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Solo fue necesaria una mirada... para convertirme en una mentirosa.

Mi vida es un desastre.

Amo a un hombre. No, amo a dos.

Creo...

Uno me hace el amor, el otro consigue que arda.

Uno es mi roca; el otro, mi kriptonita.

Estoy rota, perdida, y me odio a mí misma, pero no puedo detenerme.

Esta es mi historia.

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Te removerá por dentro.

La devorarás y no podrás sacártela de la cabeza.

No te dejará indiferente.

Y tardarás mucho en olvidarla..., si es que llegas a hacerlo.

## La perdición de Cathy Details

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## From Reader Review La perdición de Cathy for online ebook

Viri says

¡ATENCIÓN! Opinión impopular.

Este es para mí, el ejemplo perfecto de como una escritora puede cargarse a un personaje PERFECTO de un plumazo. Y de como escribir una historia atroz.

*Si amaste este libro como el 92% de personas por aquí en GR ni siquiera sigas leyendo. No te va a gustar mi reseña y ¿pa'que hacerte perder tu tiempo?*

*Mejor no la leas y ya.*

No puedo hablar de esta historia sin contar algunos spoilers y además... no quiero guardármelos porque me da que este libro es de esos que tengo que contarles así... al chile. A lo que voy pues.

"La perdición de Cathy" no es una novela de amor. Ni siquiera cerca. **Este, es un libro que sirve para demostrarnos la estupidez humana.** ¿Y saben que es lo peor? que es por parte de los tres personajes principales. ENNNNNN SERIOOOOO...

A ver, la historia va más o menos así...

**Cathy es una chica boba, superficial e insegura que es demasiado bonita para su propio bien, un día conoce a un extraño y TAN TAN... SE BESAN, y sienten maripositas y se enamoran y se casan y viven felices por un tiempo. Su matrimonio es perfecto y shaala.** De telenovela pues.

¿Como un matrimonio de años puede terminar de forma tan humillante? ¿Como el amor puede acabar en un abrir y cerrar de ojos? ¿Cómo puedes amar a otra persona mientras AMAS a tu marido? ¿Cómo superar pérdida tras pérdida de lo que más anhelas?

Bien, pues aquí lo descubres de una forma muy cruda, cruel, sin filtro y muy bizarra.

Por un lado, tenemos al protagonista casi perfecto. Ben es ese protagonista que hace que se te caigan las bragas en cuanto lo ves pasar. Es ese personaje lleno de matices que logra conquistarte en un abrir y cerrar de ojos. **Noooo, si yo al 4% ya estaba enamorada de él. Así de perfecto es. Pero en el buen sentido. No es de esos protagonistas perfectamente cansinos que hartan con su halo de perfección. No, él es INCREÍBLE.**

*Pero tiene un problema, es demasiado positivo y perfecto... siempre trata de solucionar las cosas y pensar que todo saldrá bien.*

En fin, que el que sea perfecto es la excusa perfecta para Cathy porque a nuestra protagonista le viene valiendo 3 pepinos. Y debido a su positividad... se cargó un amor puro, dulce, romántico, sensual, divertido y atrapante en menos de lo que canta un gallo.

Y sí, que la chica se hizo del rogar, pero me digo yo... **¿en serio el amor era tan poco como para no resistir las insistencias de otra persona?** Que yo entiendo que Arsen estaba más bueno que Bratt Pitt en Troya, pero eso a mí no me checa.

**Para mí. El amor en pareja es solo así. EN PAREJA. DOS. Y llámenme puritana, pero a mí nadie me**

*convence de que se puede amar a dos personas al mismo tiempo.*

Cathy es una mujer casada, que después de haber tenido varios abortos involuntarios cae rendida por un hombre menor que ella, con el cual comienza una aventura. **Su personaje es desde un principio detestable. Porque ya iniciando sabes que esta historia va sobre traición, lujuria. INFIDELIDAD.**

**Me pareció una mustia. PERRA, MOSQUITA MUERTA.** Que justificaba sus acciones en el dolor por haber perdido a sus hijos no natos. Que justificaba su lujuria y el engaño, con la envidia que sentía por BEN. Porque era eso, envidiaba su perfección, su fortaleza ante las crudas circunstancias que vivían.

**Y ya, así como así... se deja seducir por Arsen y mientras ella se moría de orgasmos y más orgasmos, a BEN que se lo lleve la chin...**

NO  
NO  
NO.

**Es que en mi cabeza no cabe el que una persona que dice amar a su esposo de años. Pueda engañar y traicionarlo solo por un par de "polvos casuales" (sus palabras no mías). Cathy es una persona enferma. Pero que en ningún momento logra que el lector empaticé con sus actitudes.**

Y no olvidemos hablar de Arsen, un niño acostumbrado a conseguir todo lo que desea. PAAAAAR FAVOR... vean esta perla de su repertorio....

*« La vi, la deseé, y la cogí, aunque en el proceso me cargué un buen matrimonio. »*

UGH!  
INSOPORTABLE ES POCO.

**Ben merece algo totalmente mejor, pero tampoco es un personaje admirable, porque en el último 15% la autora lo arruina terriblemente convirtiéndolo en un hombre dañino. PATÉTICO. Un canalla, sin corazón. Un patán.** Aunque admito que sus perlas si valen la pena... vean la frase matona que se sacó de su repertorio...

*« ¿Sabes qué? Vamos a exponer toda la puta verdad. Ya he oído tus patéticas excusas, ¿qué te parece si ahora me escuchas tú? Déjame decirte algo, Cathy, espero que estés feliz... Porque Arsen puede poseer tu corazón, tu cuerpo, pero siempre te sentirás vacía, porque yo soy el puto dueño de tu maldita alma. Tu alma es parte de la mía, y siempre lo será. Yo me curaré, aprenderé a amar de nuevo, pero tú... Te compadezco.»*

Y por si fuera poco... ARSEN SE VUELVE UN HÉROE!!!! Aquí Arsen en mi cabeza?

¡QUE VIVA SU GENTILEZA! Es tan bueno que se sacrificó por amor... yupiiiiiiii? #NO

**yEn fin, que es una novela que no me ha gustado. Porque independientemente del lado que tomes en esta historia, no hay nada bueno que pueda aportar. La narrativa de Mía es más bien normalita, incluso aburrida. La historia es detestable. Los personajes son mejorables, sus personalidades (con**

**excepción de Ben al principio) están terriblemente dibujadas en el papel.**

No logras comprender al 100% por qué Cathy engañó a su marido.

No puedes saber realmente si Arsen se enamoró de Cathy.

No sabes si Ben también debía de ser perdonado.

**Porque en una historia de traición e infidelidad no hay un culpable. Hay tres y a mi parecer, en este libro ni siquiera logras conectar con ninguno como para tomar partido.**

Además, la autora deja demasiados cabos sueltos, y nos quiere venir a convencer con una Cathy más decidida a cambiar con su psicóloga que merece su HEA.

Y para mí NO LO HACE. **No porque sea una perra egoísta y sin corazón, que merezca estar sola, sino porque a pesar de todo lo sufrido y vivido, sigue siendo una mujer frágil que necesita de un hombre a su lado para "estar completa" SU AMOR...** por cualquiera de los dos es TÓXICO. Y también el de la hija.

En fin, que no es una lectura que recomendaría... como siempre digo, **lean más reseñas y no se queden con la mía que claramente me toca los puntos sensibles y mis rollos morales y convicciones pueden ser un impedimento para que disfrute de este tipo de libros.**

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## **Angie - Angie's Dreamy Reads says**

This Review was posted at Angie's Dreamy Reads!

