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Wasted Lust is a 321 spin-off, full-length, romantic suspense filled with lies, secrets, and the power of redemption by the New York Times bestselling author, JA Huss.

A GIRL WITH REGRETS...

Sasha Cherlin died the night she let Nick Tate walk out on her for a life of crime. Her very essence was destroyed when they broke their promise to one another.

A MAN WITH REMORSE...

Nick Tate made his choice with her future in mind. He loved Sasha enough to know that leaving her behind was the only way to keep her safe.

A PATH TO REVENGE...

Special Agent Jax Barlow understands the bond of love and he plans to use it to get justice. Nick and Sasha will do anything to rewrite their past. He's counting on that to bring them down.

Wasted Lust is a standalone book, BUT, you have to be willing to go along for the ride. The Sasha character has a long history in all my other books (she was 12 in those books, now she's grown up). And it's a parallel book to 321, so new story, new characters, but same timeline and the plots converge in the middle. No spoilers for 321 in Wasted Lust.

Wasted Lust Details

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do. Start at the beginning and go enter a world from day one where you meet some wonderful fucked up characters, get wrapped up in mystery, suspense, thrills and some pretty passionate spills. You won't regret a single minute in the über capable hands of JA Huss herself.

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Snow says

[two of them, he's a little bit nuts cause of the nature of his business and upbringing by the Company LOL
(hide spoiler)]

Kelli C ~ Jack Sawyer's Heart says

4.5 even in confusion stars!

I loved this even having spent the first 40% confused...I'm going back to read the Come series because i need more to wrap my head around ...THEN I will give a full full review!

S.M. West says

5 STARS

Holy Sh*t! This wrecked me ! It was so much MORE than I expected and I expect A LOT from Julie as she's one of my ultimate favourite authors.

While this is a standalone, a spin off from Three, Two, One, this was also an ending to a phenomenal ride

with all those connected to the Company. Don't get me wrong, you can read this without having read anything else from Julie and if you do, and really like this one, I strongly suggest going back to the beginning (see reading order below) and savour every delicious minute of this FUBAR mind bending story!

This is Sasha Aston's (nee Cherlin) story. It was as much about her past as it was about her future.

"I was never Sash Aston. She doesn't exist. I was born, and have always been, Sasha Cherlin. Company kid. Daughter to a traitor. Child assassin."

Sasha is desperately seeking a new life, a "normal" life and yet she's not really living or participating in life. Something or someone - Nicholas Tate - is holding her back.

"I feel like he is the last piece of the puzzle that is me. The one thing in my past that is unresolved."

For me, this was an unassuming read. I was reading along tickety-boo and then BAM! I started to unravel. As Sasha struggled with who she was, her past and that 12 year old girl with her love of dinosaurs and all the loss she endured and what she had to do came flooding back...and this only intensified as she continued on her collision course with Nick.

Nick was such a big character and yet so dark and illusive throughout the Company adventure. We only saw snippets of him throughout this journey and could only form an opinion about him based on the thoughts of others, especially Harper (his sister) and Sasha. Nick was all that I'd hoped he'd be. I was also thrilled to finally have his POV. Like Sasha, I couldn't help but fall for him. Thank you, Julie!

And Special Agent Jackson (Jax) Barlow...I liked him from the get go but I also feared for Sasha. I didn't know if I could trust him and his motives. But he quickly squashed my worries.

"I said you're safe with me. I meant it. I'm not here to rip your world apart, Sasha. I'm here to put it back together."

This links with 321, there's a cameo of Ark (his brother - aka Jake), as this story takes place along side that one. Seeing Jax with Sasha, his brother and also getting his POV, all equaled me loving Jax!

As this story unfolds, especially the last third of the book, had me going back and reading excerpts from other books as dots were connected and the larger picture was revealed. Julie really pulled together all the little details! This book had all of it coming together for me and I'm sure I missed some of it. And on top of all the feels, there was a moment...that I knew was coming...that just had my heart breaking even more for Sasha.

I also freakin' loved the cameo of some of Sasha's posse, especially James (yeah, I love that fuckin' maniac!).

"You're stuck with me, brat. It's your lucky day. I am known throughout the world for having mad motherfucking parenting skills."

As much as this was a standalone, it was also an ending. While it was emotional and bittersweet, I was at peace with how things were left. It just felt right.

