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### Ripley

They call me RIP.

I'm a killer. A murderer. A psychopath.

In the eyes of the righteous, I'm a monster, born of sin and depravity.

I want to protect her, but I'm not a good man.

I want to love her, but I no longer feel.

She gets under my skin, though, and has awakened something inside of me.

Something I'd kill for.

I'm not her savior—not even close. In fact, I'm worse than the hell she's already suffered.

I'm her vengeance. Tit for tat, as they say.

And if she's not careful, I'll be her ruin.

### Dylan

For months, I've watched him.

I've fantasized him as my savior, my lover. My ticket out of the hell I've lived in for the last six years.

I never dreamed he'd be my nightmare.

Had I known what he really is, I'd have never gotten in the car that night, but life is full of cause and effect.

And sometimes the choice on offer isn't a choice at all.

It's the result of something already in motion, and we're merely left to survive the ripple effect.

\*This is an erotic suspense/erotic romance not recommended for readers under the age of 18 due to graphic violence and sex.

## Ripple Effect: Episode 3 Details

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**Elizabeth says**

**"Deal's not over yet."**

**Ripple Effect: Episode 3** is the third book in the Ripple Effect Series by Keri Lake, and once again I have been held captive by the addictive world of Rip and Dylan!

**"Had enough yet, Bandit?"**

**Ripple Effect: Episode 3** picks up directly after **Ripple Effect: Episode 2**. Dylan and Ripley find themselves thrown together and the hypnotic blend of their physical connection only spurs an emotional one to continue to bloom and eventually explode!

Ripley is torn as he has always kept himself isolated from love. Knowing that it is out of the question for him to get close to anyone because it would only put them in danger, he struggles with the feelings that are developing for his beautiful Bandit. Dylan is no stranger to the darkness that looms around her and yet, with Rip she feels safe. As more of Rip's past is revealed, the depth of their connection only grows. And just when you think they are safe, the ripple effect of their pasts collide with their present and threaten their future!

**"As long as you're mine, nothing touches you."**

Told in dual POV, **Ripple Effect: Episode 3** is another stunning addition to this series. The text is colored with action and suspense and the explosive connection between Rip and Dylan continues to grow stronger with each installment. The well-constructed story arc is rich with complexities, and the characters are so unique due to their personal growth and life experiences. As each layer of the plot unfolds, I have more questions that I cannot wait to be answered. This gripping series is certainly NOT one to miss! Now on to the final episode. No doubt, Rip, and Dylan will go out with a bang! I only hope they will find the strength to survive!

**\*\*\*Ripple Effect\*\*\***

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## warhawke says

**Genre:** Erotic Suspense

**Type:** Book 3 of 4 from Ripple Effect series

**POV:** First Person – Dual

**Rating:**

Episode 3 continues with Ripley and Dylan's story towards their end game. As Dylan worked to straightened her life, she and Ripley started to get comfortable with each other, but being comfortable in their lifestyle could be a very dangerous thing.

***He's not my savior. He's an angel with black wings. A dealer of death. My ruin.***

This time around we got to learn more about Rip's past - the path that paved the way to what he became today. He also started to show more vulnerabilities and that made him even more lovable to me.

***A woman like that is dangerous for a man like me, but letting her go is no longer an option.***

Dylan as usual, tend to have a rebellious streak that thrown her into predicaments. But I did like how fearless she was even when she's acting irrationally.

***We're fucked up— two wrongs that somehow make a right.***

Questions were answered in this episode and now it's up for the characters to make their moves. I'm betting for an explosive finale for this engaging series.

**Books in the series:**

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◆\*Arianna◆\* says

**5 Stars!!**

Keri Lake continues to keep me at the edge of my seat with this third installment. The story is utterly addictive and, once again, filled with suspense and action. It's dark, gritty, sexy, entertaining and I've read it in one sitting.

***"Tell me, Dylan. How does it make you feel knowing that I kill men, viciously and violently, but I haven't killed you?"***

This third episode, like its predecessor, picks up right where the last one ends. Dylan and Ripley's unconventional relationship continues. Both of them have changed since they have met. Dylan knows she should stay away from Ripple since he's a killer and Rip loves testing her at every turn. As much as he wants to, Ripley can't stay away from Dylan. Not anymore, not when she gets under his skin like no other.