*"A gut wrenching, heart breaking, painful story of love, betrayal and forgiveness. Pulse pounding, anger inducing and emotionally draining. Simply magnificent. One of my favorite reads this year." - Angie's Dreamy Reads*

“Love can destroy you.  
Love can erase you.  
Love can heal you.  
Love can reinvent you,  
And, if you are lucky enough,  
Love can make you whole again.” - Arsen by Mia Asher

This book is a DOOZY to review. Damn....I don't even know where to start. I guess first off I should say that I freaking LOVED it. It's not everyday you stumble on a mind blowing book that literally consumes your life. There are only certain books that can take a hold of every aspect of your body and NOT LET YOU go. This book tangles your very core in knots. It takes your heart and literally owns it with every word that buries deeply into your heart. It infiltrates all your senses and breaks you down page by page. I knew this was a fantastic book when I put it down and said to myself "My God! I'm exhausted, numb, burnt out, drained BUT weirdly okay." Arsen by Mia Asher absolutely tore me to shreds. This book is ANGST to the purest kind. It's one of those books that you wish you could unread and then re read again. The emotional pull it has on your body, heart and mind is intense, tangible and palpable. It's gripping and doesn't let you go until you've read the last page, last paragraph and last word. There's nothing like it. Nothing. This story is new, magnetic and honestly captivating. It's not an easy read. It's heartbreaking, absolutely tear inducing and HURTS to read. It's going to shatter you in every way. It's going to piss you off. It's going to blow your

mind. At the end I think you'll be left feeling hopeful. Hopeful that NO MATTER what happens, what mistakes a person makes, what hurts a person inflicts, if you have true, pure and UNCONDITIONAL love for someone you can conquer all. I'm a hopeless romantic and this book was like a musical note to my song. It fed that deep seated need in me that true love always wins out. Sometimes love is messy, it's hurtful and it breaks people. Sometimes life has moments where things happen to us that are out of our control. Things that take a NORMAL, WHOLE person and shatter them. When that happens people become cold, despondent and broken. They become someone that they don't know and someone that hurts other people because they've lost the passion for life. The passion to live, love and accept things that are out of our control. Arsen in my opinion is a story of learning from our mistakes, forgiving those that have hurt us, and choosing to let go. It's a story of hope, love, heartache and sorrow. A story of new beginnings and brighter futures. I thought it was beautiful, magnificent and one of the best books I have EVER had the pleasure of reading. It's what I call a "sweetly torturous read!" It hurt so bad but felt so fucking incredible when I turned that last page. I couldn't, can't and would never have enough of this author's writing and these characters. This book is phenomenal, heart pounding, tear inducing and out of this world fantastic. If you want to feel...feel alive, mind f\*cked, pissed, annoyed, moved, torn, happy then this is the book for you. This book will make you feel all that and more. It will break you down, build you up and then shatter you again. I think as readers we read to feel, to escape, to connect to something deeper than what we get in life. Arsen is the perfect example of that. It's emotionally earth shattering and is going to move you whether good or bad. Sometimes the books that piss us off the most are the books that make a lasting impression. Arsen is going to leave its mark. There's no doubt about it. You'll remember this book next year, the year after and the year after that. It's memorable, absolutely worth the risk, the heartbreak and the angst. It's a fantastic read that's going to ROCK you to your core. So go get the book, hang on tight and get ready for angst, heartbreak, sizzling sex and emotion that's on the scale of 1-10 is a 20!!!!!! It's an unforgettable read.

“Love is infinite. There is no beginning and no end. There's no starting point and no finishing line. Love just is. Love is born, grows, matures, and sometimes it dies. But the memory will remain with you for the rest of your breathing hours. You will fall in love, you will fall out of love. But you will love again. You always do.” - Arsen

I guess I should offer a slight warning in-case you missed the gist of this book. It contains BLATANT cheating. Now I know this might be a turnoff to some but I would compel you to try it and take the risk. I really think you can learn a little from this book. I'm not gonna go too deeply into the plot. I think this book should be "experienced" without knowing a lot of what happens. I will however give you a couple things. Cathy is married to Ben. Their marriage is seemingly perfect. Ben is THE sweetest guy in the whole damn world. No joke. If you could add a picture next to the word perfection in the dictionary I think Ben would be there. He LOVES Cathy and he accepts her no matter what. He's faithful, sweet, giving and sexy as shit. Cathy and Ben have a good marriage. But things start to go badly when Cathy starts having miscarriage after miscarriage. She can't seem to bring a pregnancy to term and slowly this eats at her. Demolishing her spirit one loss at a time and breaking her down to nothing. As these losses add up in Cathy's life, she starts retreating into herself. Ben the ever present, perfect husband tries to soothe and be there for his wife but his perfection slowly pushes Cathy away. Ben is SO perfect that it turns Cathy off and makes her worse. I know it's NOT an excuse to cheat but it is what it is. This woman's entire world is shattered by these miscarriages and she feels that Ben isn't suffering the same way she is. Is it fucked up?! Fuck yes, but it's how SHE feels and I'm sorry you can't discount her feelings and her broken heart. We all react differently to loss and life.

“Sometimes not being in control, not being able to think, just losing yourself in the moment, is the greatest feeling in the world. It's liberating. It's addicting. It's the most powerful high you'll ever get. It's a kind of freedom that tastes so sweet on your palate that you can't help but want

more each time you have it.” - Arsen

Arsen enters Cathy's world and gives her something that Cathy's been longing for! ESCAPE. Escape from her marriage, herself, her problems, her world. It's an affair that SHATTERS Cathy and her marriage.

You'll see the breakdown of EVERYTHING in this book. You'll see the start of an affair, the retreat from Ben and the slow shattering of Cathy's world. She single handedly self destructs and the worst part is she takes the ones she loves the most down with her. ALL of this is in the book. It's an absolute PERFECT look into the breakdown of a marriage. One that might not be able to be saved.

“Love is never supposed to hurt. Love is supposed to heal, to be your haven from misery, to make living fucking worthwhile.” - Arsen

I felt like this author portrayed a perfect depiction of cheating. It felt so real and heartbreaking. It's definitely gritty and raw. I loved it. I'm in the minority as far as hating Cathy. I loved her and I understood her. I felt for her and I absolutely hurt for Ben. I was NEVER a fan of Arsen and at times hated him for his part in all this. I'm not gonna lie, this book KILLED me. I hurt. I hurt all over and there were particular scenes were I was actually curled up in a ball sobbing for these characters. For their suffering. For their loss of both love and life. It's gut wrenching but WORTH IT. I know I fell in love with it and it left its mark on me. Cathy might be hated by you. You might feel completely different than what I did but no matter WHAT the outcome I think it'll be memorable and you'll be happy you took the chance to read it. You have Ben the perfect husband, Cathy the cheating wife and Arsen the asshole playboy that takes Cathy from Ben. It's a wildfire that burned their world down. It's blazing hot, soaring with emotion and all consuming!!!! Do it. Take a chance, read it and get ready for a whirlwind romance that's going to leave you in flames.

**My rating is 5+++ Stars**

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♥ Jx PinkLady Reviews ♥ says

\*\* Second time reading \*\*

**Buddy read with Liz. I knew what was coming... and still I sobbed at the key moment.... the place that hurt my heart the most when I first read. The angst in this story is as sublime as the first day I read it. LOVED. MY. RE-READ. <3**

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*#6Stars for this incredible, powerful, gut wrenching story....*

*“If only I had known that it takes more than love to make a marriage work, then maybe our story would*

*be different."*

I really don't know where to start with my review and convey my feelings about this amazing story and fabulous writing.....I went through a range of emotions.....at first I thought, 'silly woman' what are you doing???? I felt anger, disgust, (how could she??), my understanding developed and, with that, a great love for all 3 characters.....I felt sorrow, sadness, sympathy, so many feelings.....it's had me in bits these last 2 days, I finished last night and it's still affecting me...I found it **that** powerful. I'm not going to tell you what happens....you'll have to read it for yourself but I'm going to explain what I think about this very emotive story.

