's what this book was for me. Being a rock romance fanatic this book is ranking up there with being one of the top reads. I haven't read this author before so I had set this book on the back burner for a bit and now realize what a mistake that was. This author knows how to write so that you are actually feeling that you are on the same journey as the books characters. She gives you the "bad" as in Collette, the good as in Felicity and Sophie, Gavin's wife, who played a significant part in both Gavin and Connor's life. The center of these three women was the bad boy rock star from Dublin. Connor had it all as in killer guitar skills, the bad boy persona which he lived up to and a lifelong friendship with Gavin who was the lead singer of Rouge and whose friendship he more than destroyed. Would there ever be coming back from the choices he made?

He and Gavin had grown up together and Felicity was the hometown girl that had been a friend and a backer of the band from the day they started. She and Connor had friends with benefits relationship but when the band hit the road Felicity found her own road to take as in going to college and getting married to the man she thought was for her. Of course that man turned out to be a jack*ss and she ended up back home in Dublin years later. As for Sophie that is a tragic story in itself. Gavin had turned on Sophie in their marriage and Sophie turned to Connor who had a love for Sophie for years and thought she was "the" girl for him...just that she was married to his best friend. As the Sophie/Gavin/Connor issue worked itself out Collette came back in to the picture as the self-centered, publicity seeking b*tch she was and the future she wanted as Mrs. Connor Rockstar...oh, I mean as Connor's wife. Connor settled with Collette bound on making the relationship work the second time around now that Sophie was definitely out of the picture in Connor's future. After Connor met up with Felicity again and all the old friends were back together he started to have thoughts of her again as something more than friends. Felicity knew that Connor was good at "playing at love" he was a huge flirt and had a beautiful model as his fiancé so she couldn't see anything working out with Connor.

Following the band and the turmoil that Connor is going through was one of the best storylines I've read for a while. It's intense and has you wondering if and when he was going to wake up to what was important to him. It had me hating him for not having the balls to follow through with some things and loving him and his giving himself totally to the various situations. It was following a bad boy rock star that you hoped would stop playing at love and wake up before he lost everything. Felicity was a woman who deserved to have more in her life than the husband who left her blindsided but was Connor that man? Be ready to sit back and savor one of the best rock romances that will have you hoping that there is a lot more to come from the boys of Rouge.

LaDonna says

Another 5 Electrified Guitars for Playing at Love

Another stunning success for Lara Ward Cosio! Book 2 of the Rogue series crossed even deeper emotional topography for me (yeah, there were tears involved. KA - you are going to owe me at least a case of tissue one of these days!) and was absolutely nothing like I expected from having read the summary, a few reviews and a teaser or excerpt or two. I say that with not a bit of disappointment - this sophomore effort showed

growth after an absolutely amazing debut and solidified my desire for MORE! MORE! MORE! from this relatively new author. Her characters are fantastically flawed humans that have a very real and endearing edge that many authors haven't mastered even with dozens more books under their belts. Lara Ward Cosio not only creates amazing people to inhabit the wonderful world she has created, but has impeccable timing when it comes to storytelling, and weaving the lives of these characters - from the leads to the bit players, from the ones who capture little pieces of the soul, to those you love to hate, from ones you see pieces of yourself in, to those who are a complete mystery, or at least their motives are - together, and knowing the perfect times to segue from one storyline to the next. I dare say if she wrote for daytime, we would still have many more soap operas to fill out the tedium of being stuck at home all day. I love that I was able to binge on these first two offerings of hers, but it makes me all the more impatient for the next book to be released. I have seen mentioned that you could read these 2 in any order, but I would personally highly suggest reading Tangled Up In You first, and then this, and add #3 to your preorder list as soon as humanly possible. The author includes links to her website, social media accounts and email list in the book, and I am looking forward to prowling these haunts in the near future.