***"A woman like that is dangerous for a man like me, but letting her go is no longer an option. I can't decide if she's a nightmare or a dream. All I know is that I want more of it. More of her.***

We find out more information about the two main characters' pasts in this installment. Both Dylan and Ripley are f@cked-up in an intriguing kind of way and both of their portrayals are fantastically written. Dylan is a smart, rebellious heroine I truly liked. As for Ripple...holy hotness...the man is dangerous and absolutely captivating.

I loved this third installment. Everything is so well done and engaging. The story-line is entertaining, the characters are enthralling and the writing is simply fabulous. The relationship between the two main characters is wonderfully done. Their connection is raw and powerful. Once again, the sex scenes between these two are sexy as f@ck.

*“When he rocks into me, all I can do is feel. Feel everything. His hands on my hips that keep me in place. His eyes that hold me captive. His dick that pumps in and out of me so good, I want to cry. I feel the full weight of Ripley pressing into me, pushing me to the edge. I want to stay in this place forever.”*

All in all, this third installment is simply awesome - gripping, with a well-developed plot and engaging characters. If you love dark and twisted reads, you don't want to miss this series. Trust me on this!

**Find me on:**

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**Lana ✶Dirty Girl Romance✶ says**

I'm addicted to this series! Addicted I tells ya <3

\*beta read\*

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**S.M. West says**

Okay, so you dark romance readers out there, you MUST read this series. It's highly addicted, dark, raw and soooo good!!

Keri's done an amazing job at balancing the dark and dangerous with all the ooey gooey feels of great romantic story. Yeah, I know what you're thinking! Seriously? Yes, seriously. I'll admit, Rip, the hero had me all messed up, but in the best way possible.

I'm going in for the fourth and final episode.

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**Astrid - The Bookish Sweet Tooth says**

5 BUTTERFLY STARS

*Preface: This review covers all four episodes in this series. I'm trying to be as vague as possible and to keep it spoiler-free so that those who haven't read all episodes yet can enjoy the full experience.*

Sometimes I like to venture into the darker corners of my mind with the help of a super talented author. When I hear Keri Lake has a new book coming out I'll hand over the reins and let her take me out of my comfort zone. I trust her to make me squirm uncomfortably...and still have a good time.

Dylan is only a few weeks away from her 18th birthday and it can't come quick enough. At the hand of her uncle she suffers unmentionable abuse which she only bears in a drugged up stupor and barely remembers what happened afterwards. Her mother died of a drug overdose, or that's what authorities want her to believe, and her father committed suicide. Dylan's only tether to a semblance of normalcy and the one being she cares most about is her dog Charlie. After another horrific experience with her uncle she has had enough and flees the filthy apartment. Having no money to get by is a problem so what's a girl to do?

Ripley is a hitman for one of the mob families competing for power in Chicago. When he follows one of his targets he observes a girl getting into the car of the man he is supposed to kill. He saves her from being raped and killed...and is bemused. Rip doesn't \*save\* people. He tortures them, makes them beg for a merciful death without remorse. This girl, though, is an enigma to him. She is innocent and yet she isn't, she is naive and still streetwise. Ripley doesn't need witnesses yet he sends her off on her way...but...he can't stop thinking about her. So what's a guy to do?

If you think loving a man like Rip is impossible let me tell you - it isn't. In some twisted logic Keri Lake makes you believe that this cold blooded, obviously psychopathic killer is deep down a good man. He is ruthless, twisted, charismatic and single minded in his focus on his target. Dylan brings out the tender feelings inside of him he didn't think he had. Is he gentle with her? Far from it. Their love is raw, violent and volatile.

*And as much as I fear that my demons will ultimately tear her apart, the disturbing reality is, they'd probably get drunk with hers and have a fucking orgy together.*

Dylan is a contradiction of naiveté and experience, innocence and jadedness, toughness and vulnerability. She fascinates the cruel Ripley and soon he finds himself entangled in a relationship with an expiry date. The more time he spends with her the more he obsesses about her and the more possessive he gets. And can I say he is HOT? Because, damn, he is!