**"Ben makes colours seem brighter when he walks into a room, he makes my heart feel as if it wants out of my chest every time I see him or think of him. He makes my world spin."**

The relationship and dynamic between husband and wife came across very clearly.

Ben & Cathy's romance is told by showing glimpses of their past...how they met when she was just 18 and he was 22, how they felt.....it gives a beauty to the story. They had an intense attraction to each other...it was all consuming, a forever kind of love and it felt so very real to me.....brought back my own feelings of when I met my one true love.....it made this story extra poignant and sad.

Ben is so nice, I loved him from the start, but him being so nice and perfect, in the face of their situation.... **drives Cathy mad** ....she needs more than, 'it will be ok'....because for her it may **not** be.....He thinks she's too negative..... **"....so I just don't talk to him about it anymore..."**

He becomes a constant reminder of their situation.....making love becomes a means to an end....

**"For you I will do anything. Anything." ~Ben**

**"Am I so desensitized to him....."**

*My heart was breaking for them.....how can something so perfect and so right go so wrong???????*

*Face your fears and your issues.....COMMUNICATE.....*

**Arsen** is a young, rich man and used to getting what he wants....

**"He is danger."**

She is attracted to him....

She knows it's wrong .....they become friends, he lets her be who she needs to be...he doesn't judge her.....he provides her need for numbness.....

**"He made me forget."**

I should have disliked him but I couldn't help but warm to him and love him which makes the story even more conflicting to read.....

***"With one look, Arsen provides the warmth I didn't know I needed until this very moment. "Oh Dimples."***

Arsen will not be for everyone, some people will hate Cathy's character, I understand that.....the blurb tells us clearly that cheating is the major theme in this story, it's not pretty, in fact it's downright ugly at times.....it emotes strong emotions and reactions..... The subject does not sit well with me, it's not an easy subject, but it's NOT black and white and that's life isn't it? We have to trust that in the end life will lead us to make the right choices for us, despite all the crazy shit it might throw at us.....and the right choice can be changeable and organic and not always palatable.

What we see in this book is a girl called Cathy living her own individual journey.... and, personally, I grew to love her.....I didn't love her decisions but I understood them, I could see her character had real motivation, I got her ....I feel a strong desire to defend her....the character development is amazing.....the writing made me empathize with Cathy.....live her pain, her sadness, her emptiness, her disgust and devastation.....I felt it all. What she does is deplorable, there's no getting away from it, it can NOT be condoned.....she herself makes no excuses, hates herself but cannot stop the path she's on.

***"A lying, cheating deceitful woman like me should suffer." \*\*\*And believe me she does\*\*\****

***"What is it like to have your heart ripped out when you can't have what nature was meant to provide?"***

What would you do if there was something that would numb an unbearable pain, bring back the light.....would you take it, even if it meant sacrifice??

She has an all consuming fear and pain, she's in a dark reality.....she's losing herself and it's affecting everything.....

How would you feel faced with a pain so raw?

***"I want to not feel. Not one thing."***

What would be your band aid, your tonic, your solace?

***"Make me forget. Please, make me forget."***

♥ Can you love two men at the same time?

This book also explores.....love and it's different forms, (is love enough?) fate, life choices, judgement and loss .....this book was a very special read.

It gave me answers.....left questions.....sadness.....left me wanting more.

I felt everything.....for all 3 characters, not just Cathy. All 3 of them are in my heart.....in fact, truth be told, and having reflected on it for a couple of days, it's Ben who my tears flowed for the most, especially hearing his thoughts; (view spoiler) I think this story is going to be with me for a while.....

"Love is infinite. There is no beginning and no end. There's no starting point and no finishing line. Love just is. Love is born, grows, matures, and sometimes it dies. But the memory will remain with you for the rest of your breathing hours. You fall in love, you fall out of love. But you will love again. You always do." ~ Cathy

- ♥ I would **LOVE** to see this story made into a film.
- ♥ Someone please make it so???
- ♥ It would be beautifully epic!!!

♥ Heartbreaking BR with B&D pinks ♥ Thank you for being there ladies....love Jxxx ♥

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## Candace says

### Oh, What A Web We Weave...

I procrastinated a lot while I was reading this book, trying to postpone the inevitable tear-fest that I knew was coming. I may have delayed it by a day or two, but eventually, I had to just give in, find out what happened, and grab the Kleenex. Then, I cried...A LOT.

Cathy is unhappily married to a wonderful husband, who worships the ground she walks on. She loves her husband, Ben, immensely, but the devastation of multiple miscarriages has left her a changed woman. The resultant strain on her marriage continues to grow, as Cathy doesn't feel she can be open and honest with Ben about how she's feeling.

Assigned as a mentor for Arsen, the playboy son of her new boss, the two enter into a flirtatious friendship. Initially, Cathy rebuffs Arsen's advances. However, she soon finds herself confiding in him and becoming more responsive to his advances.

Arsen wants Cathy, and he doesn't make any bones about it. He doesn't care that she is married. He only cares about the attraction that exists between them and actively pursues her, regardless of the cost.

As the state of her marriage continues to decline, Cathy succumbs to temptation. She chooses to turn her back on her marriage and engage in a torrid affair with Arsen, leaving a path of destruction in her wake. Hearts are broken. Lives are wrecked.

This was an emotional and intense read about love, lust and betrayal. It was painful to "watch". So many times, I wanted to jump into the pages to stop Cathy before it was too late. I felt helpless and powerless as

the story unfolded, unable to stop the impending disaster, but wanting so badly to do so.

The story of Cathy, Ben and Arsen will take you on a painful journey of discovery. Beautifully written, each of the characters comes to life in a way that will have you living their pain with them as if it were your own. Bravo, Ms. Asher!

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## Miranda Kellaway says

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Ante todo he de decir que, como cualquier lector (y por partida doble, porque también soy escritora), amo y respeto los libros. Me gusta sumergirme en ellos, paladearlos (en sentido figurado), disfrutarlos. Y por eso he sentido, con toda sinceridad, y sin ánimo de causar malestar alguno a nadie, que esta novela es una **patada en la boca** no solo al género al que dice pertenecer (novela Romántica), sino a la literatura en general. La perdición de Cathy es la historia más deplorable con la que me he encontrado en toda mi vida. Es sucia, frívola, absurda hasta decir basta, y tiene la profundidad de un charco de agua dulce. Y no, lo que me ha molestado profundamente no es que hable de adulterio. O de engaños. O que tenga personajes odiosos. Una historia puede tener todos esos ingredientes y ser sublime. Madame Bovary, Lolita o Cumbres Borrascosas son claros ejemplos de ello. Historias maravillosas, excelentemente bien escritas, que reflejan la podredumbre del ser humano en todo su esplendor. Pero este libro es una novela **TRAMPOSA**. Hace pasar una pútrida relación a tres por una historia de amor inolvidable. Y romántica. RO-MÁN-TI-CA.

Y lo peor: es que el amor no está por ningún lado. NO LO HAY. Hay mucha palabrería, escenas de relleno y folleteo a montones. Pero **NO** amor. Los diálogos son ridículos, y la escritura es tan pobre, pero tan pobre, Dios mío, que me daban ganas de llorar. Me senté con el libro y con un racimo de uvas bien grande al lado. Por cada vez que aparecían las palabras "polla", "coño", "follar" (en todos sus tiempos verbales), "hoyuelos" y "nena" me comía una uva. Pues me terminé el racimo mucho antes de alcanzar el 70% de la novela. Si hubiera decidido tomarme chupitos ahora mismo tendría una cogorza de campeonato.

