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My name is Macy Kowalski.

I'm a registered nurse, a pharmaceutical scientist, a founding member of the Detroit Police Department's barely-legal Shadow Squad, and a walking case study in 21st century man problems.

I like things calm and orderly. I have a soft spot for people, so I spend my days developing a formula to help cancer patients escape their suffering. My research has caught the eye of some dangerous members of the self-medicating community, and now I have to make sure my plans aren't polluted by unsavory people who'd rather destroy me, my friends, and my city.

By night I have a part-time partner and full-time guardian, Detective Jonas Rafe, fellow member of the Shadow Squad. He is as volatile and unpredictable as anything I've ever dealt with in a lab. I'm smart enough to protect myself when handling chemicals, but I'm still learning when it comes to him.

He's sweet when his mouth is closed, but there's no way to prepare for when it opens. In time, his actions speak louder than his words, and though I vowed to never put my trust in another cop, he makes me want to take chances.

He's the law, and he wants to protect me. They all do. But I'm neither as fragile nor as pure as he wants me to be. I'm a nerd with a gun fetish. I'm tired of observing, and it's time for me to be in on the action. When he finds out what I've been up to in Detroit after dark, our relationship is tested, loyalties are divided, and lives are put in jeopardy.

When our team is under fire, Jonas will finally see the real me. When he does, will he see what he wants to see, or will he be the one who finally breaks me?

My name is Macy Kowalski. I am a brawler.

Brawler Details

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From Reader Review Brawler for online ebook

Jessica Frances says

What can I say about Brawler? It was rather heartbreaking, actually. I enjoyed Brutal (book one) enough to pick this one up. My main issue with book one was the instant love between Venessa and Rouge. However I always liked the secondary characters. So I found myself looking forward to this one, being that it is about Rouge's friend and partner Jonas, and Venessa's best friend Macy. To be honest, this book felt a lot like the first. Jonas and Macy fight nonstop, they are both super damaged and they sounded a lot like Venessa and Rouge. Macy was a shy girl who had internal strength in book one, however in this one she was beating people up and she felt much more like Venessa. Jonas was a playboy in book one, however in this book you find out he has very little experience, much like Rouge. I just found this book to be a repeat of book one, however, at about the halfway mark things appeared to go smoother. Jonas and Macy stopped the stupid bickering (mostly) and something big enough happened that it pulled me in. I enjoyed seeing the update for Venessa and Rouge, and was glad to see some healing happening by the end of this book. If you enjoyed book one, then you should definitely give this one a try.

Luci says

POSSIBLE SPOILER

Fuck me Macy & Jonas took my ass on an emotional roller coaster ride! Seriously I fucking got all teary eyed & shit when she got shot and lost MJ and I don't do teary eyed ugh! I wanted to fucking kill Briggs and Ben my damnsself those selfish pricks arrgh!

Macy did do a lot of crying but with everything going on and what she went through...fuucck I gave her a year long pass cuz that was some seriously fucked up shit she had to deal with. But even through her tears she always pushed through and kicked ass! Loved how strong she was even with all the misunderstandings that she and Jonas had. I also fucking loved how they helped each other to try and heal and work through their issues. Jonas was infuriating but also so got damn sweet too! There were times that I wanted to throat punch him but also stick my tongue down his throat...like how the fuck is that possible? LOL! Another great story and now I'm getting ready to start book 3. Yeeah!!

Jenny - TotallybookedBlog says

3.5 Stars

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sleeves. How refreshing!

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Picking Brawler up we knew we were going to get another dark and gritty emotional story. A story with unassuming rough and damaged yet kick arse characters who have the mouths of sailors and fishwives. Characters who display intense emotion with cut throat words and swinging fists, yet have hearts of pure gold, loyalty and an honesty unrivaled. And sure enough we got that, yet this time we got brilliant writing too. We can’t say how amazed we are at the perfection of K.S Adkins writing in Brawler, wow what a fantastic improvement on the previous instalment, Brutal, which we loved!

We met Rafe and Macy in Brutal and this was their emotional and heart-breaking story. And what a story it was! Their relationship dominated, which turned out to be our only gripe. Yes, we loved being part of a journey where Macy and Rafe got to know each other and understand just why their relationship was as volatile and complicated as it was.

“Because, Princess, once you walk out that door the only one fucking you is me.” – Jonas

We fell in love with Jonas Rafe, he’s an amazing man, so alpha yet humble and vulnerable too. At times he had us in fits of laughter as well. This man and his lack of filter...hilarious!

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We would have loved more of his back-story, especially from his childhood. Yes, it was touched upon in order to explain his issues, however it wasn’t enough for us. We wanted more in order to fully connect emotionally.

