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*They said she was going to be my ruin...
Then let her ruin me.*

Caleb Lockhart has everything—wealth, adoration, a brilliant future. Until a chance encounter with a siren in a red dress changes everything. Until he meets the woman he dubs Red.

Veronica Strafford's past makes it hard for her to trust anyone. Now, kicked out of her apartment, she reluctantly accepts Caleb's offer for a place to stay.

Caleb feels intensely drawn to Veronica. And, for the first time in his life, he really wants something—*someone*. Too bad Veronica's heart might just be the one thing Caleb can't win.

Chasing Red Duology:

Chasing Red (Book 1)

Always Red (Book 2)

Praise for *Chasing Red*:

"*Chasing Red* is a perfectly sweet romance, with just the right amount of spice." —*Foreword Reviews*

"Readers will be chomping at the bit while waiting for the next installment!" —*RT Book Reviews*

"Readers will swoon over Caleb." —*Publishers Weekly*

Chasing Red Details

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From Reader Review Chasing Red for online ebook

Sarah says

(I received an advance copy of this book for free. Thanks to SOURCEBOOKS Casablanca and NetGalley.)

This was an adult contemporary romance story, featuring a girl named 'Red'.

Veronica and Caleb were okay characters, although it took me a while to really warm up to them.

The storyline in this was about Caleb meeting Veronica and calling her 'Red' because of the red dress she was wearing. He found out that she was homeless and offered up his spare room, and then slowly fell in love with her. I did like the romance in this story, but it was a little annoying the way that 'Red' kept pushing Caleb away, even when he was really sweet to her, and I was a little surprised at the lack of sex scenes.

The ending to this was a cliff-hanger.

6.25 out of 10

Dali says

An intense romance full of anticipation. Described as a global phenomenon, Chasing Red by Isabelle Ronin, is a tempting coming of age read.

Chasing Red centers around Caleb and Veronica, called Red by Caleb because of the color she wore the night he met her. The plot is fairly straightforward. The black knight in shining armor rescues the damsel in distress by giving her a place to live while she gets back on her feet. Caleb is a black knight because he's an unapologetic player, but from the moment he lays eyes on Veronica everyone in the planet ceases to exist. He'll not only give her shelter, he'll stop at nothing to win her heart.

"I need you to stop," he whispered.

"Stop?"

Whatever you'r doing to me."

I need you get you out of my mind."

Due to her painful upbringing, Veronica has serious trust issues when it comes to the opposite sex and no matter how much Caleb makes fissures in her walls by proving himself worthy of her trust, she's too afraid to let him in for fear of getting hurt herself and in doing so she pushes away the one person who's loved her unconditionally. Will Caleb be able to win her heart?

"This was something else. It was painful, almost unbearable. But it was the good kind of pain... I wanted to possess her just as she possessed me. She was fire, and I wanted her to burn me... consume me."

Aside from the over the top drama from Veronica, which would be better suited from high school adolescent

than a college age girl but I understood and believe to normal for a young adult, I did wish there were more layers in regard to character development. But I'm sure I understand the appeal of this story and his name is Caleb Lockheart.

Being from a well to do family, with a blessed physic and being the MVP in his basketball team to boot, Caleb never had a problem getting attention from the opposite sex but he'd begun to feel bored and empty, until he saw a girl in a red dress seductively dancing in a club who a few moments later rescued him from unwanted advances from female admirers. She rejected him right after, but that same night their roles were reversed and he rescued her in a big way by letting her stay at his place.

"I had been starved for love and affection for so long that I'd forgotten what it felt like. I had refused to let anyone in, afraid to be hurt again. But this boy holding my hand was stripping me of my armor bit by bit."

At first Caleb was a big flirt with Veronica, but as time went on he became determined to be the best man he could possibly be in order to be worthy of her. Not only did they have delicious chemistry, they were slowly forming a unique bond. Even though Veronica was determined to push him away and beat anything between them to a pulp.

"She was like a puzzle that was missing a few pieces. Maybe I'd carve my own pieces to complete her."