*“This is what fascinates me about you. Doesn’t matter that you’re tied to a bed in a basement, facing all variety of gruesome outcomes, you never lose that spitfire attitude.”*

Dylan is probably my favorite heroine by Keri Lake as of yet. She is strong with enough softness, sweetness and vulnerability to make her relatable. She has a youth about her that belies the darkness inside her. I don't

think I would have survived the atrocities she experienced in her young life. Together Dylan and Rip are explosive but if you look closely there is a gentle side to their relationship that comes unexpected. I adored how they took care of each other, how these two broken souls fell in love and made sense despite their darkness.

*Merciless and merciful. Wild and broken. He's a raging fire, with the inclination to destroy whatever gets in his path, and I'm nothing but a small scrap of kindling. Yet the way he stares at me with such reverence, makes me feel like I'm the one holding the match.*

Keri Lake's gritty writing is flawless as usual. She tackles a very real and uncomfortable subject and passes with flying colors. The mood is intense. Sinister, brutal and raw and not for the faint of heart, yet in the end you'll find yourself deeply in love with a brutal killer and the love of his life.

If you haven't read a book by this author yet and love grungy and gritty tales I urge you to pick up one of her stories. You won't regret it.

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### ~ Stéphanie ~ Tied up in Romance ~ says

It's possible I didn't take a breath while reading this episode. It was either from the level of heat or because I was scared of what would happen.

Secrets are revealed and bonds are forged but one thing can shatter it all.

Feelings - that have no place to be - start to emerge. While Dylan battles with hers, will Rip be able to keep them away?

If it's even possible I loved this one more than the first two. The episode was sexier, more focus on Rip & Dylan's complex relation. These two definitely burns the sheets or the wall or anything surface available.

**" I may fuck you like you're a whore, but I've never treated you like one. There's a difference. Understand?"**

The last 20% blew my mind! OMG this is going to be an epic 4th episode!!

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## Stacey is Sassy says

\*\*\*It's ALIVE!!!\*\*\*

### The slide into 3 wasn't as smooth as the first 2...

Episode 3 has left me a little tweaked and jittery. I started *Ripple Effect ~ Episode 3* feeling confident that I knew what I was getting, could handle the pace and kind of got a little cocky. I learnt a very valuable lesson today, you should NEVER let yourself get cocky reading a *Keri Lake*. I'm sure she laughs at my cockiness.

See, of the three I've read this is by far the tamest when it comes to blood and gore but definitely had my mind playing tricks on me. I started to see hearts and flowers romance...well...the dark kind of hearts and flowers romance. You know, the hand to the throat in the middle of an intimate scene, to show how much you really care, kind. I thought that the barrier between them was turning into a barrier around them. I was convinced that they were starting to feel for each other. But, I was wrong. We are sooooo not there yet.

A few new chess players have made their moves and this game is turning quite ugly. With the ending we have been left with, it might even be that Rip and Dylan are not even on the same side anymore.

Has Dylan reached her breaking point?

Is Rip aware that he's protecting his opponent?

Will another person under Rip's protection be taken out?

The mind games are playing out and it's nearly time to see who will be standing at the end.

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## CC says

Without interruption in the timeline, Dylan and Rip become ensnared in a larger web of deceit. Knowing there are greater forces at play, Rip initiates certain steps in anticipation of protecting what is his. As he and Dylan continue to get closer, they begin to reveal more about each other's past, unified in pain, but Rip tries to insulate Dylan the best he can once his weakness is exposed.

“Everything he does is a confusing dance between dominance and reverence. A wolf cloaked in soft lamb’s wool.”

In this episode, more is revealed about Dylan’s past and how she’s been programmed over the years to respond to abuse. However, Dylan finds solace with Rip despite his rough and impersonal persona. With Dylan piercing a part of Rip that he believed to be permanently closed, there’s no doubt about his feelings and cravings for Dylan. The sexual chemistry between these two is off the charts and Rip is sex on fire!

