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## **Bastian's Storm Details**

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## From Reader Review Bastian's Storm for online ebook

Sharon ∞☞ is an emotional book junkie ☞∞ says

Bastian is having a hard time adjusting to life since he and Raine were rescued. The story is still through his POV but Bastian is not the same as he was on the island.

I still really like Bastian...it's hard not to feel for him but at times, he came across really whiny and wallowing in his self-pity way too much. Luckily? some circumstances change that force him to grow and put others before himself.

For most of the book Raine really bothered me. I still feel that she is too tough on Bastian but maybe that's what he needed. I sure would have loved a few chapters from her POV.

I do have to say that Bastian hasn't lost his touch in *one* department. In fact, it's become his drug of choice...and you sure don't hear Raine complaining!

A lot of drama starts happening when Landon shows up but it forces Bastian to clean up his act. I really felt bad for Raine though and what she went through.

I was dreading the tournament but it wasn't too bad. The outcome was interesting but I liked how things worked out for the most part.

The ending/epilogue was wonderful and I can see it going either way if there is another book or not. Meaning...this could be the end and most things were wrapped up nicely or there could easily be another book. Only time will tell.

### Favorite quotes

♥ "You are my world," I whispered against her skin. "I can survive anything as long as I have you with me."

♥ "You're fucking phenomenal," I informed her.

Raine giggled.

"You're not so bad yourself," she said, "except for the whole smooching me afterward thing."

"You love that, too," I said. "You know you'd miss it if I didn't do it."

♥ "I've got you."

♥ "*Might I not then say, 'Now I love you best.'"*

♥ "She was my drink—the only one I would ever want again."

\*BR w/Melissa, Patty, Denisse and Tiffany!\*

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~IreneOust~ says

**O!M!G! That blurb ... Bastian vs Evan???? Yes, please!!!**

**Need this sequel ... NOW!!!**

**Sebasitan, come to mama ...**

**Shay Savage, please say it's [very] early 2014???????**

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

**5+++ Achingly Suspenseful Stars!!**

I'm going to try *really* hard to give Shay Savage the review this book deserves but I'm afraid to fall short of its awesomeness. The following review will contain spoilers to **Surviving Raine** so be advised.

**Bastian's Storm** picks up immediately after the conclusion of *Surviving Raine*. I was happy I re-read *Surviving Raine* prior to this book for that reason. Bastian and Raine are re-acclimating to civilian life since being rescued from their secluded island. They're in a high rise in Miami Beach. He needs that closeness to the beach to feel some kind of connection to their past...their lost paradise..but her Hell.

Raine wants nothing to do with the ocean so this is their medium ground. Raine and Bastian are living together, him struggling daily to find his niche in this chaotic world filled with annoying people, noises, and a paranoid fear of the unknown enemies. He knows it's a matter of time before Joseph Franks will come calling. He and Raine were all over the news...and Franks has an axe to grind after Bastian testified against him. This retirement from tournaments likely will be short lived. It's a constant stress and he struggles daily not to take a drink... but for Raine he will do anything.

Then the call comes...one more tournament. Six "players," each representing a group of drug lords, mafia cartel, or crime families. And the key player for the Chicago mafia is none other than Evan Arden. Bastian has no choice. His ransom is Raine and (view spoiler). They'll be dumped in sub-zero mountainous hell. Only one will survive. Let the training begin...

I loved loved loved Sebastian in this book. He was still his brooding, cussing brute but melted like butter for his Raine. Their love and commitment to each other was forefront to Bastian's determination to win this tournament. For Raine...for his future. He's never had a family and winning this tournament is his retirement. He's never lost before...and he won't this time. Arden has met his match.

*"Just you and me, Arden."*

Hold on for this ride. Once you step on, you won't step off until the book is complete. I was so apprehensive going into it, praying that Ms. Savage wasn't going to make me **choose** between two of my favorite anti-heroes. Both being unbeatable... one has to lose. But who do I choose? They're both wounded men, scarred both emotionally and physically from crappy hands life has dealt them. Both men striving for love with the *one* woman that understands them and supports them even though they're professional killers. Who will be left alone to cope with their demise....Lia or Raine?

Shay Savage...I love her story telling. It may sound corny as hell, but I've said this before...her books are like a movie within my head. I feel the action, tug of war for that one drink Bastian craved, the deep-seated pain of constantly not being good enough...being abandoned, his horrible nightmares waking him from sleep drenched in sweat. Her writing puts the reader front row center for a rollercoaster ride like no other.