I really have no idea what Caleb wants to be when he grows up but page after page he made me laugh, smile and swoon. His unwavering love and devotion to Veronica endeared me to him. I'm cheering him on and I truly hope that she'll step up and be the girl not just that he want's but needs.

"Why are you doing this? What do you take care of me so much?"

My Red. So alone. So lonely. I'm here now. "I don't think you'll believe me even if I told you."

I feel obligated to mention that there are other forces trying to keep these two apart but I believe Caleb is thoroughly invested in this relationship. There's also a side plot between Caleb's best friend Cameron and Veronica's newfound best friend Kara that I'd like to read more about.

Chasing Red is the first book in the Red duet by *Isabelle Ronin*. It is a full length new adult romance. It is told from multiple points of view and ends with a cliffhanger.

* I was given an ARC of this book courtesy of the author via NetGalley. The excerpts taken are from that copy. *

3.5 stars

Amazon -> <http://amzn.to/2ewB5SB>

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Brooke — brooklynneereads says

Well, it may finally be snowing outside but man, this book was HOT! What can I say, I like to call it straight and say it like it is.

As always with romances (especially when hovering the erotic romance genre boundary line with this one), you're either going to love this one or hate it. Personally, when a book makes me lose track of time and stay up until 1 am reading (as this one did), it's consider a winner in my mind. Not only did I stay up well past my bedtime reading this but this book was hard to put down. It was read in a span of less than 12 hours-8 hours of which I did eventually spend sleeping.

The story started at a fast pace from the beginning with little to no introduction and it kept me hooked, introducing the characters and their backgrounds throughout. Admittedly, there are flaws for each of the main characters that could cause controversy or dislike to the story. I say this with each erotic romance/romance review though because often, there is controversy for the whole genre: the characters in these novels aren't supposed to be examples of "healthy relationships". It's helpful to remember that this is fiction purely meant to entertain readers, not a pseudo-manual to compare and contrast actual relationships in your reality.

With that disclaimer being said, I really did enjoy this novel. Even though the two main characters had flaws (who doesn't) I really rooted for them and could read of the chemistry between the two. The novel had me racing through the pages because I couldn't predict what would happen next and I was totally absorbed in the story. I also enjoyed the age bracket of the two main characters which seems like an odd thing to say but it doesn't seem that we have many novels within the semi-erotic romance genre that have both main characters still in college/university.

Upon completion of this novel, I'm desperate to read the sequel, "Always Red". I need to read more about these characters, their relationship, and what happens next!

Thank you to Raincoast Books for supplying me with an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review

Anniebananie says

Schwierig schwierig!

Ich hatte mit dem Buch so einige Probleme, aber ich muss gestehen, dass es mich trotz allem echt gut unterhalten hat.

An erster Stelle war das Buch einfach zu lang, am Anfang wurde das selbe Problem und die selbe Situation im Prinzip in Dauerschleife mehrmals hintereinander abgespult. Das hätte sich die Autorin echt klemmen können ????

An zweiter Stelle war der Schreibstil echt holprig, man merkt dem ganzen leider echt an, dass es "nur" eine Wattpad-Story ist. An einer Stelle beispielsweise fuhren sie mit seinem Motorrad zum Essen und im nächsten Satz rennt sie schreiend auf jemand zu der von einer Brücke springt... What?! Hab ich was verpasst?! Nein! Die Autorin hielt es wohl nur nicht für nötig mich über solche Kleinigkeiten zu informieren,

wie dass die beiden ihr Ziel warum auch immer geändert haben und vor allem auch nicht mehr auf dem Motorrad sitzen und sie auch ihren Helm nicht mehr aufhat ??????

Zu guter letzt war es einfach too much. Zu viel Drama. Zu viel Instalove und zu viel Geschnulze und Liebesbekundungen.

Aber wie gesagt: unterhalten hat es mich irgendwie trotzdem. Was nicht zuletzt auch an den furchtbar sympathischen Nebencharakteren lag ??