I always find it difficult to review books after the first one in a series for fear of inadvertently including spoilers from the previous book(s.) That is certainly true in this second book of the Rogue series as well. It was mesmerizing throughout, and as much of an emotional rollercoaster as Tangled Up In You, though, thankfully, the drug abuse does not directly appear here, and the cheating by married couples is eliminated as well for those who avoided the first book because of those warnings. By no means does this make this chapter of Rogue all butterflies and rainbows. (Not that there is anything wrong with those kinds of ideals, but sometimes they can be tedious to downright boring and/or depressing to read.) With each page of both books, I found myself more invested in the characters, which certainly helps keep my interest in everything to come (in a need like I need air to breathe kind of way....sorry, fangirl moment refused to stay beneath the surface.) Anyway, again, my highest recommendations for any romance fan, and a must read series for those inclined toward the ones starring rockstars.

Nancy says

This is a fast-moving romp through the glamorous world of rock musicians and high fashion, and the hearts and minds of the 30-somethings who inhabit it. It's a story about love and loss, friendship damaged by betrayal and ultimately redemption. The author has created in-depth characters that you'll come to love and want to follow through other books in the series. I read it once, then sat right down and read it again!

Kathy Aronoff says

I have always judged books by how fast I want to read them, most that I love I devour as fast as I can to get to the end. Not so with this book. I fell in love with this one, that I took my time savoring it, I did not want it to end and was in no rush to get there. The concept was in my opinion so different that I was in awe how topics that can be eye rollers and cliched were handled by this author. Gavin, Conor, Sofie - wow. I can not wait for more from Lara Ward Cosio. I read this on Kindle Unlimited and I can assure you that I will be purchasing it as this one for me is a keeper.

Liz says

Loving this series so far!

Jaenn says

This book was an enjoyable read, with interesting characters that kept my attention. The book involves the world of a renowned rock band but the author let's you in on the real people they actually are and the trouble and struggles they have in their love lives. The characters are likable and complex and I found myself thinking about the book between reads and wondering what would happen next! I loved Lara Cosio's writing style and her ability to portray the emotion, and conflict that the characters struggle with. She shows a deep of knowledge of the human condition, of love and friendship that is commendable.

Connie says

This is an excellent, well-written story about the band, Rogue, and the various trials and tribulations the members endure. Gavin and Conor are best friends until Conor betrays Gavin in the worst possible way. There is plenty of love, jealousy and betrayal to go around! Sophie, Felicity and even Collette are all well-developed characters that keep the story moving along.

Dianne says

The life of a rockstar, glamor, glitz, celebrity, and the world at your fingertips, at least while the spotlight shines. Behind the band Rogue, when the lights go down and the last cheer has faded is the human turmoil that is played out in a million ways around the world. Come backstage and enter the reality of the lives of the band Rogue in Lara Ward Cosio's **Playing at Love** where flawed and damaged people stumble through the intricacies of love, betrayal and raw human emotions.

Conor and Gavin have been best friends since childhood, but one brutally selfish act of betrayal on Conor's part will bring their relationship crashing to the ground in brittle shards of grief, drug abuse and divorce, while the band's very existence hangs in the balance.

Hoping to mend fences and prove he is a changed man, Conor returns to his relationship with an immature and self-centered drama queen, whose beauty is her biggest asset. While Gavin follows his ex-wife to the ends of the earth to beg her to return, that her transgression is part of the past and he may have been equally to blame. Will this be the beginning of the healing for the band, as well as Gavin and Conor? Or has Conor just made another huge mistake in settling for Colette in another poorly thought-out act of immaturity on his part?

When an old friend returns, once again, Conor finds his heart wandering and no longer trusts in his own feelings. Is he doomed to be the eternal Peter Pan who never seems to grow up and find a mature relationship?

Lara Ward Cosio has penned a rockstar romance far from the typical over-the-top frenzy of life on the road, free sex and wild times. **Playing at Love** is a raw look at human frailty, a failure to mature and the cost of one moment of selfish gratification and betrayal. Follow these characters, the hell they have become part of and witness the new paths that are forged, some for the sake of the band and some for the sake of the heart. Well written, intense and so very true to life, warts and all, these characters will intrigue you, repel you and have you rooting for an encore from this talented author.