Ah. Y la tremenda maravilla que es Arsen. Todo un portento él. Tan hermoso como la tumba de un rico. Preciosa y bien tallada por fuera, y por dentro llena de gusanos y huesos de muertos. Una porquería de hombre y de persona. Asqueroso. Vomitivo. Cada vez que lo veía aparecer, me daban ganas de cogerle por los cabellos y estrellarle la cara contra la primera mesa disponible. Y no, lo de Jessica es un truco de lo más tonto para intentar suavizar la imagen de semejante engendro.

Y lo que más gracia me hace son esas recomendaciones de: si vas a leer el libro hazlo "con la mente abierta". ¿¿¿¿¿¿ ¿De verdad? Pues no, no creo que tenga que leerla con la mente abierta. Lo que tengo que hacer es tener mucha paciencia y sujetarme bien los ovarios para que no me estallen. Si esto es una "historia de amor diferente" y se va a poner de moda, AVÍSENME, porque diré adiós a este género para siempre. Si este es el concepto de amor que tenemos en el siglo XXI, me bajo de la vida. Estoy completamente a favor de relatar historias duras y controvertidas, pero... ¿cómo podemos **romantizar** semejantes comportamientos cavernícolas y justificarlos?

Me siento enfadada. Estafada. Después de esta nefasta experiencia, mando a la autora directamente al calabozo de los never again.

I'm done with you, Mia Asher. DONE.

EDITO: Si queréis ver algunas de las "perlitas literarias" de este portento importado, leed los comentarios. Aviso que contienen spoilers. No me hago responsable de que os explote el cerebro.

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## Christy says

### More than 5 Incredible & Intense stars!!!

*Arsen* is full of angst, love, sex, passion, devastation, heartbreak. I am a little speechless right now. Trying to convey my feelings for this book is proving to be difficult. This was an amazing read. It was just brilliant. Cathy's story is controversial. It is hard to read at times.. This one really threw me for a loop. It left me with a major case of the feels.

Let me introduce you to Cathy. This is her story...

I'm a cheater.  
I'm a liar.  
My whole life is a mess.

I love a man.  
No, I love two men...  
I think.

One makes love to me. The other sets me on fire.  
One is my rock. The other is my kryptonite.

I'm broken, lost, and disgusted with myself.

But I can't stop. This is my story.  
My broken love story.

Cathy narrates most of this broken love story. We get a back and forth, into the past and present. Cathy has a life most people would envy. She is married to the perfect man who loves and adores her. She has a good job. She should be happy. She should feel fulfilled. But she isn't. She doesn't. She feels incomplete. Defective. Reality has not been kind to Cathy. The one thing she has always wanted in life, to become a mother, is out of her reach. It's tearing her apart from the inside out. It's making her resent Ben and his perfection. It's changing her, changing everything.

Cruel reality has a way of always catching up to you, no matter how fast or how far you run;  
reality has a way to destroy ones hopes and dreams.

Cathy. I'm not sure if I was supposed to hate her or love her or both... but I actually loved her. She was such a real and relatable character. There are going to be some people who don't like her at all, and that's okay. Of course I didn't love or agree with all of her actions, but I understood them. Understood her. Cathy's story

is real. It is raw. I appreciated that. And I loved being in Cathy's head.

Cathy and Ben met when she was eighteen, just a college freshman. They were so in love. Ben is the best kind of man. He is funny, charming, handsome, sexy, attentive and he truly only sees Cathy. Most woman would die to have a man like him. It is impossible not to love Ben.

They have the 'perfect' marriage. They both love each other, they always have. But is love enough?

I felt like I could conquer the world with his love. ?I felt invincible.

If only I had known that it takes a lot more than love to make a marriage work, then maybe our story would be different.

If only.

Ben does everything he can to try to help Cathy, to understand her. It broke my heart reading some things from Ben's perspective. Cathy wants to be the perfect wife, but it's hard. She feels like everything is falling around her. She can't break free of her life. She doesn't know what she wants, but she can't keep living her life like this.

Sometimes I feel like the normalcy of our lives will drive me insane.

?One night, things change. She meets someone who changes her. His name is Arsen. Arsen is at a business meeting with Cathy and he is immediately attracted to her. Being a young, rich, devastatingly sexy playboy, Arsen is used to getting exactly what he wants. And he wants her. She can't deny the attraction she feels to him, but she is a married woman. She can't go there. Cathy is not a bad person. She is not out to hurt anyone. She will resist temptation, she has no choice. But there is something about Arsen, something that gets to her.

His smile is electrifying.

His smile frightens me.

His smile hypnotizes me.

Arsen and Cathy have some crazy sexual tension. They flirt, hang out at work, and become really close friends. Arsen is someone who will listen to Cathy without judging. He won't just tell her 'everything is going to be okay'. She needs that in her life. She needs him in her life.

'If you ever feel like you need to talk to someone... if you ever feel like fear is making it hard for you to breathe... talk to me. I'm here for you, Dimples. I'm here.'

It was so hard not to fall for Arsen. I was so conflicted with myself. Arsen was far from perfect, but you could tell what he felt for Cathy was real. The more time Cathy and Arsen spend together, the more temptation calls to them. Arsen does something for Cathy. He lets her feel what she feels, be herself. Something she so desperately needs.

With Arsen, I can finally grieve and not pretend everything is alright. With Arsen, I can let my emotions take over me and not be ashamed. With Arsen, I can be me.

?Oh what a tangled web we weave...

Sometimes not being in control, not being able to think, just losing yourself in the moment is the greatest feeling in the world. It's liberating. It's addicting. It's the most powerful high you'll ever get.

Can you love two people at the same time? How can you live with yourself knowing that you are destroying someone you love? When you are broken, drowning in your life, does it really matter? How do you cope knowing everyone you care about is being torn apart by your actions?

I have to make a choice once again.

And it doesn't matter what choice I make. Which path I choose to follow. Either way, I will break my own heart. I will lose a part of myself.

But I think I already have.

I love two men.

And this time, the monster that I am, the one I've become, will bring someone else down with me. It's the darkness in me, I tell you...It follows me everywhere I go, spreading like spilled black ink on white paper.

Love has the power to destroy you.

Are some things too broken to ever be repaired?

I will say it... I don't have a team. I feel like it is impossible to choose. Ben and Arsen both worked their way into my heart. I really feel that I would have felt the same no matter what happened. If I had to pick, I pick Cathy. I may be the only Team Cathy out there, but I wanted her to find happiness, completion, something to fill that void inside of her in a healthy way.

It hurt to read parts of this story. The author has a way of making you care about and love these characters, flaws and all. Just knowing that its going to end badly for one or maybe all of them made me miserable. The ending was bittersweet. When it was over, I just sat there for a while thinking... part of me was elated. I was so happy- but a big part of me was devastated. I finished it last night, and I'm still not sure how I feel. This is a nail biter. One that makes you feel like you have an anvil sitting on your chest. I felt like I couldn't breathe when reading part of this... but I love when any book can affect me like that. It was intense and unpredictable. It was a story about a broken woman trying to find some sort of way to survive. An honest and real story about love, lust, temptation. It's a story that broke my heart, made me feel so strongly, and just touched me.

Quick disclaimer- there is cheating. I know you can tell from the blurb, but it's there. Mass amounts of cheating. I know reading about cheating bothers a lot of you, it does me too- depending on the situation... as much as I would LOVE to recommend this book to everyone, it's not gonna work for some because of that. Just a heads up!?

To the author, Mia Asher... thank you for sharing this difficult but incredible story with us. I'm sure it wasn't easy to write a book like this, but it was amazing! This story exceeded all of my expectations. I'm pretty sure this is a standalone, but I know I would LOVE a book 2 about you know who... but then again, maybe not. Maybe the story ended the way it was supposed to for everyone involved.

