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"Pipe"

In every man's life there comes a day of reckoning. It's the day darkness is exposed and sinners are punished for their trespasses.

A day when loyalty is destroyed and a man is left in ruins.

When he walks away from his club and loses his religion.

Whoever said from the ruins they will rise again never walked a mile in my shoes or the pair of red ones I was left holding.

"Layla"

He's bitter, cold and angry.

He's seen his share of heartache.

Lived through tragedy and despair.

He's my neighbor.

The man I know should stay away from.

The man who will destroy what's left of me if I get too close.

He's Lee Jameson, and I'm Layla Milano.

This is our story.

The story of two people left in ruins forced to rise again

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Dana Busenbark says

In this book of the series, we get to see more about Pipe, AKA Lee Jameson. From the beginning of the book, my heart broke for the little boy that was Lee Jameson. When the person they knew walked into the clubhouse and blew it up, my heart broke yet again at his reactions to things. What happens to Pipe after that? What causes him to unleash on his brothers? Who are Layla and her children? What happens when they move in next door and Pipe comes home, heading inside? What does Pipe do? The play between Layla and Pipe is fun to read and sometimes frustrating because you want to shout, "GET OVER IT!" or "JUST DEAL WITH IT!" but you know that is not how real life works, so you bite your tongue and wait to see what happens. I waited for Pipe's book after the last book and am so happy to have had a chance to read it. Sometimes there are just books that make your own real life feel trivial for the things you go through when faced with the things these folks have gone through. For me, this was one of those books. Enjoy the read!

RECEIVED THIS BOOK AS A GIFT FOR A FAIR/HONEST REVIEW and REVIEWER FOR Bloggin' With M. Brennan.

Christine says

From The Ruins by Janine Infante Bosco is an emotional second chance in life romance between two mature souls who never saw it coming. This story can be read as a standalone but it's better enjoyed read with the others in Janine's Satan's Knights. I've been waiting for Pipe's story for ages and Janine did not disappoint!

After a horrific event, Pipe is lost and doesn't want anything to do with his club and the only family he's known. Try to forget the pain, Pipe leaves the island and hide out further out of town where he can down his pain in women and booze. Layla only wants to make a new safe life for her and her children after her divorce but everything isn't coming up roses. Layla can't stand her new neighbor but can't stay away from him either drawn to his rugged dark nature.

I'm at a loss for words with Pipe and Layla's story. I knew it was going to be emotional and heart-wrenching but this story gutted me and then pieced by heart back together. Pipe wasn't just a delinquent turned biker but a child who's life was taken from him and fights to survive. Getting to know his character a little deeper draws you in more to his heartbreak and why his loss effects him so hard. Layla's character honestly was the perfect yin to Pipe's yang. Layla is a strong woman, feisty, mature character that you can't help but fall in love with her and her three kids. I loved every chapter of this journey. 5 "Towel Bar" stars for In The Ruins by Janine Infante Bosco

*** Reviewed for Sweet & Spicy Reads - ARC provided for an honest review ***

A Book Lover's Emporium Book Blog says

This is the first book I've read from this author...what was I thinking! Why haven't I read her books before???? I am kicking myself but all of that is about to change. I LOVED this book! Everything about it was perfect; the storyline, the characters, the emotions, and the truths. I love Janine Infante Bosco's writing style, the storyline flowed effortlessly and the character development was spot on.

I did have a hard time getting into the book at the beginning. There was so much raw emotion and heartbreak that I found it hard to just dive in. Not that the beginning wasn't good, just for me, that raw emotion was difficult...all I could say was "wow"...but then, there was a moment in the book where it just grabbed me and I couldn't put it down. I stayed up way too late reading, I slacked off work and housework, hell, I even ordered take out just so I could finish the book; then when I started to get to the end, I didn't want it to end. So I slowed down reading, trying to devour all the words because I wanted more!! I wasn't done with these characters and I find myself already missing them.

I felt all the emotions while reading this book; I felt hurt, loss, anger, hope, love, fear...everything. These characters gave me all the feels. I wanted to hug and protect them, I wanted to fight for them and I wanted to kick them (mainly Lee!) in the @\$@ countless times. Pipe (Lee) and Layla are the perfect couple. I loved all the interactions they had together; their chemistry was amazing. It wasn't always easy for them and that's one of the things I loved most about this book. Real life isn't easy and you have to work at it.