I can't recommend Julie Huss or this book and all the other books in the Company story enough. If you love an epic story with a true and dark mind fuck, as well as suspense and romance, you must read these books!

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Spencer: Bomb / Guns

Come / Come Back

Coming for You

Three, Two, One

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Wasted Lust

Beverly says

Wasted Lust. Oh this book, it completely tore me up. When you read multiple books about characters you begin to feel like you know them. With that comes this protectiveness over them. *Wasted Lust* is the last book about *The Company*, Sasha Aston's story.

"I was never Sasha Aston. She doesn't exist. I was born, and have always been, Sasha Cherlin. Company kid. Daughter to a traitor. Child assassin."

It has been ten years since Sasha last saw Nick Tate. Nick was her childhood love, her promise. While logically most girls would shun an arranged married, Sasha embraced her arrangement with Nick. She is Company kid, it's what she knows. Even years later she still longs for Nick to return to her.

Jax is an FBI Agent assigned to monitor Sasha. When the story begins Sasha and Jax are meeting for the first time. He is an elite agent trust with the task of bringing Nick in. His job to monitor the bait, Sasha. Jax is studied, prepared and completely invested, but when he sees Sasha in real life his world stops. He knows it's wrong, forbidden, but he wants her.

Sasha is crazy independent and regardless of what Nick does or did, she is loyal. She won't hurt him or help capture him. The story progresses over several months. Months of Jax watching, Sasha living the life she is supposed to have, and Nick unseen.

Julie builds the story at a cruise. In the beginning, I am on the edge of my seating waiting to see what happens. By the time I am comfortable the whole story flips and begins flying. It was the Julie I am used to, the story teller who says to hell with it all and goes balls the wall. Sasha's story is thrilling, heartbreakin and of course sexy as sin.

I loved this story, I loved Sasha. She is one of my favorite heroines. She is so smart and strong, but also relatable. My heart hurt for her at times, but in the end, she got her perfect story. It's funny because at first sight this isn't the ending I would have given Sasha, but I am so short sighted. Sasha's HEA is perfect. This is why I love Julie's writing – it's planned, cunning, hers. She tells her story for her characters and in the end it's perfect for her fans.

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Deanna♥Pink Lady♥? says

5 “You’re Safe With Me” Stars

I'm a little late to the writings of JA Huss, especially to this series. I started this series with 321 and then went to Meet Me in the Dark and now Wasted Lust. Not being privy to the prior books, I was a little concerned at the beginning. Sasha Aston/Cherlin has been around for a long time and she has a lot of history with this series. There were times when I was thinking that I could not relate but just as that thought came to me, JA Huss read my mind and supplied information to make me at ease. The more I read, the more absorbed I became with the story. The background and needed information for the story was given in bits and pieces that made the story suspenseful, engaging, dark, menacing, and twisted. But what I most felt with this book was a deep and dark sense of wanting and needing love. This book kept me reading when I should have been doing other things, I couldn't put it down. It captivated me!!

Sasha and Agent Jax are two people with many secrets. One so lost in her secrets that she is nothing but a shell living her life. The other is obsessed with avenging a wrong. But their secrets tie them together in a profound way. As they begin to trust one another and divulge their secrets, their connection becomes emotional, sensual and REAL. The twists and turns within the book turn the tides back and forth but Jax and his feelings for Sasha never waiver. It's Sasha that has to learn to become real again, to trust again and to feel again. But before she can do that, she has to deal with the one man that she has loved since she was 13 yrs old, the one that left her behind, the one that haunts her dreams.....Nick Tate. But Sasha, Nick and Jax are

all woven together in a mysterious and twisted way. They must all deal with one another if life is to move along, if it's to be real once again.

I really can't tell you much more about the story. You should experience it on your own. But if you are a JA Huss fan then you know that this book will be complicated, it will be dark, it will be twisted, it will be emotional and it will be moving. The mind of JA Huss is absolutely fascinating. She writes an amazing plot that keeps you guessing from beginning to end. And in case you have any doubts, she delivered an amazing and beautiful read with Wasted Lust and she wrote an epilogue that calmed you, made you smile and left you happy and content.....it was definitely the extra icing on the already fabulous cake.

So in closing, it would have been great to have started at the beginning of this series but I didn't. While I believe that reading all the previous books would have been an added benefit, JA Huss still manages to give you all the information within each book for it to be a standalone. Below is the list I stole from the Incredible Michelle New if you want to read this series in order.