So be prepared for this ride. You will swoon for Bastian, be pissed off at Bastian, cry for Bastian; your heart will race and your feelings will be torn. But in the end, you will be glad you hopped on the ride!

Looking forward to more awesomeness coming from her. A side note...I'd LOVE a John Paul book. Just saying....another anti-hero I found endearingly flawed.

And I thank you!

Advanced reader's copy received by LJ Anderson in exchange for an HONEST review.

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## **Didi says**

### 3.5 STARS

The sequel to *Surviving Raine* was an interesting one. It was definitely slower and didn't seem to pack quite the punch as its predecessor. It took me almost three days to finish it, and it wasn't long at all. I tried to pinpoint why it didn't hold my attention like the first book, but it was an amalgamation of things, not just one.

Bastian and Raine are now living in Miami, in a high rise apartment that overlooks the ocean. This was a point of contention for them because Raine hated being around the water while Bastian would give anything to return to the deserted island they made their home for a while. For him, Miami was too busy, too crowded, too many people asking questions, including Raine's friends. She attended university and he stayed at home, wallowing in self pity and hatred for civilization.

Bastian spent the majority of the book angry, self-absorbed and resentful, not necessarily against Raine, but their situation in general. This was where the book dragged a little. I understood why Bastian was this way, but his woe is me attitude quickly got on my nerves. Raine was supportive and always so patient with him. His(view spoiler). She often exhibited strength for the both of them and I liked her even more for that. But things were a little slow reading until Bastian's past caught up with him once again. Being asked to participate in an upcoming tournament was not optional. Things were revealed that turned the book around and made it more interesting. And as the book blurb mentioned, Bastian was competing against none other than Evan Arden. These two were so similar it wasn't funny. Even Raine and Lia shared similarities that made me smile.

But this competition put too much at stake for Bastian and failing was not an option.

The tournament itself was good. It was violent and had me cringing at times. But this is where the book shined. I had a suspicion things would go down a certain way, and they did. The ending was great, and left almost open to more books. If this series stayed this way it would be perfectly fine, but I find myself wondering about their future down the road(view spoiler).

So in general, I liked this book, I loved how it ended, but it was definitely slower than *Surviving Raine*. That one was hard to top, to be fair. Lindsay irritated me a lot(view spoiler)and Bastian was too weak and self absorbed for a while there. But he did pull through and become the man he always wanted to be. Him and Raine were sweet together and he said the most beautiful things to her. The only other complaint I have is the cover. Please, please change that! In no known universe did I picture Bastian looking like that or Evan for that matter. So if you can get past that, then you'll enjoy this book ;)

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## Debra says

**I've been waiting for this book for over a year... SO excited to start it!!**

*\*\*ARC kindly provided by L.J. Anderson on behalf of the author in exchange for an honest review\*\**

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BLURB:

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**...Bastian & Evan together in one book???**

**This is going to be EPIC.**

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

**★★★★! Bastian's Storm, book 2. Bastian Stark's past, present & future collide forcing him to fight in one last tournament of life & death!**

*“She needed me there, and she doesn't need me here. I just... exist beside her without*

*anything to do.”*

This is the second book in the **Surviving Raine** series. It also features Evan Arden from the **Evan Arden trilogy**. It is not necessary to have read any prior books, but I highly recommend it:

**Book 1: Surviving Raine**

**Book 2: Bastian’s Storm**

*In **Surviving Raine** (book 1) captain **Bastian Stark** and student **Raine Gayle** ended up **shipwrecked** on an emergency raft. Dire weather conditions, lack of food, water, alcohol and cigarettes put them on a collision course with disaster. But a friendship was forged and soon a **romance blossomed**. Both Bastian and Raine had trouble pasts that unfolded with story and **linked them on more levels than either was prepared for**.*

**Bastian’s Storm** (book 2) opens up to Bastian and Raine **back in civilization**, living in Miami. They have settled into Raine **attending College** and Bastian spending his days **missing her and the island**, pretty much wallowing in self-pity. He **feels lost** and lacking of a purpose **causing strain** on their relationship. Yet it’s obvious the Bastian and Raine are **soul mates**.

Soon **Bastian’s past comes back to haunt** them. Caught up in a game with some powerful people he is **forced to participate** in one more **tournament for his life** and his future. The cameras roll as **Bastian** and 5 other players, including **Evan Arden**, are dropped off in an **arctic location** to compete in a **deadly game** that can only have one winner – **the last man standing!**

This is very much **Bastian Stark** aka Daniel Greene’s journey of self-discovery and purpose and... growing up! Seven words to describe **Bastian: Sarcastic, lost, immature, brooding, imposing, determined and protective**.