To be released 8-23-13

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**Rosalinda \*KRASNORADA\* says**

## **LOVE HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY YOU.**

Reviewing this book isn't easy. Talking about Cathy, Ben & Arsen without spoiling this roller coaster isn't easy so I'll just let you know the premise of the book and then I'll bore you with my thoughts. The premise is easy. Ben & Cathy fell in love more than ten years ago. Their first encounter put a silly grin on my face every time I think about it.

He is the everything to my nothing

After all those years together their relationship is not the same.

No one has all the answers to solve the big puzzle that life is, and it is even less likely that another person can offer them to you.

Cathy and Ben are trying to have a baby but they have had three miscarriages. For this reason their marriage is not the same after all those years. Cathy blames her own body for not being able to hold a baby during 9 months and Ben is that kind of guy who's always positive and calm, who is always telling you everything will be ok. Sometimes that kind of men might become annoying because even though they are trying their best to keep you happy, listening to their "crap" isn't helping.

And then Arsen enters the picture. Arsen is a spoiled young man who has the world at his feet. He can have every woman he wants but he wants Cathy and Cathy is not available because she loves her husband, right?

"Live without love, without chasing your dreams, is nothing. It means nothing. It's a sad fucking empty shell, Catherine. It's so easy to drown in darkness, to let it smother you, swallow you whole, to be blinded by it. But you gotta fight. You gotta fucking fight."

This is all you are going to get from me about their story. The below are just my crazy thoughts and I am

going to **BEG you to do NOT open the spoilers** because I'll ruin the book for you and I want you all to give this story a try and go blind.

There are books that hit close to home. Not only because whatever happens in the story happened to you already but because you learn things from some stories. If you know how to learn between lines I guess you'll end up (view spoiler)

I can't say my life is any similar to Cathy's, no Arsens on my life but I understand her somehow. Yeah, I said I understand Cathy and Cathy is a cheater. **Now, if you stop judging** I would like to explain myself.

I mentioned before that things were not the same for Cathy & Ben after more than 10 years together and this didn't surprise me. **WHAT? You ladies think being in a long term relationship with someone is like some authors describe it in books? Oh well... let me break your bubble.** When you are on a long term relationship you have good days but you also have bad days and sometimes you question your feelings, sometimes you need something (I didn't say someone) new, sometimes you just get bored. It doesn't mean you don't love that person, it means you are H-U-M-A-N. End of.

Every action has a consequence. It doesn't matter if you try to run or hide. It eventually catches up to you. Call it karma if you must, but said karma can totally kick you in the ass

The right thing to do in that situation you ask? I guess the right thing to do is just having a conversation with your boyfriend/hubby and explaining them what's going on with your feelings. But that's not easy and we all make mistakes, especially when temptation is knocking on your door. I didn't like Cathy because she hurt Ben and sometimes it looked like she didn't even care for him after all those years but somehow I understood her. She felt ALIVE again when she met Arsen and he taught her another side of life, a side she had long ago forgotten.

"Falling in love with someone is easy. It's loving when the newness has worn off, when life gets tough, when things get in the way, when physical passion is gone, that true love remains. When love can conquer it all"

There is a song that was playing in my mind all the time while reading this book. Pls check this link and this song by The Killers. FOR REASONS UNKNOWN. Especially I beg you to check minute 3:16 and listen to what Brandon says. Because that song feels very real. (view spoiler) But the sad truth is, relationships are not like in books and that's why I loved this book because this is not a heart and flowers story, this is a BROKEN love story.

### **FOR REASONS UNKNOWN BY THE KILLERS**

"Any of you people ever loved somebody?  
Sometimes it comes very quickly, very easily  
and sometimes it disappears just as quick.  
You wake up one morning,  
the butterflies stop fluttering,  
but you want it back and you want to fight for it.

You wanna breathe that fire again  
so you call for it, you call out.”

There is just ONE REASON why this book didn't get a higher rating from me. I wish \*\*\*PLEASE I BEG YOU TO DO NOT OPEN THE SPOILER IF YOU HAVEN'T READ THIS BOOK. I'LL RUIN THE END FOR YOU \*\*\* (view spoiler)

Thanks Helena for our BR & THANKS ANA RITA for laughing at my crazy theories...

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## Aestas Book Blog says

**For the first time in my blogging life, I have no idea how to rate a book so I am NOT marking a star rating. My feelings are just too all over the place. Let me try and explain why...**

I'm not going to lie, when I first heard about it, I was 99.99% sure that I would *hate* this book. It basically seemed like the polar opposite of what I might love and truthfully, in a way, it was. It had all of my "no-no's" in it, the biggest one being cheating, which is almost always a deal breaker for me. But... it wasn't as clear cut here as I expected it to be and I even though I'm not sure about where I stand on it, I can certainly understand why readers are loving it.

So hear me out and see if maybe this book might be for you. I think every reader will just have to decide for themselves on this one. But I'll be honest and tell you that the *only* way I was able to bring myself to read this was because a good friend gave me all the gory details in advance. There was no way I was going into this one blind but all the insanely high ratings had my curiosity peaked. So, she told me everything and knowing those details pushed me over the edge and made me decided to give this book a shot.

Warning though: THIS. BOOK. WILL. RIP. OUT. YOUR. HEART. For real. You WILL want to throw your eReader at the wall. You WILL be angry. You WILL roll your eyes and want to throttle people. You likely WILL cry. And you'll probably hate the heroine at some point (or several). But... you might also end up loving the book. It's just one of *those* books I guess that really hits home with some people.

So, about the book....

Cathy has the perfect life. Or so it might seem on the outside. She has a gorgeous, sweet, kind, thoughtful, loving husband, Ben, who thinks the world of her, is always there for her and who cares for her more than anything. But after three miscarriages, she begins to fall apart. Her sense of self-worth (which has always been shaky at best) shrivels leaving her sad, lonely, and miserable. She can't bring herself to accept her husband's unwavering support and can't bear the thought of not being able to have a child. Emotional numbness begins to take over and she just slips away.

Enter Arsen. Young, confident, handsome egotistical playboy who doesn't remotely try to hide his attraction to her and, for the first time in a long while of being closed off, he makes her *feel* and... she's drawn to that.

*"When our eyes connect, I see danger, and maybe something exciting. Something forbidden.*

*Some basic instinct in my instantly recognizes that this man doesn't make love to a woman. He fucks her."*

The more she spends time with Arsen, the further she pulls away from Ben, the perfect man who has unquestionably loved her since the day they met, until the lines between love, lust and friendship have not only been blurred but are utterly shattered.

Now, about my feelings...

For the entirety of the book, my heart *bled* for Ben. I mean BLED. He was one of the good guys, y'know? The keepers. The kind that you fall down on your knees and thank the high heavens for and the fact that Cathy couldn't see it was just fucking tragic. He was the one. The hero. There was absolutely *no* question in my mind. Ever.

*"For you I will do anything. Anything."*

*"Babe, talk to me. You're scaring me. What's the matter? Tell me so I can fix it... please."*

Breaks my heart just reading that. :(

Cathy... hmm... ok, brutal honesty here. My conclusion based on the entirety of the book was that she needed help. I mean that in a very serious, non-judgmental way. She needed professional therapy. She was going through some serious depression and had a whole mix of issues going on and the way she was coping on her own ended up destroying years of many people's lives. Again, truly tragic. It was hard not to see her as flat-out ungrateful and selfish. She had a lot of issues and truly was an anti-heroine. The only way I can come to terms with, no.. more like 'deal with', her actions is by feeling pity for the fact that she was in a bad place and just didn't receive the help she clearly needed. I think it was because she didn't know how to love herself that she couldn't accept Ben's love for her.