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Di Covey says

5 "We win" Stars!

Another slam dunk from JA Huss!! This one might be my favorite, just like I said the last time I opened one of her books. Action packed, full of suspense, secrets, betrayal, and most importantly love.

"Love is easy, and not one moment of it is wasted."

Sasha. Smurf. Killer.

Little girl, Assassin, A lost woman.

"Stalking, hunting, shooting, killing. Being blown up, being tracked, being hated and wanted dead. The anger I had, the love I lost, the life that was ripped away."

We've watched Sasha grow up. Met her in Slack, got to know her in The Dirty Dark and Deadly Series, she showed up in Meet Me In The Dark. She's special, like the glue to all of the series Huss has written, with the exception of The Social Media. This is labeled a spin-off to 321 as well. I won't tell you to read all the other books before this one, but I'd say you will be missing a few pieces. And you'll definitely be missing all the connections, the team, the loyalty that flows each character in the group.

This was a long awaited story, one that blew my motherfucking mind. I say this every time I open up a Huss book. You might not believe me, but this marks the end of an era. The final fall of an organization that's plagued these characters since the beginning. I read with a lump in my throat, knots in my stomach, and crazy goosebumps that didn't stop. There's no way I explain the plot, characters, or the greatness of this book. It's an experience to need to read for yourself.

This marks the second time I've cried while reading an epilogue.

A bittersweet conclusion! I don't ever want to say good bye. I'm to cry now.

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Hulya Kara Yuksel says

I'm so fucked up right now. Thank you J.A.Huss. You are AMAZING!!!

“We are love in slow motion. We move as one, leaving the darkness behind, where it belongs, and become the light.”

Jana Aston says

My friends are writing glowing reviews for Wasted Lust. Tears, they say. I can't finish my review without crying, they gush. Well, fuck. I can't compete with that. I'm not a crybaby Smurf. There are no tears allowed in the sphere.

Wasted Lust, in my mind at least, has been in the making since Slack. God. Slack. Let's revisit, shall we? It was late 2013. I'd recently shown up on Julie's doorstep, looking for Ford.

“Hey, is Ford home?”

“Who the hell are you?”

“I'm Mrs. Ford Aston, Who the hell are you?”

Oddly, this ended with me becoming Julie's assistant. It doesn't make sense to us either, in case you're wondering. Anyway, that's how it started and shortly after that Slack released.

“Julie. This girl. She needs a book.” Visions of Sasha's future babies were already dancing in my head.

“Yeah, I don't know about that. She's twelve,” she'd said.

“God, no. Not now. In a decade so she can have sex. I'm not reading middle grade.”

“I don’t think anyone wants to read about a grown up Sasha,” Julie claimed.

“Uh, yes they do. I bet she loses her virginity to a CEO,” I suggest helpfully.

“Jana, no. That’s not happening.”

“So we’ll talk about it later.”

“No. I’ve still got to write Taut, And Bomb. And Guns. And there’s this guy James I’ve had on my mind.”

“Okay.”

“OK.”

So clearly, it was happening. We all saw that, right? The second Sasha wrote that note to Rook it was on.

But whatever. I could wait until the writer agreed with me. By wait, I mean carry on as if it were happening.

“Jana, why did a book called Sasha just show up on my 2015 calendar?”

“What? That’s a year from now. That’s more than enough time for you to finish up Ford, Spencer and write an entire series on whomever the fuck James is.”

“I’m deleting this Jana.”

Jesus. You try and organize a person.

Then Come Back released and Sasha killed it. Killed. It.

This girl, she steals every scene along with your heart. Her book has to happen. I have to know what kind of woman this brave, mouthy child grows into.

“Julie, Come Back was incredible.”

“I loved it too. I think it’s one of my favorites.”

“Yeah. I can’t wait until Sasha grows up and meets a CEO.”

“There’s no CEO, Jana.”

“So what I hear you saying is there is a Sasha book, she just doesn’t end up with a CEO.”

“Maybe.”

Happy. Dance.

So it didn’t happen overnight. I had to wait some. And then wait some more. Julie had other books to write, and Sasha had to grow up. But finally, all my delusional wishing came true. Julie was writing Sasha.