Seven words to describe **Raine Gayle: Sweet, unassuming, loyal, patient, focused and private**.

**Bastian’s Storm** is a **whirlwind** of events and emotions as Bastian’s **past, present and future collide**. Fans of **Evan Arden** will enjoy these two imposing heroes **going head to head** for an outcome that I did not expect, but sort of hoped for... **Story ends in a good place** for Bastian and Raine, with the **door left open** for more of their story.

**Suspenseful and dangerous plot! Excellent story-telling! Brooding and moody, yet lovable hero! LOL! Patient and loving heroine! What a journey!**

*“If I had known then, I would have held her longer.  
No, if I had known, I never would have let go.”*

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Hero rating: 4 stars

Heroine rating: 4 stars

Sexual tension rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes rating: 4.5 stars

Sex scenes frequency: 3.5 stars

Plot rating: 4 stars

Dialogue rating: 4.5 stars

Storytelling rating: 5 stars

Story ending rating: N/A

Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): N/A

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**Overall rating: 4+ stars**

**Would I recommend this series: Yes.**

**Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

Be sure to check out this **ReCap**, DICKtation of the May 30th **SPOTlight on Shay Savage LIVE chat** on Shh... [Smut, Heroes & HEAs...] with Alessandra!

*ARC provided to me by author, Shay Savage, in exchange for an honest review.*

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## **Lucia says**

MY SPOILER-FREE REVIEW:

My Raine and Bastian:

**It's official. Shay Savage is my queen of male POV stories and romantic suspense genre. In Bastian's Storm she delivered testosterone-fueled story full of steamy and adrenalin-rising events, story that you don't want to miss!**

Moody recovering alcoholic who is failing at living in normal society with constant contact with other people. That is our Bastian, narrator and star of this book. Can his beloved Raine help him to overcome it all? Or will Bastian's unresolved past and his insecurities destroy their relationship?

*"Everything she loved, I hated. Everything that frightened her, I loved. How's that for a f#cked up?"*

All lovers of action-packed stories, beware. This is the book you have been waiting for. Right after reading synopsis for the first time, I knew I was in for a thrilling ride. And I was not mistaken. To put Sebastian Stark against Evan Arden in death match tournament was a genius idea that worked perfectly for me! I dare to say that this sequel surpassed its predecessor.

As title indicates, story focuses mainly on Bastian and the direction his life took after he and Raine were "rescued" from deserted island. Bastian Stark invites danger and enjoys fights, he even thrives on it all. He may be trying to overcome his issues to be better man for Raine, but otherwise he is still the same douchebag-like character we met in Surviving Raine, the character who doesn't care about other people. That's him. Take it or leave it. He is a real bad boy, not just playing to be one. He would put all other bookish "bad boys" to shame with the things he does, says or thinks. All except Evan Arden...

**Bastian's Storm is well-paced, exciting and thrilling story with no single boring moment. It has everything I could wish for in a great suspense novel. And even though I'm sad to say goodbye to Bastian and Raine, I can't wait to see with what will Mrs. Savage come up with next!**

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## Michelle says

Sebastian and Raine made it off that island, they survived... but adjusting to the outside world is proving to be harder than Sebastian realized. Wanting nothing more than to have lived the rest of his days, alone with Raine on that beach, Sebastian struggles to find a future while trying to outrun his past.

Raine loves him, despite his demons. Just when everything appears to be perfect a visit from someone in Sebastian's past threatens to destroy it all. Now Sebastian has to fight one last time for the one thing he's discovered he can't live without. But he doesn't have to face just any opponent. He has to battle the one man that has just as much to lose.

I am in complete love with the way Shay Savage writes the male point of view. She kept you completely on the edge of your seat from start to finish, from Sebastian's struggle with sobriety, coping with being around people and then down to the face off with Evan. He was everything about the hero I love to hate. I wanted to slap him a few times, but I adored that she didn't just magically change him into the perfect man. He had to fight each day to be the man that he knew Raine deserved and that fight at times was not an easy one.

There were so many moments when you felt completely consumed by the way he needed her. When it came to the sex in this, it wasn't just hot (and yes, it was fucking hot), there was this primal need that just seeped through the pages. You could feel how deep his need was to be close to her like it was the only way he would survive. The ability to convey that much emotion is just raw talent.