Now Arsen was interesting because in all honestly, I didn't *connect* with him as a character until the epilogue. He raised my hackles because of the threat he represented and I wavered back and forth on my feelings for him. Maybe, in another book, away from this situation, I might have felt differently for him but in this book, I never personally fell for him. I couldn't relate to Cathy's obsession with him and because of the cheating aspect, I just felt a little ill during most of his scenes with Cathy. Especially the sex scenes. I think the best description of Arsen was this quote right here: "*Arsen, a friend gone wrong.*"

I think what hurt the most was that there was no justification. This wasn't a situation where Cathy and Ben fell apart, no, this was Cathy, *just Cathy*, drifting away. And a big part of me hated her for it because she *had* Ben. She *loved* Ben and she threw him away.

*"I wish I could save you, Cathy. Take the pain away; erase it from your body. I wish I could hurt for you, but I can't. You have to save yourself. All I can do is love you. Through it all, just love you. But you need to let me back in."*

While the story is primarily told from Cathy's POV, we do also get a few scenes from Ben's side partway through and later on, some from Arsen's. The first half is actually fairly slow building. I was enjoying my read and I liked all the flashbacks that built the foundation of Cathy and Ben's relationship but at the same

time, nothing was really putting my heart in my throat per say. But then one tiny lie started the downward spiral... and that sick feeling in the pit of my stomach began to grow as I watched bit by bit as something that I'd come to love got torn to shreds.

The real cheating didn't begin until the second half and even when Cathy was in a place where she felt like she *needed* Arsen, I still just didn't feel anything for him. It was like a total emotional disconnect and I just felt sick to my stomach for what they were doing to Ben. There was *never* a point where I was torn between Ben and Arsen. I didn't blame Arsen though... he was just being Arsen. I wouldn't have expected different or better for him. He just came, he saw, he conquered and in a weird way, he *was* trying to help her. He did have real feelings for her. But Cathy... fuck. I was pretty disgusted with her because what she wanted from Arsen *wasn't* something that Ben wasn't offering, it was just something she wasn't in a place in her life (I guess) where she was able to accept it. And *she* was the one in the position to say no. And she didn't. And I hated her for it.

*"No one said cheating was pretty but hell, it's downright disgusting. Yet, I can't stop myself from doing it... I feel revulsion turn my stomach upside down by my own actions. I want to scream, I want to throw up, I want to die. I'm repulsed by me, but that's a prize I'm willing to pay to be with Arsen."*

But as much as I hated that Cathy needed Arsen, I won't deny that he did help her in a way. For some unfortunate reason, he was the person who was able to help her reach a level of healing that she sadly won't be able to get from Ben even though he was offering it to her.

My heart just broke for Ben over and over again. Every tear I cried was for him. The first time was around the 60% mark and just suddenly... TEARS and full body chills. That man just did *not* deserve what he was delivered. Dear Lord but he did not deserve it. It was tragic and just... heart breaking.

It wasn't until the very, *very*, *VERY* end that I came to terms with some of what had happened. There was one line in particular that actually made me reconsider a lot of what I'd read and look at Cathy in a different light. Not that it made me understand her, but more that it made me understand something *about* her. The ending... well, I'm not going to give it away directly but it's a bittersweet, tragic HEA. "Technically" I'm happy with the ending. Even though "happy" really does NOT seem like the right word. Relieved, maybe?

*"There never was a choice for us, was there?"*

To tell you the truth, I have NO idea how to rate this book. Was it good? Yes. It absolutely was. For sure. But a part of me wants to give it 2 stars because I'm so fucking *angry* and then another part of me wants to give it 5 stars because holy hell did it make me *feel*. I don't feel good rounding out that number though because 3.5 honestly doesn't feel right either. Ben was a 5 star character and, tragic as what happened was, I think they had a 5 star love. Most of my ratings are based on my feelings but at the same time, I don't *just* want to 'feel' any emotion, I want to feel specific ones and... this book made me feel some things I wish I hadn't felt. \*sigh\* I just don't think it's possible in this case to generalize my feelings down to one specific number.

**Overall I'd say it was partly 2 star and partly 5 star but *not* an average of them. It just was what it was.**

There's a line actually that kind of resonates with how I feel about the book as a whole:

*"I hate you as much as I loved you."*

**Mia Asher has written a strong, compelling debut novel that takes you through the beautiful and ugly sides of love and betrayal. Truly, a broken love story in every way.**

My casting for Ben, Cathy, and Arsen:

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**Pavlina Read more sleep less blog♥♥ says**

Wow Amazing!!!!Mia managed to blew my mind!!!This book is so real!!She really makes me understand and accept Cathy's behaviour!!

This is Cathy's story..

She is married to Ben who met him in college and fell in love..From the flashbacks we can see how they met and how they fell in love..But now in the present one bad moment breakes Cathy..and now she feels empty..and lost..

She doesn't feel like when she met Ben..sometimes she feels like they are two friendly strangers who live in the same house..without sex they will be like roommates instead of a married couple..

And then she meets Arsen..a playboy...

For the first time they meet we can see that there is attraction between them..He is starting teasing her..and very soon they become friends...

(I cange my mind I think Alex Pettyfer is perfect for Arsen <3 <3)

At first Cathy tries to resist Arsen's charm..but he make her feel free..

**"With Arsen I can let my emotions take over me and not be ashamed by them.With Arsen I can be me."**

Arsen....mmmm whel he is so hot and sexy!!!!But I'm not sure how you'll feel about him...maybe you like him or hate him..

But one thing is sure...he wants her..

**"For you,I'll fucking make the impossible happen.There's no room for fucking sadness in such a pretty face as yours."**

This book..is so hot!!You'll love all the sex scenes!!

**Who she will choose..her husband..who loves her or the man who makes her feel free???**

**you have to read it and find out!!! :))**

**ARC kindly provided by author, Mia Asher, in exchange for an honest review**

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**Allison ♥?Will Never Conquer Her TBR♥? says**

Thank God that's over! I finished it!

**\*\*\*Review edited after long deliberation and my inability to get this story out of my head. Any book that knocks my world off its axis deserves a five-star rating versus my initial no-rating. Nothing has changed but my revelation that this author deserves my five stars.....**

Now for my review.....

Sweet Jesus, gimme some Prozac, wine, anything to calm my nerves! I struggled so much with this book. Why? Because I hated "their" story yet I still think it's an exceptionally written book. It stirred so many emotions.....anger, sadness, angst, disgust but zero happiness. A fantastic book, yet a book I struggled to finish. What a major conflict, huh?

This is a story 100% revolving around DEPRESSION, LOSS AND BETRAYAL. Literally, that's the main focus, an all-consuming need to be with another man, to escape, to feel free when you've got the love of your life sitting home waiting for you. Catherine has struggled with miscarriage after miscarriage (yup, I said it. Everyone else dances around that as if it's some spoiler when it's divulged in the first chapter. That, to me is

NOT a spoiler). Cathy is married to Ben, a stunningly handsome, wealthy, attorney and LOYAL partner. He too struggles with their child-bearing issues but continues to be the rock in the relationship- loving her through loss after loss.....

My Ben-

Catherine is a successful hotel executive. When she meets her boss's 24-year old son he lights a fire inside of her that has long since flickered out. She's been existing in a marriage that's suffocating her....she just needs to breathe. Arsen provides that release. Arsen is her *kryptonite*.

My Catherine-

Arsen is a spoiled, rich kid. He's used to having actresses and models on his arm, always being in the limelight. He's got to work to prove to daddy he's not lazy and is worthy of his inheritance. When he spots Cathy, his new "boss," he's found his newest conquest. Although something about her stirs more than his "manhood" (couldn't resist). He wants to be her friend. He wants to make her smile again. Friendship, can he, for once, do friendship?