“I’m almost done writing Wasted Lust. Sparrow Flynn’s having a Shrike Bikes birthday party.”

“Squeee! All the squeees! Is Rory there? And Five? I cannot wait for Rory & Five’s book. I put that on your calendar for 2016 by the way.”

“Rory’s at the party. Five’s missing it because the Aston’s are out of town. But don’t worry, all the Shrike sisters are at the party.”

“Sisters? OMG. There’s more?”

It was like Christmas, summer vacation and my cat wearing a unicorn hat all rolled up into one. But wait.

Could I get one more delusional wish?

“You know, Julie. Rory could be short for Aurora. Aurora is the first Disney princess.”

“Are you drunk?” Julie asked.

“Ronnie would name her daughters after Disney princesses. Aurora, Belle, Ariel and Jasmine Shrike. Ronnie would so do that!”

“LOL.”

“Why are you LOL’ing me? I’ve never been more serious.”

Then Julie said something even crazier than the delusional happenings in my head.

“I hope you like Wasted Lust,” she said.

Like it? I liked it before she even agreed to write it. I gobbled up every delicious word of Wasted Lust. I got to see what happened to this feisty kid who I fell in love with as a secondary character in previous books. I got to see what happens when you remove a twelve-year old assassin from a secret underground society and send her to grow up in suburban Colorado, complete with a catholic school education. And I got to watch her fall in love, and holy shit, was that worth the wait. Sasha got exactly the man she needed and I loved every moment of her story.

5 Smurf filled stars.

Note:

Wasted Lust is a standalone book that takes place a decade after both the Rook & Ronin, and Dirty, Dark & Deadly series. Sasha appears in those series as a child. This book runs parallel to 321 with a spoiler free crossover between books.

Michelle says

Wasted Lust might end up being one of the hardest reviews I’ve had to write. I want to just cut open myself open and let all my emotions just spill out. So this might be one of those reviews. The kind that will make no sense until you read the book and understand the way a heart can break and heal and hope all at the same time.

We met Sasha Cherlin as a twelve year old girl in Slack. We saw her go from child to killer in Come Back and Coming For You and now in Wasted Lust we see Sasha Aston grow into a woman.

Special Agent Jax Barlow has been searching for the key to unlock the mystery of the Company and it isn’t until Sasha falls into his lap that the answers are within reach. But Sasha is trying to be normal, it’s been ten years since her, James, Harper, Merc and Nick sent the Company spiraling out of control. Ten years to

become a member of society and not just a child assassin. Ten years to get over the broken heart of her broken promise.

But if the rumors are true, Nick Tate is returning to the states. Returning for what is the question that everyone wants to know, but only Nick holds the answer to. Jax wants information and he wants vengeance but he might find himself wanting something so much more before it's all said and done.

Let me touch on the sexy times a bit. At first I was a little worried about a grown up Sasha having sex. I imagined Ford busting in to ruin the moment every time. I mean, we've loved this girl for years. Since she was little. But holy smokes. Let's just say Sasha is all grown up. But what I loved most was that the sex in this was part of two characters progression through this story. It was not too subtle, it was not overdone. It was just right. There were far too many things going on in this story to make it too heavy on the sex.

This story was all about the emotions. I bawled. I cried like a baby. I've read this two times already and I still can't stop thinking about it. There are key scenes in this book that I can't even think about without crying, scenes that will remain with me for years to come. The epilogue. I died. All the deads.

I spent the weeks leading up to this release rereading all twelve books in this journey. So much was fresh in my mind. So many characters that I loved. I wanted to be prepared to read Wasted Lust. I needed to be up to speed. I needed to have all the information fresh in my head so I didn't have to pause during reading this. I think doing that turned this conclusion into an epic experience.

There is no doubt that JA Huss writes stories that are twisty, dark and yet, still remain romances – but Wasted Lust was all of that but more. Wasted Lust was that climatic moment where everything that had happened gets closure. We get closure. We get answers to all the questions we had. We get our hope restored. We get our hearts healed although we got it smashed just moments before.

321 had become my favorite Huss book earlier this year and I am on the fence right now because Wasted Lust I think just nudged it out of first place. I think the fact that this book was the conclusion of the whole Company Saga gives it an advantage because the emotions were already there for all these characters. There was no need to find a connection, it had been forged long ago.