Pikolina says

Historia New Adult, a mi parecer un pelín floja, ya que los enamoramientos tan rápidos me suelen descuadrar y Verónica la protagonista no termina de convencerme 100%

A veces se me ha hecho aburrido, porque era simplemente el día a día y no pasaba nada ... prácticamente todo repetitivo, incluso la descripción de la búsqueda de trabajo y el reparto de curriculums.

A partir del 65% o así se pone más entretenida la historia, empiezan a pasar cosas distintas y se lee mejor, aunque tiene clichés por todos lados.

Chris C - A Midlife Wife says

Total NA/YA story similar in style to the After series. Drama to the max. But Caleb is a sweetheart.

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Okay, I am just not going to read any more NA or YA books. I cannot deal with the immature virgin, I am scared of my own shadow, story.

While I loved the writing style and the flow of the story, Veronica made this story difficult to get through. She is immature and falls back on her fears over and over and over. The guy is giving himself over and over and tries to win her trust and she still pushes him away and then in the next page pulls him in. UGH! I was cheering when her own GF told her to get over herself! HA!

For my the only redeeming quality of this book is Caleb. He is a cocky little sex god but he is completely devoted to her. I love how he falls!

The author is talented, no doubt. The book flows well and is captivating in many ways. I can see that she will be a talent for years to come.

\*edited to add - Forgot to say this is a 2 part series - minor cliffy

\* Copy received for review consideration

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### **Matteo Fumagalli says**

SPAZZATURA.

Videorecensione - Parte 1: <https://youtu.be/6dRkqNCCplg>

## **Auni says**

well this is one of the earliest wattpad stories that i have invested my time in . and today it has come to an end and i should say it was an amazing journey after all! red and caleb are definitely one of my OTPs <3 good job isabella ronin. you wrapped up the story well. one of my fav wattpad stories indeed.

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## **? Poppy ? says**

**DNF @70%**

Let me tell you; why i didn't finished this book??

*? So much drama.*

*? No character development.*

*? Lack of trust. h DO NOT trust H a little bit.*

*? Possibly loves triangle issue. which shouldn't be in this.*

*? Hated the h. Do not feel a slight pity for her or her situation.*

*? H was too good for her. he deserved much much better and she was just annoying.*

*? Best-friend turned a jealous annoying bitch who tried to show that H cheated on h.*

*? and H didn't had any idea that his best friend or clingy ex was behind all the crap.*

*? Like i said there was so much unnecessary drama in this book. which was just annoying.*

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## **Tami says**

2,5 bis 3 Sterne.

Es hat Spaß gemacht, weil es so einfach zu lesen war. Rückblickend sind die Charaktere aber sehr flach und ... meine Güte, der Kerl ist auf sehr kranke Weise besessen vom Mädchen und viele Szenen vermitteln ein sehr ungesundes Bild und ganz falsche Werte.

Man konnte beim Lesen aber das Hirn abschalten, weil es so anspruchslos war und es hat mich manchmal gut unterhalten. Die Story ist aber nichts besonderes und hat nicht wirklich einen Höhepunkt. Der wirkte sehr erzwungen.

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## **Mindy Lou's Book Review says**

Chasing Red is a college romance setting where the rich boy, Caleb falls for the poor girl Veronica. I had some adjusting to do with this book because the characters behaved a bit juvenile for my tastes, but then I reckon it's typical behavior of college kids.

I didn't think this was going to be the story for me, but the more I read, the more Caleb drew me in. I'm such a sucker for a hero that only sees the heroine and that is what Caleb brings to this story. The way he is so gone for her hooked and reeled me in.

Caleb, the rich kid who can have any girl he wants falls fast and hard for Veronica, Red as he calls her. He's relentless in his pursuit of her but she is not willing to fall for his playboy ways. She doesn't realize she's a game changer for him.

There is a lot of pushing away by "Red" in this story but Caleb sure makes up for that with his constant charm trying to win her over. There is also other women/men drama. We got the conniving other woman who wants Caleb all to herself and is willing to do anything to get him and then we have the guy who's part of Caleb's crew but secretly resents that he is rich and likes to stir trouble.