I adored Layla's children; each one of them brought a different dynamic to the story. The interaction Lee has with them is hilarious at times and it warmed my heart to see the connection and bond that was formed. Lee didn't stand a chance. I hope we see more of these characters. I would love to see where life takes them.

Natalie The Biblioholic says

If you've read any books from Janine Infante Bosco, then you may already have met Pipe. He's the SGT at Arms and Jack's right hand. He's the one who calms the demons in Jack's head. If you haven't read one of her books, then you're in for one hell of an incredible introduction.

Pipe is lost. Everything that meant something to him now has no meaning. After a tragedy strikes the club, Pipe's life is in ruins. He's lost his wife and he's lost his way. Removing his patch, he hasn't gone nomad. Nope, he's off to rediscover who the heck he is now and try to move through the grief that has now consumed him. The last thing he needs is a nosey neighbor and her kids to boot. So he thinks.

It's from the ruins they will rise.

Layla is recently divorced and is trying to make a new life for herself and her three children. Life's hard but she tries to make the best of a tough situation. After moving for the third time within a year, she's determined to make this time stick and provide some stability for her family. But there's a brooding, dark, and rude man next door who causes a bit of a hiccup to her peaceful plans. However, she sees him. Like really sees him. She can see his pain and hopes to discover its source and provide some solace. Layla was truly a beautiful person. No less beautiful than Pipe.

In order to rise up, you have to fall. It's a fast and furious descent that renders you speechless and leaves you staring up at the heavens wondering how you'll ever climb this hurdle.

One of the things I love most about this author's writing is how she creates and develops her characters. They're beautifully flawed and insanely easy to relate to. Take Layla for instance. Any woman who finds herself with the job of raising her children almost entirely by herself can see themselves in Layla. I know for sure that I did. Being a single mom isn't glamorous and it isn't easy. Not only do you have to take steps to ensure that your children don't suffer from the loss of what used to be, but as a woman your insecurities are your worst enemies. How do you move on? And when someone does come along, someone you would like to take a chance with, how do you juggle being a mom and a woman? It's a difficult balance and the author

didn't sugarcoat it at all.

Now Pipe took me by surprise. I assumed he'd be so far from reach that it would take ages for Layla to touch him. But that wasn't the case. He was able to see his way out pretty quickly and it was all due to the almost instantaneous connection he shared with Layla and her children. And when this man came out of his shell... when he allowed himself to feel... when he acknowledged that he didn't die with his wife and that it wasn't his time to go but to live... oh man, this dude showed up!! Pipe has always been loyal, tried, tested and true. But when it came to Layla and those kids, he became so much more than just the SGT at Arms. More than the poor boy from horrific circumstances that tried to make the most of the opportunities he was given. He became the right man for his new family. Whether it was fixing the plumbing, taking a little girl to a dance, or recreating a bedroom to make someone happy, he was all in. I couldn't have asked for better.

This book was a bit different from those I'm used to from this author. It had less action and more heart. But I'm not over here complaining. Not one bit. Because the author always shows heart in her writing and this story showed it the most. Maybe because it hit some personal points for the author. Maybe because it hit some personal ones for me. I'm not sure, but it was definitely one of my favorites so far. So if you're a fan of motorcycle club romances or a fan of second chances, I highly recommend adding this book to your list!

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POV: Dual - 1st person

Heat: 4 out of 5

Type: Standalone with character crossover

Bonnie Mancuso says

PERFECTION! There really is no other way to put it. Janine Infante Bosco is just brilliant. The truths in this book, both hers and her characters, take this story to an entirely different level. Holding nothing back, she tells these truths. She owns them as do her characters. The story itself is incredible. Janine takes you on one hell of an emotional ride. And while it's a cold and it's a broken Hallelujah, Janine pulls it all together brilliantly and leaves you begging for more.