My Arsen-

As I said, through literally 75% of this book I struggled to hold on...just to finish it. It is 100% glorified angst. I wish I could say I empathized with Cathy but I didn't. Towards the end, I warmed up to her (when she finally pulls her head out of her ass) but that first 75%, I was seriously contemplating....

(thanks for the gif Sue)

My thoughts on Catherine....

I seriously had huge issues empathizing with her character. Maybe had Ben been (ha) a douche, I could see it. Not sure. But she's not getting tears from me.....

Do I seem cold-hearted? Maybe. But I'm also a neonatal nurse that works DAILY with women who've went thru these exact issues and SUCKED IT UP. Get therapy. Everyone needs it sometimes in life. Don't self destruct.

My thoughts on Arsen....

I know, no throwing stones at me but I seriously did NOT warm to him. He reminded me of an arrogant spoiled PUNK. The description when she first met him with his pants hanging low so his Armani band of his underwear was sticking out....ewe.

My thoughts on Ben....

Ben...my heart wept for him.

So, is this a love story? Yes. A friend summed up this story great with one sentence and word of wisdom....."**Love the one you're with.**"

So, if you can stomach the mother of all love triangles where the guy that's getting cheated on is a DOLL and doesn't deserve it, this book is for you. I commend the author for this read. It pushes the reader beyond the limits one is used to in love stories. It's beautifully written and tugs at your heart at times (and makes you want to get a knife out to stab your e-reader at others). I'm happy I finished it and experienced it. The ending saved it for me.

The best quote in the book-

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## **JaHy?Hold the Fairy Dust says**

**\*\* NO RATING AS I HAD NO BUSINESS READING THIS\*\***

Yes, you read that correctly. You see, while everyone was doing the happy dance the day Arsen was published, I was quietly channeling my inner MC Hammer.

God why didn't I listen to my gut? I honestly had no intention of EVER reading Arsen: A Broken Love Story as the story has the top 3 "harmful to my health" items:

\*Angst, angst and more angst.

\*Annoying heroine

\*Love triangle

So why did I read it you ask? Good question. No, I haven't been sipping the basherade if that's what your wondering. It ~~irks the shit out of~~ saddens me to see reviewers intentionally repeatedly select books with similar storylines,leave unflattering review after unflattering review. Please don't think that was my intention here.

A few friends begged... okay, they asked me *once* to read Arsen as they thought my reading experience would be humorous ( I hope my updates lived up to your expectations Damian and Lucifer) so against my better judgment I one clicked this bad girl . . *psst! I 'll let you in on a little secret . Don't tell anyone but I was secretly hoping to love it .*

Okay, before I channel my inner Nancy Grace, I'd like to state the obvious. Mia Asher has a lyrical way with words. She's an incredible storyteller whom had my full attention from page 1 to THE END... Hell, I finished this book days ago & I can't stop thinking about it.

Now, the moment all 3 of you have been waiting for ...

While the book is very well written, Arsen: A Broken Love Story was by far one of the most unpleasant

reading experiences I've ever had . I'd like to explain why and the easiest way for me to do so is to address the three main characters individually.

First up....

### **Cathy** the Fisherhag

**\*\* sucking teeth\*\* Cathy..... Cathy, Cathy, Cathy.** For those readers who cheered her on I would just like to say, "God, I envy your reading experience as I loathe her character." Cathy spent the majority of the story on a fishing expedition. Yup, she was trawling for Arsen's attention, reasons to meet with him and conjuring bullshit excuses as to why her behavior was acceptable. Sorry Cathy, you used the wrong bait, hence why you failed to lure me in. I found her character to be an egotistical BITCH. She gave zero.. zilch... not a single fuck to give about her marriage. While I did feel compassion in regards to her inability to bear children, , it **DOES NOT** excuse her behavior.. at least to me it doesn't.

(view spoiler)

My main issue with Cathy is the fact that She knew her actions were disgraceful, hurtful, just plain FUCKED UP and she flat out DID NOT GIVE A DAMN. All she wanted was for Arsens dick to numb her feelings but boy did she feel every last orgasm he gave her. Ugh, I have so much more to say but I think I've picked on her character enough.... For now :-)

Now onto **BEN** aka Tweedle Dee...

Here 's a character I was certain would tug at my heart strings. **NOPE** . The only thing more annoying than a heroine missing her backbone is a spineless hero. Besides the kitchen scene in the beginning I never warmed up to his character. Ben was so damn perfect his character seemed phony. Ben and Cathy's first meeting was so Sparks-ish, I was waiting for doves to fly out of my ipad... Just sayin!. What 22 year old man tells a chick he just met, ....

*" I want to bring you flowers, I want to see you blush when I compliment you, I want to see you flush over flowers while you offer me a glass of water". yaaddaa- yaaddaa-yaaddaa.....*

Yeah, I would have cancelled our date due to an emergency Pap smear. The replenishable cupcake gesture didn't work for me either... Too Cheesy. A glimpse of self centered Cathy appeared early on in their relationship and the knucklehead ignored it then as well. \* smdh\*

I can't believe such a moronic individual was a lawyer. What the hell did Cathy do to him ? I kept hoping and praying he would find his nutsack and for a moment I thought he had (view spoiler)

Sorry, but a man without dignity gets no love from me.

Lastly, **Arsen** aka Tweedle Dum...

Out of the 3, I actually found his character to be the most tolerable. Totally off the topic but I really wish the author hadn't made him so typical ie. rich, young, attractive and arrogant. IMHO had Arsen been just your ordinary compassionate Joe Schmov the story would have been a hell of a lot more believable. So many things about his character didn't add up to me either . (view spoiler)

Arsen, you burned my hopes and dreams pendejo!

There was one question that haunted me throughout my entire reading experience. Had the roles been reversed, had Ben turned his back on his marriage due to the anguish caused by the miscarriages , would readers be so accepting of the story and how it played out ? Would his story get 4& 5 stars as well?

My apologizes for taking up so much of your time. I really wanted to keep this review brief but my fingers had other ideas (zip it Carla!). Please don't let my winded review of much to do about nothing deter anyone from reading Arsen. The majority of reviews are 4 and 5 stars for a reason. This just wasn't my cuppa. Now please excuse me while I find the goriest, most horrific book I can find because ....  
.. MWAH!

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**Alexis \*Reality Bites\* says**

SPOILERS AHEAD -mature content reader discretion is advised.

5 STARS out of 5

Genre: Adult Romance Erotica

**FULL REVIEW POSTED ON 9-5-13**

**SOUL CHURNING**

**BONE CRUSHING**

**MIA ASHER WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ME??????????????**

**(9-5-13) Review Completed**

**EVERYTHING HURTS AND I REGRET NOTHING.**

Well you see what this book did to me in the top half of this review... Now here are my thoughts.

*'I can feel myself withdrawing from him. From his love. From my marriage. And there's nothing I can do to stop it. Nothing.'* -Cathy

**THIS. BOOK. DESTROYED. ME.** I swore my chest cavity was ripped open and pulled from out of it's depths was my bloody heart. If you read the blurb or the book for that matter then you are very much aware that this book involves cheating. With that being said you should be prepared for **love, lost** and **heartache**.

In Arsen we meet Cathy and Ben they've been married for 6yrs and together as a couple for 10. Recently their marriage has hit a rough patch as Cathy struggles to cope with(view spoiler) that are both tragically and emotionally chipping away at her sanity.

When asked by her boss to meet with a new client Cathy is introduced to..you guessed it. Arsen. And thus is the beginning of her down fall in to adultery.