After finishing this book I can't help but have hope. Just hope. Not quite sure yet what that hope is for, but it's just this feeling like it can all be OK. Even if it's not right now. It will be OK. I love that this book reached inside and affected me. I love that even thinking about this story right now has me choked up all over again – because that is what it is all about. Feeling. Julie makes you feel and that is the best gift an author can give you.

Wasted Lust delivered in every way imaginable. A little girl with braces who loved dinosaurs stole my heart and as a grown woman, she amazed me. Nick Tate was a character that was cloaked in so much mystery. We saw him through Harper's eyes and through Sasha's eyes... but we never really got to see him through his own until now. And wow. I loved what I saw. Jax... Oh. Jax. I claimed Jax a while back. I'd like state for the record I claimed him first – there is evidence of this online. I can show it to you. He was everything I needed

him to be. He was EVERYTHING. (and MINE)

If you have not read books by this author you are missing out. Like, your life is missing something. I've included the reading order below and highly recommend starting from Tragic and reading all the books in order – you get the clearest picture that way.

For fans of Julie, who have read all these books there is no doubt that this is going to be loved. There is no way not to love this book if you've known all the players all this time. And although the books really only span 2 years in reality and more like 12 years in the book world, it feels like I've spent a decade with them, not just 2 years.

(full graphic review to come at release day)

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Not an actual quote / Just fan art

Christy says

5 'We Win' stars!!!

Wasted Lust is one of my most highly anticipated new releases this summer. If you've read all (or most) of JA Huss's books, you met Sasha Cherlin a while ago. If you're like me, this little girl stole your heart in Ford's novella. Then this amazing assassin smurf stole the show in her *Dirty, Dark, and Deadly* series. So now we have Sasha, all grown up. Yes, that little girl is now 24 years old and this is her story.

Sasha is a grad student. She works hard, studies hard, but isn't really living. Then she meets Jax Barlow (you might recognize Jax as Ark's brother from 321 ;)) who is out for the truth. He's trying to get justice and he needs Sasha's help. Sasha is no longer a Company kid. She's an adult trying to live a normal life. But when Jax brings Nick Tate's name up, he has her attention.

Nick Tate was Sasha's promise. Nick has been out of the country for a while now. Sasha is hesitant to help Jax. Especially if it has to do with Nick. Nick was her friend, but he was more than that. No matter what he's done or what choices he's made, Sasha still wants to protect him. To save him. It's just who she is.

It takes a while for Jax to really get Sasha to open up. To feel safe with him. It's not an easy feat. This girl is tough as nails. But eventually, he starts to break through.

"I said you're safe with me. I meant it. I'm not here to rip your world apart, Sasha. I'm here to put it back together."

Sasha is one of my favorite characters out of any Huss book. There is just something about this girl, her strength, determination and feisty attitude I love. She hasn't had an easy life, but she's had it better than most Company girls. She knows this and does what she can to put things right. I love that she met Jax, someone who compliments her, accepts her for who she is and genuinely wants to help her and be there for her. (view spoiler)

The best part about this (and any Huss book) is that you never know what's coming next. Never know what to expect. I love that I was surprised with the direction this story took, especially towards the end. It's like the Company- nothing is what it seems.

Here's something you need to understand. Nothing is ever what it seems with these people, OK? Nothing.

The last half of this book takes the reader on a crazy ride. The last 30% or so was completely epic. Everything came full circle. The end hit me so hard I cried. Not only did the story bring me to tears, but the fact that I'm saying good bye to some of my favorite characters I've felt attached to for so long.

Wasted Lust can be read as a stand-alone. It's considered a 321 spin off. I personally feel like you would get more out of it having read Slack/Taut, the DDD series and 321. Only because you'll have more Company background and have more of a connection to the characters. Plus, they're wicked awesome reads.

The Hopeless Romantics Book Blog says

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So this is only the second book by JA Huss that i've read and I can hand on heart say, the more I read by this author, the more I desperately want to read her back catalogue of work. "Wasted Lust" was just brilliant and had me intrigued right from the outset. The synopsis had me hooked and from the minute I was introduced to Sasha and Jax, I was captivated by this crazy game of cat and mouse. The question was, who was the cat and who was the mouse?

"I'm not here to rip your world apart, Sasha. I'm here to put it back together."