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As for Macy she’s an amazing character. After all, nerdy chicks rock!

So whilst we really and truly enjoyed Brawler and thought the writing was brilliant, we didn’t love it as much as Brutal. For us the story was lacking somewhat, being overly focused on Macy and Rafe with their back-and-forth with sparse intermittent glimpses of the ongoing fight against the ‘unknown’ enemy. We loved revisiting with Rogan and Venessa; we absolutely love this couple and they’ll always have a special place in our hearts.

“I’ve never met anyone who can give you a compliment and an insult in the same sentence.” – Macy

Oh and just one more thing from Jonas, because this guy and his lack of filter never failed to entertain us.

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Shari Kay says

DNF @ 36%. Too *all over the place* for my taste

Emily says

Macy Kowalski is a nurse, pharmaceutical scientist and a founding member of the off the book Shadow Squad. Shadow Squad is a group filled with women of certain talents and a couple of Detectives. Macy has been working with Detective Jonas Rafe but she is tired of the gruff behavior and feels like she is better off working by herself. That is until an someone from her past reemerges.

Rafe wants Macy but he has zero tact in doing so. Wires are crossed and when Macy is framed for something she did not do it makes things between Rafe and Macy very difficult. Will they be able to find their way back to one another before it is too late.

This is a more complex story than I thought it would be. Had some ugly cry moments so be forewarned. I liked aspects but at times wanted to smack Rafe. Had some really funny moments and the characters from the first book that brings a lot of humor to the story, especially their dog.

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Ummmm have you met us Macy? Hahahahahahaha

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~Dawn~TUG says

4.5 Princess and Captain Stars

Fucking loved it Full Brawler Review

~*~Brooke's Stripped Down Reviews~*~ says

Badass! That's how I describe this book, series, and author...she's my new author crush!

This book was great, don't get me wrong, but comparing it to the first book I just felt Brawler fell a little short. But I still loved it, Jonas and Macy are crazy good together. I can't wait for the next two books, I need to know about Tony damnit!

Maria says

I really like this books, they are different and you can not stop once you start

I hope the next one comes out soon

I love all the characters

Katja says

Another so great book. I really liked this one too and I fell in love with Rafe even more. It was also nice to see Venessa and Rogan again. And some place Boner stole the show. :)

Manda Jane says

Dang!

Another one bites the dust. I can't get enough of these b.a. women. Macy is awesome, Rafe is an ass but he makes u p for it. The only I will say that I didn't like is I wish one part wouldn't have happened. Why??? Totally broke my heart! On to the next!

Rachel says

And she did it again! Bloody loved this just as much as Brutal.

Marquita Davis says

love it... it real, its raw and its the dirty f***ing truth. Love K.S. Adkins style... I'm pretty sure i just found my new best friend.

Alex ? says

I wanted to write a longer review...

But the book turned out to be *not* what I expected.

It wasn't bad, no. I just had too high expectation after reading the 1st one.

The heroine was ok, I didn't quite understand why she let her ex treat her that bad and why she didn't fight back for so long.

The hero was so-so, well, he wasn't very bright *cough cough* and some things he said were just dumb - plain and simple DUMB; but overall he was an ok guy.

Too much drama toward the end and the twist with MJ was too painful.

Nevertheless a good and very different read.

Tara TUG says

Once upon a time there was a story about a captain and a princess. They fought hard- some times against each other, but always for each other. This is a fairy tale romance done fucking Detroit style. Badass chick takes on hot-tempered guy. I fell in love with Rafe; his endearing foot-in-the-mouth moments made me laugh out loud. Ms. Adkins brought all elements together to make an enjoyable read. You can't help, but fall in love with the story of Rafe and Macy. You will laugh, cuss, tear up, and in the end, smile.

Rafe fell hard for Macy. There was only one problem - he was shit with words. What he lacked in that department, he made up for in protection and persistence; as well as apologizing his ass off every time he messed up - trust me - it was a lot. Macy was strong. What I loved most about her was that it was like I could see her working through each situation like I was the one in the book. The author not only brought them together - she brought them to life.

In my opinion, Rafe and Macy took over my top K. S. Adkins couple award. The sex scenes were amazing. It seemed like when they were sexually frustrated, I was too. I loved every moment of this book. Did it piss me off? Yeah. That just shows how invested I was in the characters. I love having the protective side of me pulled out in a book that makes me want to cuss the author for any wrong doing I feel is taking place. From my perspective she just keeps getting better and better. It's fucking real talk put in a motherfucking romance book.