Ok folks so here is the deal I spent the mass majority of this book hating Arsen. As a matter of fact I was so *SWOON-TASTIC* over Ben that by the time Arsen's character was introduced I was like **"Arsen who?"** Ben is the kind of man you write fairy tales about. Arsen? Not only was he cocky and spoiled but he was very manipulative. It turned my stomach. As a matter of fact every time he entered a scene this is how I saw him

\*Sighs\* Dramatic I know but it is what it is. \*Shrugs\* Where Arsen was a boy, Ben was all man.

I literally saw Arsen as the villain. And here is a taste of why

*"Please, Arsen. Don't do this. I'm married,"* I beg with all my heart.

*"What if I told you that I don't care that you're married? I don't mind sharing. What if I told you that I'll settle for fucking you once? Just once where I'll make you come so hard on my cock that you'll forget that you're married and beg me for more? And if you're a good girl, Dimples, you may get it again before I let you go back to your husband, sore between your legs because I fucked you so good."*

JUST EVIL.

*'I saw her, I wanted her, so I took her, even if in the process I destroyed a good marriage.'* (His actual words not mine)

Arsen claimed to be Cathy's friend but the whole time he just wanted in her pants. He wanted what he couldn't have from a woman that was off limits to him. Now call me crazy but that's just WRONG. In turn I did not find this affair to be sexy instead I saw it as two lust filled broken people addicted and driven by a good f%ck.

I found Cathy to be her own worst enemy.

*"..Besides, it's my fault if Ben doesn't know what's going on with me. I don't tell him anything. I've learned to hide it."* -Cathy

She knew that her inability to (view spoiler) was slowly eating away at her sanity. **SHE. KNEW.** And it's crazy because I not once hated Cathy. Yes, she made me MAD as all hell. But I did not hate her. I empathized with her and I pitied her, I never hated her. When things became too much she hit rock bottom and sex with a man that was not her husband became an escape. I truly felt sorry for her..

*'I loved the attention he paid to me and the way he made me feel. Alive. Happy. He made me forget. Ignorance is bliss, right? Well, knowledge is misery. And the truth hurts.'* -Cathy

NO Cathy **THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU F R E E.** Ugh, WTF.

She fooled herself, and I pity the fool. All the things she thought she had with Arsen could have easily been with her husband but lust clouded her judgment and made her **stupid.** You know what they say, **stupid is as stupid does.**

I CANNOT get these characters out of my **head,** my **heart** my **soul** they are imbedded there. I found this book to be **UNPUTDOWNABLE** and not for the faint of heart. I cried. A LOT. I thought the writing was excellent; Asher had these pivotal scenes that leave you breathless. There is this one scene when (view spoiler) I wept and wept.

Well, those are my thoughts.

#### My Ratings

Characters- Loved! Despised Arsen.

Writing Style- Excellent

Plot/Storyline- Love and Lost

Steam Factor- HIGH/VERY STEAMY

Overall- I loved it!

**Now go forth and read. Then come tell us about it on Goodreads!**

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**8-28-13 Ok, this is up next for me, I feel like everyone is telling me to just..**

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**Pearl Angeli says**

*I've fallen in love with another man. But can you love two men at the same time? Because I think I do.*

**I AM A COMPLETE MESS RIGHT NOW.** My emotions have never been so conflicted. What did this

book do to me?

This is the kind of book that I should not have loved, yet I ended up thoroughly appreciating it just because...  
**the ending!**

I have to give the author Mia Asher a lot of credit for giving me all kinds of emotions all throughout the book. This book is clearly **WRONG** when it comes to its concept which is **CHEATING** but quite honestly, after reading it, I've realized that behind the lies, the deception, and the betrayal **Cathy** did to her husband, the book gave a very powerful and overriding message to everyone. That indeed, doing these things will not only destroy your relationship with your partner, but it will also destroy you as a person.

The story is all about the perfect married couple **Cathy** and **Ben**. They have the marriage everyone is dreaming of. Ben loves Cathy completely and wholeheartedly. And even when Cathy had so many miscarriages all throughout their marriage, he was still the same devoted husband. However, Cathy slowly became depressed when the third baby became a failure. Then Cathy met the gorgeous and attractive blonde **Arsen** who made her heart and body confused. When her next miscarriage happened, that's when her entire world crumbled and she did the worst mistake of her life...

*I'm done with doing the right thing. It's at this moment, when I feel Arsen's hot breath on my face and his arms wrapped around me, that I decide to throw everything away. Ben, my marriage, my future.*

Cathy cheated and completely forgot her perfect husband and everything about their marriage just to be with Arsen who gave her all the pleasure a man could offer. Honestly, **I HATED CATHY**. And I still do. What she did was choose *lust* over love. I wanted to strangle her just to bring her back to her senses because she was such an ingrate, very selfish woman.

*Arsen was the fuel needed to burn my marriage to the ground, but I was the one who held the match in my hands the entire time.*

But what made this book sensational was the soul-wrenching emotions it gave me as a reader. I felt every word and every line deep down in my core. Mia Asher is an emotional genius! **Her words are like daggers** that when you read them, they will not just make you wince in pain but destroy your heart for what it's worth.

The best part of this book was the ending. It was, in a way, a different kind of twist. It was not a very pleasant conclusion. It was bitter-sweet but it was worth it and I think that's the best way to end this super sad, heart-breaking book. Kudos to Mia Asher for turning me into an emotional mess!

*Arsen became the air I needed to breathe, but Ben was my lungs.*

Rating:

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**Hulya Kara Yuksel says**

**"Love can destroy you.  
Love can erase you.  
Love can heal you.  
Love can reinvent you,  
And, if you are lucky enough,  
Love can make you whole again..."**

The End. I'm finished. I'm ruined. I'm crying.crying.crying so bad. I'm a fucking mess right now. God, that woman knows how to crush my heart. :( I'm broken and I'm so sorry for Cathy, for Ben and even for Arsen too... Before I start to read this book, I didn't think it is going to wreck me just like this but God, I'm out of words in here...

This was one of the most beautiful and also the most broken love story I ever read... You'll cry, you'll scream, you'll get angry but most important thing you'll feel each person's heartache and trust me you won't regret for reading this story... So I dare you, if you have a courage, stop losing time and read this book ASAP!

Ps. I also highly recommend Mia's Virtue series too... Don't miss this amazing books! Go and read them all ASAP! :)

Easy Virtue

Sweetest Venom

## Mo says

Maybe 3.5 stars.

This one is difficult to review. First half of the book I was just thinking “C’mon, something happen!” Life isn’t perfect. It might seem perfect to people looking in – Cathy has a great job, perfect husband, gorgeous house, good friends.... BUT .. yes we know what her “buts” are and it is heartbreaking. Marriage is hard work – been doing it myself for 21 years. Luckily, I never went through what THEY went through. But it should be a

I am married to a “nice” man – should I do something about that? OK, maybe my Book Boyfriends are my make-believe “cheats”!

I disliked Cathy for most of the book. I loved Ben. Arsen, not sure what I felt for him. Even at the end, I did not really care.

I cannot say much without giving too much away. Does it deserve all the rave, 5 star reviews? Not sure. The writing was excellent and the story draws you in. In the end I sort of thought “No, there should not be a HEA”. And for some there was and for some there wasn’t. I am not sure what I think about it really.... Sorry for my rambling. And no, I did not shed a tear – am I a cruel hearted, cold bitch? I hope not..... Maybe, because I am a bit older, I did not have the empathy for HIM as others might. At the end of the day it is fiction, I guess, and it takes something a bit stronger than this to make me shed a tear.

**Love is infinite.**

**There is no beginning and no end.**

**There is no starting point and no finishing line.**

**Love just is.**

**Love is born, grows, matures, and sometimes it dies.**

**But the memory will remain with you for the rest of your breathing hours.**

**You fall in love, you fall out of love.**

**But you will love again.**

**You always do.**