Shay Savage is easily turning into one of my favorite authors. This book had all the love & romance I needed but gave me suspense that just turned what was already a great story into something utterly fantastic. Tossing Evan Arden into the mix felt like an early Christmas present. That first encounter gave me goosebumps and then towards the end, I felt completely torn as to how I wanted this to end... worried about how it all would

end. This follow up to Surviving Raine was so much more than I ever could have hoped for.

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## **Shurrn says**

### **Bastian & Raine are back on land, but their troubles are far from over...**

*This was so screwed up, I realized all the shit I had already seen in my life was a goddamn birthday cake with fucking whippy icing compared to this clusterfuck.*

Their time as castaways brought them together and solidified their bond, but now they have to adjust to being together in the real world...

Meanwhile, the ghosts of Bastian's past are coming back, and not just in his nightmares...

### **Sebastian Stark**

*Everything she loved, I hated. Everything that frightened her, I loved.  
How's that for fucked up?*

Bastian is having a hard time adjusting to life in the city. He's pining away for the simpler time spent on the island where he was able to keep Raine safe and provide for her. In the midst of Miami civilization, Bastian is feeling adrift and useless. Life on the island was so much simpler, it was easy to prove his worth when all he had to do was ensure the survival of the woman he loves...

### **Raine Gayle**

*"You are my hero," Raine said. "You've always been that to me. My savoir, and despite your flaws, I still love you. I just wish you'd tell me what was going on in your head in a way I could understand."*

Raine carries the memories of being stranded on the island in a completely different light than Bastian. She's going to school in Miami but won't go near the ocean. While Raine keeps herself occupied with her studies, Bastian's sole responsibility is to keep out of trouble... and old habits die hard.

As Bastian struggles to keep both his sanity and his sobriety, the infamous Landon arrives in Miami with an ultimatum.

One more competition,  
One more Death Match,  
...but this time he's not in it for the money.

Killing the competition has never been a problem for Bastian...  
But this time he's out of practice...  
He has a woman waiting for him...  
and a competitor he may not be able to beat: Evan Arden...

### **Evan Arden**

*“It never ends,” Arden said. “Franks won’t let you go any more than Rinaldo will let me go. Once they got you, they got you. You never get away from them completely, even when they tell you that you can.”*

I LOVED the Evan Arden series, and I was on the edge of my seat knowing that these two men were about to fight to the death.

There are several twists and turns in this installment of the Surviving Raine Series, and I'm not going to tell you how it turns out.

I'm just going to encourage you to read it.

Like right now.

Go!

### **Some of My Favorite Moments**

(view spoiler)

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**\*TANYA\* says**

Sebastian Stark is one of my favorite characters of all time, total bad ass!!

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**Shay Savage says**

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**Jamie says**

**LOVED!!!**

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**\* Meli Mel \* says**

♥♥♥ 4 STARS ♥♥♥



**'Everything she loved, I hated. Everything that frightened her, I loved. How's that for f\*cked up?'**



I was so excited to start this one, since I loved *Surviving Raine* so much. And this one was very good as well. I love that this was still entirely in Bastian's POV. That is what I loved the most about the first book and we get it here too. As soon as I started reading, I starting falling for Bastian all over again and forgot how much I really loved him.

This book is about seeing Sebastian back in the real world of Miami, with Raine. He doesn't seem to be adjusting very well, in fact, he desires to be back on the island where he can have Raine all to himself. Living in civilization is hard for Bastian, he struggles to socialize and live a 'normal' life with all of it's conveniences. He's also suffering from nightmares that won't let him sleep. All of this causes him to want to reach for a drink...or two.

I felt bad for the way Bastian felt in this one. He seemed to not be able to fit anywhere. But, I did get mad at him a few times with how much of a jackass he acted. He was at times selfish and mean. Then I couldn't help but love him again for being the sexy, dirty mouthed alpha that I know and love. However, I also loved seeing him grow into a better man.



**'She was my drink--the only one I would ever want again'**



After being in the island, Raine seems to have developed a fear of beaches. She tries to stay away from them at all costs. She doesn't want to be reminded about the island. She just wants to go to school, hang out with friends and live a normal life. She is also trying to be supportive of Bastian, so that he doesn't go back to booze.

I still have a few times where I don't completely understand Raine. But I do feel like she tried to do her best in helping Bastian come out of his shell a bit in front of others than just herself. I think they were both selfish in their own ways, but it somehow ended up helping each other.