Kylee says

Truth, this book will give you inspiration, enlightenment and show you even the broken can rise from the ruins. As a huge fan of the Nomads series and feeling like I became Property Of Parrish after reading them, I thought there was no way Janine Infante Bosco could grab hold of my heart any tighter with her words than she had. Truth, I was wrong, oh so effing wrong!!! From the moment I read the authors note to the readers she had already made me laugh and cry and I hadn't even started the story. Pipe was a sinner and a man so ruined that he thought there was no return so he threw what mattered the most away, his family, his brothers and his club. What he didn't count on was a divorced Mum of 3 that in her own way had been ruined. Layla may have been down but in no way was this woman out. She had strength, determination and a heart so big that I don't even think she realised what she was capable of. In showing Lee that he was more than Pipe she also came to accept that she was braver and more resilient than she gave herself credit for. As these two characters rise from the ashes of their past, it is pure love and truth that finally sets them both free. From The Ruins is about mourning, acceptance, truth, love, risk and family. Janine you took me on one hell of a ride with this book. You made me cry, broke my heart, made me smile and showed me that there is a hidden

strength in all of us and when one chapter ends another begins. So for me this wasn't the end of Property Of Parrish it was just the beginning.

Renee says

I received a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review for Stephanie's Book Reports.

In every man's life there comes a day of reckoning. It's a day of darkness is exposed and sinners are punished for their trespasses. Its a day when Pipe's loyalty is destroyed and he is left in ruins. It's the day Pipe walks away from his club and loses his religion. Whoever said from the ruins they will rise again never walked a mile in Pipe's shoes or the pair of red ones he was left holding.

Layla knows a few things about Pipe. He is bitter, cold, angry and has seen his share of heartache. He has live through tragedy and despair. Pipe is her neighbor. He is also the man she should stay away from. A man who will destroy what is left of her if she gets to close. He is Lee Jameson and I am Layla Milano. This is our story. A story of two people left in ruins and forced to rise again.

Hello Pipe.....I have been waiting for you and your story!!! Holy cow what a story it is too. It is so much more than I ever thought it would be and I'm still reeling a day after finishing this book and can't stop thinking bout From The Ruins. Pipe has always through all the previous books I have read from Janine Infante Bosco been a character that I loved and knew that I wanted to know more about. He has suffered such loss in his life. So much more than we as readers of past books were aware of. His childhood absolutely crushed me along with the loss of his wife which all but destroyed Pipe. He is beyond done and he has no problem letting everyone in the club know he is done and to leave him the heck alone. He wants absolutely nothing to do with the club and no longer wants to be "Property of Parrish." Enter Layla who bless her heart had a marriage that has ended in divorce and is a single mother of three trying to care for them and work at the same time but has had to move several times and the last time she ends up living right next to Pipe. If there has ever been a defining moment in two broken peoples lives it is the moment that Layla and Pipe laid eyes on each other. Oh Layla....how I loved your strength, your courage, your heart as a mother and your broken heart as a woman who just wants love and be loved the way they deserve. I loved how she put her kids first in everything. She also has no trouble speaking her mind and I loved that about her too. I've found myself today wondering what their lives would have been like if Pipe and Laya had met years ago and not had to live through what they lived through. I don't know that they would have appreciated what one had to offer the other as much as they do in the book. Struggles make us stronger and devastation tends to be rock bottom and there is no where to go but up. You will just have to read this amazing book to see what their journey entails. I am not giving anything away but I will say that if I was Layla I'd love Pipe myself for just the way he loved my kids like they were his own. He had me there. A mother wants the best for her children and she wants a man to love them just as his own even if they didn't come from his blood. Pipe is an excellent example of a man who fell in love with a mother of three with a sixteen year old son Tommy who needs the example of a good man in his life. A thirteen year old daughter Jenna who we all as girls know is struggling with all the changes in her world and then there is six year old Lexi the girl who draws him as a superhero and stole Pipe's heart in right that second I do believe. He might not admit it but I so knew he was done for right there. Lexi too is hilarious and adds just the right amount of giggles to deal with all the things in this book that will tear year heart out. I can't count how many times I had tears running down my face while reading. I surprised myself since I already knew parts of Pipe's story from previous books but living it all through his eyes just about devastated my poor little heart. A Layla....ooh how I could relate to her for so many reason. Some of them far to personal to talk about in a book review.

Janine Infante Bosco has blown my away once again. Thank you so much for writing this book. Thank you

for the moments I will hold in my heart when things seem hopeless or the day I feel especially alone. Thank you for pouring your heart and soul into this book and for sharing yourself with us. I know it couldn't have been easy and I want you to know you have to be one of the bravest, best mommies in the world. If you don't pick up this book and read it you are missing out on one of the best books every written. Trust me too once you do read this one if you have not read any other Janine Infante Bosco books you will be going back and reading everything you can get your hands on. I make it no secret that I love this author. She is my she could write a book about anything and I would devour it with just as much vigor and excitement as I did the first book I ever read from her.