“How’s that feel, Bandit? Huh?” My fingers dig into her shins slung over my shoulders, my willpower on the verge of cracking as I bury myself deep, so fucking deep she’s got my head spinning. “This what you wanted?”

When certain figures in the chain of command advance, Rip is unsure of motivating factors and the end game but it puts he and Dylan on high alert. Without many choices, Rip must play the game until Dylan discovers a connection that she could have never imagined.

“Her broken pieces are hidden behind a fragile mask of normalcy that could crack at any moment.”

In this third episode, the action is nonstop with varying factions vying for their rightful place. In addition, the sexual dynamic and intimacy between Rip and Dylan is scorching. From the beginning, I was waiting for a certain truth to be revealed and when it happened in this book, I absolutely loved the delivery and reaction. Rip continues to be a steamy, broody, possessive and protective character and it balances so well with Dylan’s humor, forthrightness and naivety at times.

In continuing this series, Keri Lake delivers such a captivating story with raw edginess, adrenaline charged pacing and characters that meld easily together. I highly recommend Ripple Effect!

Ripple Effect Series (must be read in order):

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*This was a (F)BR with Twinsie Hawkey!*

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**♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says**

Ripple Effect is a four-part novella series with a dark romance that is both intriguing and erotic. All parts of the series are now available with the plot thickening in this the third part. The most erotic book of the series so far sees Lake ramping up the suspense element in her gritty narrative with developments that left me riveted to the unfolding drama causing my complete investment in how this story would ultimately play out. A great read for those who love a darker romance.

Advance copy provided for my honest review thoughts \*

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**Elle says**

**5\* love on the brain STARS!!**

***Everything he does is a confusing dance between dominance and reverence. A wolf cloaked in soft lamb's wool. ~Dylan***

In episode two, the hit-man drive a hard bargain to the bandit. Well, at least for her. Ripley clearly ask for sex and in exchanged for money. They're begin to build chemistry naturally. I wouldn't call it insta-love but there is strong lust between them. Ripley also never cease to amazed me with his dark humor.

***There is no God here.  
He's not my savior.  
He's an angel with black wings.  
A dealer of death.  
My ruin. ~Dylan***

Dylan still has flashbacks and I think it has something to do with Ripley, or at least the person he works for. There's a bit tug-of-war between them and undeniable hugeee sexual tension. I really loved how they're burn for each other. The sex was OH.MY.GOD kind of thing. Ripley and his dirty talks? Yum!

***"I want to watch you come."***

**“Why?”**

**“Because that’s your truth and I need to see your face when you succumb to it. When you shatter for me. ~Ripley**

***I wish he didn’t have this effect on me. I wish his mouth and hands didn’t carry whatever poison he spreads on my skin that makes me so pliant, bending, always bending to his will. The fight is what he craves, but he makes it impossible when his mouth feels like heaven and his touch is salvation. ~Dylan***

Their non-existent relationship definitely getting better. Once again, Ripley shown his humane side. Damn, If it isn't romantic for a killer but he really did something that swooned me. They're looks like a normal couple in this twisted world. But it doesn't last long. Ripley still has a job and Dylan already occupied his mind.

***I didn’t intend to keep her, but I also didn’t intend for her to penetrate the walls I’ve constructed to avoid all this shit, because men like me don’t trust enough to love. My heart’s only function is to keep me alive, and I don’t even trust the bastard to do that for long. For years I’ve been numb. Impenetrable.***

***Dylan’s somehow etched herself deep beneath my skin, though, so rather than fight it, I’ll do everything in my power to protect her. ~Ripley***

Half of this book shown their intimate moment and I really enjoyed it. However, Dylan isn't a Cinderella and no happily ever after with Ripley, for now. Something happened and they're not in good terms.. Ripley stated that he didn't trust anyone. I missed how they fight because Dylan is no weak heroine. She's still brave and feisty; sometimes naive. Overall, I loved this episode. And the ending shocked me to the core. Unpredictable and sucks.

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### **Jen says**

4.5 stars!!!!

Again I have to say that I'm loving this dark read! I'm bummed that I have to wait for the last instalment until April 7th! At least it isn't a year!!!!