Although not as dark as "Three, Two, One," Jax and Sasha's story was still full to the brim of mystery and suspense, where I desperately tried to work out who was lying and who was telling the truth, who was manipulating and who was double crossing and ultimately, who the goodie was and who the baddie was. This book was definitely not as straight forward as the synopsis lead me to believe and nothing, and I mean nothing was quite as it seemed. There appeared to be an ulterior motive for everything but what would happen when feelings started getting involved and walls that had been carefully constructed over the years came tumbling down?

There were so many dimensions to "Wasted Lust." So many layers to peel back but with each layer came a whole host of questions, not only about the characters but also about their past and the "company" as a whole. Although this can be read as a standalone, I really wish I'd read the previous books because there were times I felt like I was a little late to the party, trying to get to know everyone and their stories (and trust me, there were a lot of stories that piqued my interest). This didn't ruin my enjoyment of Sasha and Jax's story, but just left me craving more knowledge.

And I'm dying, Jax. "I'm dying of loneliness. I'm drowning in a sea of shattered dreams and wasted lust."

Sasha's character blew me away. In one breath, she was this feisty, fiery, quick tongued assassin who had killed many times over and won't think twice at doing it again. But there was another side to her... a side that

craved being normal. Where she wanted to be able to do all the things other people her age had done... have normal friends, fall in love, have a social life. but instead, Sasha had never felt more alone and that left me so sad. Jax was a character I immediately warmed to and I absolutely loved his charming, persistent and often very funny ways. He wormed his way into Sasha's life, never lying about what he wanted from her but equally offering the hand of friendship she desperately craved. But so many times I couldn't help but wonder which way this story would go. The synopsis lead me to believe one thing, the story itself lead me to believe another and as for the title of the book (Wasted Lust), well that just added to my befuddlement... lol. This one will leave you guessing for quite some time.

"You want something real? If you walk out on me tomorrow, Sasha, I will never recover. That's something real."

There were so many elements to "Wasted Lust," and I don't think I could fit it into one particular genre. There was mystery, suspense, murder and treachery. But there was also love, lust and broken promises, each playing their part in how this story unfolded. This was such a gripping, captivating, emotionally charged read and to say that I was going through a bit of a book funk but read this whilst on a weekend away with my husband kinda says it all... I couldn't put this book down!!! The writing was impeccable, the characters intriguing and the storyline addictive. I cannot wait to delve into the other books by this author. I have a feeling, she will be moving up my automatic one click author list very quickly.

I rated "Wasted Lust" ♥?♥?♥?♥?♥?

We are love in slow motion. We move as one, leaving the darkness behind, where it belongs, and becoming the light.

Page says

I'm not sure what is harder to understand....this Company plotline, or the fact that Ford isn't in this book. Because...FORD!

HONESTLY JA, WTH? I specifically requested Ford. Did I say, 'Oh man I can't wait to read more about Crazy James, and Fucked up Merc'. No, in fact I asked that they be locked up in a safe house for the duration of this book. Because I knew, I freaking knew you were going to try and redeem their crazy asses. (shakes head)

I'm not even going to talk about this book, because it's genius, and I'll probably screw up some hidden social injustice metaphor, or come off sounding like I actually understand the level of intelligence it takes to create a subculture, albeit fiction, like Company. Truly, it's like Star Wars brilliant.you thought I was going to say LOTR didn't you? Well, let's not get carried away.

Thank you for a wonderful series.

Sphere of privacy people.

-Ford

(original review comments posted a few months ago)

Dear JA Huss,

If you did not include FORD in this storyline/book, step away from the publish button...just back the hell away and start over.

P.S. I will require #five, and face eater scenes as well. That will be all for now. Thank You.

P.S.S. It would be lovely if James, Merc, and Ark somehow got locked in an escape proof room for the duration of this story, because.... weirdos.

Thank You, again.

Michelle says

ARC provided by author in exchange for an honest review

I honestly don't know what to say or where to begin because after reading WASTED LUST by J.A. Huss, my emotions are all over the place. Julie definitely took her readers on a big emotional suspenseful roller-coaster ride. And was the ride worth it? Absolutely!! Wasted Lust was one of my most anticipated summer reads not only it was written by one of my favorite authors but also because finally our beloved smurf assassin, Sasha is finally getting her story told. And this time, Sasha, the 24 year old grad student will once again steal our hearts as she finally gets to LIVE HER LIFE.