Andrea Hanzel says

Sigh....how do her books just keep getting better and better? Every time I read a book by Ms. Bosco, I think she can't get any better than this. Every book is just better and better. She puts so much heart into her stories that they stay with you long after you put the kindle down.

I have been patiently waiting for Pipe's story, I just knew it would be an emotional read. And I had no idea who the author could dream up that would be the perfect woman for Pipe. Layla is beyond amazing, as a woman and as a mom. She was exactly what Pipe needed to get himself back to the land of the living.

You don't necessarily need the previous to enjoy this story, but I truly feel you get a better idea of what it means to be property of Parrish if you read about the other couples.

So read this one!

♥♥♥♥♥ 5/5 Hearts

Michelle Brace (Wicked Babes Blog Reviews) says

WOW, talk about such a wonderful book!! Janine just keeps showing us with each book how much her talent grows with each book by giving us delivering a book that somehow is even better than the others. Yes this book can be read as a standalone but I so happy that I've read the others so I know how everything has progressed and what everyone's story was. You aren't going to get much MC in this book but it was so beautiful. The fact that Janine put so much of herself just gave it that much more and your heart absolutely breaks because of all the emotion that is in it.

This book was a beautiful story that was about two people that have lost in life in two very different ways but none the less have to figure out a way to go on it life. Layla is the perfect woman for Pipe. She somehow is able to bring him out of his downward spiral when no one else could without realizing exactly what she is doing. Pipe just wants to do whatever he can to forget what he has lost and he is self destructing in the process until a spunky neighbor and her kids come barreling in his life. He can finally forget for a bit what has happened and that is something he loves and he hates. The guilt is so consuming and could put what happiness he could find in danger. Layla is drawn to Pipe but she wants to do whatever she can for her children to make their lives better and with Pipe not being the most reliable that may not be him. The push and pull and constant attitude change from one day to the next may be something she needs to stay away from.

I highly recommend this book and the others in this series. Again, you don't have to read the others, you will

still love it but I'm telling you that you will love the others as well. This book has it all. You are going to get heartbreak, devastation, anger, laughs, love, steamy sex, action, and so much more. Janine did such a wonderful job with this book and I can't wait to see what's next!

Judy says

I saw where one reviewer wanted to know how this author's books could just keep getting better with each new book and I feel the same way. I did not want this book to end and I know I'm going to re-read it very soon. I've followed this series and these characters seem to grab hold of me and not let me go. But it should be noted this book can be read as a stand alone. If you read the entire series I can assure you will want to be "Property of Parrish", the president of the club.

Pipe has faced devastation with the death of his wife and leaves the club angry and feeling guilty because neither he nor his club protected his wife. He gives up his patch and forsakes all of his brothers but Jack the Bulldog doesn't let him go so easily. Pipe makes a shrine of those red shoes and goes on a self destructive path. Then his world is shaken when Layla and her three children move into the house next door. Layla is trying to prove to herself that she is worthy, independent after getting out of a bad marriage. The relationship between Pipe and Layla builds slowly and they both rise from their own ruins. It's a second chance at life, a chance for redemption and a chance for a deep, true love that makes them both better people. Yes, Pipe finally lays Oksana to rest and leaves her in the past but he will always have a place in his heart for her. Layla understands this and is fine with it. I especially loved Pipe's relationship with the kids. His actions with those kids showed exactly what a good man he was.

I highly recommend this book as well as the books preceding it. I can't wait for the story to continue with another one that becomes "Property of Parrish." I swear I love that Jack Parrish. This is the best book I think I've read this year.

Brandy Roberts says

I've been looking forward to Pipes story since Drifter so even thought From the ruins can be read as a standalone I highly recommend that you read Drifter before you start . It was one hell of an emotional story witch is no surprise because this is written by Janine Infante Bosco .

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hero=10 heroine=10 secondary characters=10 Chemistry=10 steam=9

romance=7 humor=3 darkness level=5 action=4 mystery=3

enjoyment=9 angst=3 story line=9 Story ending=10

character development=10 pacing=10 Plot=10

cover=10 stars=5 author=10

would I recommend this book=yes

would I re read this book=yes

would I read future books by this author=yes

Sue says

4.5 STARS for this one. Wish Goodreads would allow us to give 1/2 stars! I really did love this story, the 4.5 * is really because when our H/h meet, I just felt as though their attraction to one another could have been

fleshed out a bit more, with the state we find our H in at the beginning, I just think he put all his woes behind him a bit too easily to be believable. But maybe I'm wrong.