**"You are incredible," Raine responded. "You are everything I have ever wanted."**



While the first half was a bit on the slow side for me, I absolutely loved the second part. Landon comes back and needs Bastian to fight again. It a competition of six people that are left on a mountain to kill each other off until on person is standing. It was intense and crazy and so freaking entertaining. I'm not going to give any more on the story but that. It was really good.



**"Might I not then say, 'Now I love you best,'  
When I was certain o'er uncertainty,  
Crowning present doubting of the rest?  
Love is a babe, then might I not say so,  
To give full growth to that which still doth grow?"**



The ending was the best!! My heart was so freaking happy at that conclusion. I really enjoyed this book a lot, maybe not as much as I did the first, but it was still so great. There were such sweet moments, hot steam, and funny moments as well. There was action with the tournament that was very enjoyable. Overall, it was a really great read. Now, I'm going to have to read Evan Arden's books because I am so curious about him after having him appear in this book.

## Jeanne says

### 4 \*I promise the book is better than the cover stars!\*

I don't usually find a cast for book characters because I'm just too lazy, but for obvious reasons this seemed like an emergency. I thought this was a solid follow up to Surviving Raine, although for me the original was hard to top. I think I just personally loved the whole survival on the Island story line. It was kind of a gritty, dirty On the Island:) This book was definitely not the page turner Surviving Raine was, it took me 5 days to read it which is long for me.

I completely fell for Bastian by the end of Surviving Raine, so I had to read this one just to spend more time with him. Ms. Savage does a fantastic job of writing these books in Bastian's POV, it's very believable. I always fall for these types. Bastian is a possessive caveman who really would die to protect Raine. I even love his bad ass, antisocial behavior. (If you ask me, Lindsay is kind of a bitch anyway!) I think it's kind of endearing that Raine is the only person he likes. Inside, Bastian is just a vulnerable boy who needs love and reassurance. Raine is his perfect match and gives him the support and understanding he needs.

*"Most of all, I love the way you love me," she said. "I love the passion inside of you and how you make me feel like the most desired woman in the world when I'm with you."*

Aww, I can't help it, I always fall for the sappy stuff. Overall, even though this one wasn't as awesome as the first book, I would still recommend it to fans of Surviving Raine. It was worth the read to me just to spend some more time with one of my favorite cavemen.

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

\*\*\*\*\*3.75 I've Got You Stars\*\*\*\*\*

(BR with Melissa, Dee, Sharon, and Tiffany)

I was hoping to be knocked off my feet with this one but, sadly, even Bastian couldn't make this one a Five Star read for me.

The first 26% of the book, I was getting tired of Bastian's adolescent behavior. He's still very insecure and needing constant reassurance of Raine's love for him.

I did enjoy some of the tender moments between the two of them.

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Bastian and Raine haven't been living in a condo in Miami since having been rescued off their island. Raine is content with their new life, but Bastian is having trouble acclimating, and he struggles every day with his desire to drink again. He feels lost and doesn't seem to think he fits in Raine's life. His constant mood swings and carelessness causes some angst in the story.

The action picks up, when Landon approaches Bastian.

He tells him that Franks knows about him and Raine and that if he wants to keep her safe, he must fight one last time in a tournament.

What can Bastian do? There's no way he can fight off the mob alone, and he'd do **ANYTHING** to keep Raine safe.

He's promised that if he does this one last tournament, that he will not be bothered by them again and can go off and live happily ever after with Raine.

Oh and there's another kicker, but I'll not mention it here!!

It's a big one!!

This sends Bastian over the edge and he does something stupid.

My heart was pounding. I was hoping and at the same time screaming at my iPad, telling him not to do it!!

Oh but he did!!

But Raine, she's so in love with him, she finds it in her heart to forgive him.

**Like everything else in my life, it all changed when Raine became a part of it. She made me a person who could be loved and forgiven. She made me the kind of man I might have been if I hadn't been so fucked up early on in life. She took me for who I was--flaws and all--and made me better with nothing more than her acceptance of me.**

**She was life.**

There is a bunch of action that ensues when the tournament commences, and we get Evan Arden in the mix. He's Bastian's number one opponent.

I wish that I could say that I loved this one, but it just didn't hit the mark for me.

I needed more romance.

Bastian and Raine were separated a lot during this one and there wasn't as much sexy time as in the first book.

I needed some HOT & SWEATY sex with Bastian, but only got lukewarm infrequent sex instead.

I did love the ending and I very much appreciated that Bastian recognized that he had been a selfish bastard to Raine in the beginning and he made a conscious effort to change his ways.