I received this copy from Lara Ward Cosio in exchange for my honest review.

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Heather Bass says

This is the second book to this rockin series Rogue. This is not a stand alone. You need to read the first book Tangled up in you because if you don't you will be totally lost. This book continues from the last book. Only a few months go by and everything changes. This author grabbed me on the first page. It only took me one day to read this beautiful story.

This story is about the lead guitarist of the band Rogue Conor Quinn. He and his best friend Gavin grew up together and they also started this band. Conor is a fun loving guy but he has a bad boy side to him. He betrayed his best friend Gavin which ruins his new marriage to Sophie. This betrayal also is threatening to break up the band for good. Conor is scared of what is happening with Gavin and he is now trying to make it up to him. He is now with his on and off ex Colette. He feels this is the right thing to do and next thing he knows he is engaged to be married. Conor feels like everything is now how it should be until his old classmate Felicity comes back into town. Will his heart tell him to stay with Colette the perfect woman or will it want something completely different?

Felicity has know Rogue when they were just teens. After high school they went their separate ways. She is now back in her hometown after a horrible divorce. She quickly feels like she never left her good friends. She always had a very close relationship with Conor. She now wants a stable life and she knows that Conor can not give that to her. Then she finds out that Conor is engaged to the wrong woman. She knows deep in her heart that she is not the one for him. They fall back into their friendship really quickly but they start to flirt with one another. When she finds out she got a job with the band things start turning into something else. What is a girl to do? To make matters worse her past comes back to shake things up as well. Will she follow her heart or do what is right?

Gavin and Sophie has some up and downs of their own. Gavin finally realized that he messed up the best thing in his life his girl. He now wants his wife back at home. The hard part is getting her back. Sophie has a new life now. She was really hurt by Gavin and she doesn't trust him like she used to. Will her heart forgive him or is there just too much hurt to forgive?

This series is one of my all time favorite rockstar romances of all time. These characters feel real with her writing. You will go through ups and downs with all of them. I fell in love with Felicity. She was not into the glitz and glamour but she was truly happy for her friends. She was a very strong and beautiful woman. Conor was a very hot and typical rockstar bad boy until you really got to know him. He has really big heart. This story had not one but two love stories. It was mostly about Conor but you also get to read about Gavin and Sophie and how they built their relationship back like it used to be. This series is a must read. I hope there is more of this hot rock band to come. I would love to continue this journey with this band and their women.

TDCbookreviews says

Playing at Love

By Lara Ward Cosio

Conor Quinn is the hottie guitarist for the Irish rock band- Rogue. Trying to right the wrongs of the affair between him and his best friend (and band mates)'s wife, he rushes into an engagement with his supermodel ex-girlfriend, Colette. When a girl he shares a past with, Felicity, returns to town an old flame is quickly reignited causing him to second guess everything. Will he make the right choice or destroy everyone's lives again?

Gavin McManus, lead vocal for Rogue and THE best friend, struggles to forgive his wife. Sophie is the only woman he has ever truly loved. Channeling his emotions into his new found sobriety and writing the band's newest CD, he is forced to relive some of the darkest days of his life. Will he be able to work through his feelings and truly forgive? Or will it be his turn to destroy everything?

An amazing read! Once I started I couldn't put it down and had it read within twenty-four hours! A multi-narrative story based (mostly) in Ireland, it is a true look at the complexities of love and life... Not everything always turns out how we imagine it, a lesson sometimes learned the hard way. I, obviously, loved it and was excited to find out it is a part of a series!

Five out five stars!

KellySue says

I thoroughly enjoyed this book. The author has a way of making the characters feel realistic, down to earth and relatable even though many of the characters are members of a famous rock band and super models. The dialogue is excellent, conveying emotion quite well. Cosio has a great eye to details that create the luscious atmosphere throughout the book. It's a book that takes you on worldly adventures and gives good insight on what it's like to be in a famous rock band while nurturing both friend and love relationships . It's an easy read, a page turner that I often found myself thinking about when not reading it. I really look forward to the next installment.