Typically, I don't go for these types of books, but I got to admit the author sucked me in. This ended on a cliffhanger and I need to see where the author takes this story. ARC provided by NetGalley.

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## **.Under the pages says**

Review available at Under the Pages.

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## **Miss Raven says**

(1.5 estrellas en realidad.)

Otro libro más de Wattpad del montón.

Como siempre, os voy a poner en situación para que comprendáis mi opinión al respecto de este libro. Está narrado principalmente desde el punto de vista de la protagonista, Veronica (también conocida como Red), pero también hay algunos capítulos narrados por Caleb, el co-protagonista masculino. Nuestros protas, se conocen en un lugar muy original y nunca visto en estos libros de Wattpad, en una discoteca.

*Ejem ironía ejem.*

Puesto que ambos son muy atractivos, al instante se gustan; no obstante, como Ver se ha pasado bebiendo, Caleb tiene que hacer de héroe y llevar a Ver a su casa. Por razones que no voy a comentar por si no habéis leído el libro, Ver o Red como la llama Caleb, comienza a vivir en casa de éste.



El romance es inminente, pero cómo no, se presentan diversos obstáculos a esta relación.

Para completar la receta del puro *cliché wattpadiano*, no podía faltar el pasado oscuro de alguno de los protagonistas (sino de ambos) y en este caso, es Ver quien cuenta con este original recurso literario nunca visto.

Por otro lado, como no podía ser de otra manera, Caleb es un mujeriego, y repite unas cinco veces por capítulo que Ver es suya, lo que evidentemente, no me gustó nada de nada. Caleb está muy obsesionado con Ver, hasta el punto de que se dedica a merodear por su cuarto cuando ella no está en casa.

Realmente, he quedado bastante decepcionada con este libro, que como comentaba antes, ha sido un libro más del montón, con una historia que he leído millones de veces en Wattpad, con la típica relación tóxica de la que ya estoy más bien harta, y que además no es ninguna maravilla literaria.

Sé que hay un segundo libro, pero si decido leerlo tardaré unas semanas, puesto que ya he tenido suficiente drama innecesario para un tiempo.

Como entretenimiento para pasar un rato, no está mal, pero si no os gustan este tipo de libros, no merece la pena que le deis un oportunidad.

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## Jacqueline's Reads says

### DNF 33%

I really TRIED with this one. I didn't like it from page one, but I kept on going thinking it would redeem itself, but I gave up at 33%.

I do like the writing style. It flowed and it was easy to read. The angst level had the right amount of tension to pull me in and that's what kept me reading.

But as I kept on reading I got madder and it was to the point where if I got less mad, I would have still not liked the book.

**The MAIN thing that made me not like Chasing Red was VERONICA. < ---- I hate to say it but the girl is a bitch.**

YUP. I would say she is a (C you NEXT Tuesday) kind of girl. Gah, I can't believe I'm being that negative, but really?

What does Caleb see in her? Okay Caleb has his flaws too. Showing off his pecs and abs saying that is why he gets laid so many times?! \*\*EYE Roll\*\*

Veronica is so jumpy she comes out with a knife in Caleb's own home. Because you know someone who lives in a penthouse with a doorman can be robbed in broad daylight.

It just didn't make sense.

Veronica was so pushy, so guarded, I couldn't see ANYTHING redeeming about her. She was a nasty mean bitch who deserves to be alone.

I'm SORRY! But that's how I felt.

*AN ARC was provided*

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## **Ari says**

***\*I received a copy of this book from the author/publisher in exchange for an honest review.\****

***\*DNF @ 40%\****

*Chasing Red* is originally a Wattpad book that got published. Wattpad stories that get published are always a hit or miss with me and this one was a miss. This book was doing way too much. Like every New Adult cliché you could think of was in this book: rich, popular boy that makes all the panties drop; a damsel in distress heroine who is saved by said rich boy and then tries to resist his charm, but ya know, she can't help but fall for him; drama, lots and lots of drama. So I'm calling it quits before I end up throwing my eReader across the room.

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