Having said that, I really did enjoy Pipe's story and I desperately wanted him to find his happy ending. I'm not quite sure how Janine's reading order goes, this book is not officially part of the Nomad series, but Pipe is in the Nomad stories and this is his side story running in parallel with what's going on with the rest of the Satan's Knights MC members. After a tragic event that happened within the Satan's Knight MC club, Pipe gives up his patches and turns his back on his MC brothers, blaming them for what happened. He retreats to his hideaway to lick his wounds and drown in sorrow, but he doesn't get much of a chance when he finds people have moved in next door....

A divorcee and her 3 kids trying to make ends meet, Layla having come out of a 17 or more year marriage. I really loved Pipe and Layla, it was a fiery beginning for them, at loggerheads for their first few meetings. Then when they finally got it together, it was hot and heavy anytime they could get a minute to themselves but there was also a tenderness Pipe gave to Layla that just made me melt. One of the best parts about the book is Layla's kids, I loved reading the development of their relationship with Pipe. Overall, definitely a great read and if you read the Nomad series first, there is no way you can pass by this book because you have to know what happened to Pipe!

Jennifer says

5 Truth Stars!!!!

Janine's books have my heart by the balls....if my heart had balls...you know what mean.

So, me and Janine were talking the other day over a glass of wine. Well, Janine wasn't there, but my kindle was...same thing. And Janine was like, "Hey, girl! I'm gonna make you cry your eyes out!" and I was like, "Girl, nah uh!" and then she was like, "Cry, Bitch!" and I was like, "Leave me, alone, Janine!"...and then I'm already crying by 10%. I am NOT a girl who likes to read sad books. I wouldn't call her books sad. I would call them REAL. She always includes some type of real issue, and it doesn't matter what "issue" she is including in the story, she always pulls and pulls until my heart breaks from her words alone.

Pipe is struck with tragedy several books ago, in the worst way. He already didn't have a shiny life before, but he was given a glimpse of happy before another tragedy. He's known way too much loss for one person. He escapes and leaves the only family he's ever know. Who can blame him? He lost everything. He is a broken man who has no idea how to deal.

Layla. She is a single mother of three. These kids. Love 'em. I'm super picky about kids in books, and these kids had so much character and were essential in pulling Pipe from the ruins. Layla is also just trying to get through each day. She has been through a not-so-great marriage which ended in divorce. Bitter against all men, she is not ready for Pipe....at all.

Pipe and Layla are neighbors who hate each other (love this trope!). Neither of them are in a good place. They are just trying to stumble through life. Layla has a few more smiles left, so she isn't afraid to give those smiles out to those who deserve them, and Pipe starts to crave her smiles. When Pipe rescues her and the kids from a couple of household disasters, the ice begins to thaw between Pipe & Layla. They eventually find solace in each other in the form of hot, crazy sex (yes, please!), forgetting their issues for even a brief

amount of time.

The only way to describe how Janine's books make me feel is by sharing this memory. One of my favorite memories that will stay with me forever...I was on the back of my Dad's Harley. We were riding in the dark on the way home from an outside concert at a winery, and we were listening to one of our favorite songs. At the time, we thought my dad had cancer. Little did we know a couple weeks later, we would find out that by a miracle, he did not have cancer. Anywho, the wind was in my hair. The rumble of the motorcycle beneath me. The stars above me. This memory is SO MUCH. And THAT feeling is Janine's books.

Janine is THAT author. That author that you don't know is AMAZING. That author who will make you FEEL. Will make you LIVE through her characters. Will make you CRY. Will make you LAUGH. And you will regret not reading Janine's books. Don't regret it. Read her books.

Thank you, Janine, for sharing a part of yourself in this book. I will never grow tired of your words. One day, I will hug you (maybe for an awkward amount of time) and thank you personally.

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Kathleen Lynn says

This was a great book. It was emotional and sexy. It does have some things that some will not like. Death of a spouse and sex scenes with other woman. There is zero cheating though and it's worth reading those scenes to get to the man that Pipe (Lee) truly is.

Jenny says

[No (hide spoiler)]