In this instalment I have loved to see the softer side of our characters! Well....as soft as either one of them can be! I also love how they are both so extremely flawed but they overlook each other's badness and love each other regardless! I'm sure either one would whip a gun out at me for even thinking the word love around them! Lol! After all; they are too tough for that!!!

Now my waiting begins!!! And I'm so glad I picked this serial up! Keri Lake knows how to write an anti-hero the RIGHT way!!!!

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**Olga therebelreader says**

\*\*\*\*5 STARS\*\*\*\*

**Bad guy, good sex, true love...** Episode 3 has everything I love in a romantic suspense book.

The author has created a strong and sexy hero and a smart heroine. In this book, no one is perfect. The relationship Ripley and Dylan find is quite scary but is exactly what they both are looking for, if they have the courage to fight for it. And, although there are a lot of hot sexual interactions, the story has added layers and depth that just sneak up on you and give you a great read.

The story is fast-paced, twisty and intriguing. I was completely surprised at some points. The story is very well written with steady and gradual development of their hot relationship, a pairing of an increasingly possessive male with a young-and-so-sexy girl used to running her own show and calling all the shots.

The book ends on a huge cliffhanger and if you love romantic/erotic suspense novels, I highly recommend this series! If you like dark romances, but find many of them the same story over and over - you should check this out!!

In short:

**Hero 5/5 | Heroine 5/5 | Plot (Point, Originality) 5/5 | Writing Style 4/5 | Steam 5/5 | Romance 4/5 | Angst-Suspense 5/5 | Darkness 4/5 | Humor 0/5 | Secondary Characters 4/5 | Drama-Conflict 5/5 | Mystery 3/5 | Twists 5/5 | Pacing Fast | Action 4/5**

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**Patty Belongs To Kellan~Jesse~Lautner~Miller~Jack~Racer~Rafe~Liam~Prince Nicholas~Hayes~Simon~Gianluca & Archer says**

\*\*\*\*\***FIVE STARS\*\*\*\*\***

{ARC Generously Provided by Author}

**A woman like that is dangerous for a man like me, but letting her go is no longer an option. I can't decide if she's a nightmare or a dream. All I know is that I want more of it. More of her.**

**THE RIPPLE EFFECT** series is highly addictive, super dark, and decadently steamy!! Each episode is better than the last. This particular episode packed a punch with the steam and it delivered the romance that I have been patiently waiting for. In *Episode Three*, Rip and Dylan are getting to know each other on a much deeper level.

Dylan and Rip are beginning to feel that that is more than just an undeniably hot attraction between them. They are becoming to mean a whole lot more to each other and it scares them both equally. They're revealing things about themselves to each other which strengthens the bond between them. But Rip continues to warn Dylan that there is no possible way that they can have a future together. No matter how hard she tries to act as if her heart is not being broken by his words, Dylan can't help but feel completely rejected by the man she is slowly starting to fall in love with.

Dylan meets a woman from Rip's past that only brings forth even more unanswered questions. And when Rip makes the mistake of showing how much Dylan means to him, it ends up putting her in a very precarious situation. Things are not looking good for Dylan by the time we get to the end of this episode but hopefully, love will conquer all and these two will ride off into the sunset together by the time we reach the conclusion in Episode Four.

I can't praise this series enough!! It's freaking amazing!! Keri Lake is another author that I am happy to add to my automatic must read shelf now!

**THE RIPPLE EFFECT: EPISODE THREE** is currently available! Make sure you one-click this series!

AMAZON: <http://hyperurl.co/cyzs6b>

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**Eve Recinella (Between The Bookends) says**

Same cover as book one. See my thoughts on that review.

Episode 3 kicks off right where we left off in book two. Dylan and Rip grow closer, and we learn a little more history about both of them. We also get to see a softer side of Rip. He is still batshit crazy, but Dylan brings out something in him. I love the relationship these two have. It's raw and filthy and powerful.

The pacing of these novellas is fantastic. They suck you in from page one and don't let up until you are smacked in the face with a cliffy that makes you want to hunt down the author and make her turn over the next book tout suite. I think this episode has the worst one yet and I am DYING to get my hands on episode four. I just know the conclusion is going to blow us all away!

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