"I have trust issues. Love issues. Reality issues."

Ten years has passed and Sasha Aston formerly known as Sasha Cherlin has grown up to be a beautiful, intelligent grad student. Everything in her life is about order and following this plan that she has expected of herself from getting herself educated and assimilating to her new family and friends. The life she lived as a former assassin and her association with The Company behind her now. Or so she thought.

"Secrets are a part of her, just like they're a part of me."

FBI Special Agent Jax Barlow appears in Sasha's life asking questions of her relations with Nick Tate and The Company. He is well aware that Nick is the son of the Admiral of The Company and his return back to the States is connected with Sasha. So Jax makes it known to Sasha that he will be keeping an eye out on her and will be surveying her every move since he knows Nick wants to make contact with her. For Sasha, Nick is a sensitive and touchy subject matter since he was promised to her and was heartbroken when he left her.

"I need the longing. I need the emptiness in my heart to remind me of what's possible. A life. Not a half-dead girl who lives in the past. But a life. A real life filled with the promise of a future."

Sasha's life has been one hell of a roller-coaster ride filled with so many ups and downs. Death, loss, revenge, hurt, anger, and pain has been part of her life. It is a burden that she shoulders and so she has trust and love issues. Her real family are all gone and dead and so the only family that she calls home is the Aston family and her small group of friends that consist of James, Harper, Merc, Sydney, Ronin, Rook, Veronica, and Spencer. These people became her adoptive family. So when Jax appeared in her life, she didn't expect slowly that he will chip and break down her walls trying to gain her trust and love.

The Jax and Sasha relationship was one that I was instantly captivated by. One minute, I was questioning the real motives of Jax and if he could really be trusted. But as I continued reading, I loved how Julie was able to show this raw and vulnerable side to Jax as he and Sasha grew closer and intimate. With the mission to bring down Nick, Sasha soon finds herself torn with the man she was promised to and to the man, who was slowly healing her heart and showing her love. Jax also finds himself in predicament because he knows if he takes down Nick, it will devastate her. So what will Special Agent Jax do?

Wasted Lust was one of those reads that I devoured in one sitting and was practically on the edge of my seat because after reading several of Julie's book, you never know what to expect or what sudden twist of events awaits for the readers. And once again, Julie took me on one emotional raw suspenseful ride. My emotions were all over the place. My heart broke for Sasha. I felt her pain and struggles as she tries to find herself. Questions about who she is will always linger and remain. Is she the assassin or the graduate student? Is she capable of love? Who does she love Nick or Jax?

"I'm so fucking sad, Jax. I've lost everything and still they find new things to take from me. And if they take Nick, that will just be the final nail in my coffin. Because if they can take the things that they already took, over and over again, then when will it stop? When will it end?"

I really don't want to spoil anything for the readers because this story is definitely one book you want to read and experience. The big question remains is The Company really gone? And the answer to that question will be finally answered in this book. All the pieces of the puzzle are finally put together and every detail, characters truth, and secrets play a vital important role into laying the bigger picture. Nothing is wasted.

Tragic, Manic, Panic, Slack, Taut, Bomb, Guns, Come, Come Back, Coming For You, Meet Me In The Dark and Three, Two, One are all neatly tied and integrated in Wasted Lust giving readers like myself one epic epilogue. Wasted Lust was a bittersweet read for me because I honestly didn't want to say goodbye to these beloved characters that has managed to capture my heart. As always, JA Huss did an amazing job writing this book. In all honesty there is nothing like reading a JA Huss book. She has a way to spellbind you with her wicked storytelling and flawed characters. She will grip you in this heart wrenching, touching and suspenseful tale of love, loss, second chances, friendship and family.

Overall, all I can say is that Wasted Lust took my heart, twisted it around, tore it to pieces, and slowly taped it back together. So if you haven't read a book by JA Huss, I highly recommend you do. You do not want to miss an epic, heartbreaking, beautiful suspense filled romance that will have you yearning for more. What I truly love about Ms. Huss is that she writes beautiful, captivating, heartbreaking, and touching stories that grips you, touches you and stays with you. And Wasted Lust was a perfect example of this. The story-line is original, the characters were genuine and honest and the emotions were raw.

Review can also be found on Four Chicks Flipping Pages:<http://fourchicksflippingpages.weebly.com>... JA Huss
