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Would you be willing to make a mess of your life to get exactly what you want?

Kylie Lord has known Trent Moss and Dray Savage since college. Trent, the smart and kind-hearted humanitarian has had her heart from the moment they met, but someone else always has his. Dray is an arrogant professional football player who happens to be Trent's best friend and Kylie's nemesis "with benefits."

Five years after graduation, Kylie is commanding the world with a new image and a successful business; however, she lacks the one thing she wants and the one thing she can never have. That is, until one fateful night when Kylie decides to go after all of her forbidden fantasies and risk everything.

Two men, completely different and poles apart, but together they are her idea of perfection. One can only offer her tonight and the other forever, but can Kylie settle for just one man, or can she have her cake and eat it too?

## **Cake Details**

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### Vickie\*\*\* says

I started reading this book thinking it was going to be a light read. It wasn't a life changing book, but it sure did get really dramatic in the end.

There were some interesting decisions that were made... I would say

It's really obvious from the blurb that Dray and Kylie are going to hook up. Of course, it starts out with it just being sex and then it progresses to feelings.

Kylie has been in love with Trent for a super long time, but the involvement with Dray caused her to sway feelings.

When Trent came back from after a super long time, he confesses that he loves Kylie. Now this is where everything gets crazy.

Now here's my thoughts on the book, warning there will be spoilers.

To establish if Kylie has feelings for Trent still, she has sex with him. Even though she did stop him because she didn't feel anything, emotion wise, they still had sex.

you could say that Kylie didn't cheat on Dray because they were never exclusive, but the feelings and emotions were there for Dray, so I think she totally cheated on him!!! Yes, good job Kylie, good job.

And then she gets pregnant.... and she does not know whose the daddy. AND THEN WE FIND OUT WHO THE DAD IS, WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF THAT?!?! I really did not expect that to happen (Trent is the dad, the person she slept with one time, ONE TIME, versus the person she slept with 12341234134 times)

AND THAT'S NOT ALL, Dray gets super upset with this news because they were all so sure it would be Dray's kid, so he went and slept with someone else!!!

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Ok I realize that I just spoiled probably the whole book, but I really needed to get that off my chest!!!!

The ending, as other people say, was kind of abrupt, only because we don't know all the details of what happened, but I didn't want to go down that road, so I was ok with the ending

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### Kirsty says

Once again Nicole Reed has blown me away. I feel like it has been an honour to watch her writing develop and grow from strength to strength. I was already a big fan of her Ruining series, so of course when I knew she was writing a new book I would be **all over that**. Turns out I was right to be so excited.. *Cake* was

amazing.

***"You need a good ole freaky sexing. Someone who doesn't care to bend you over, lick it wet, and whisper dirty nothings in your ear."***

We all know that the Ruining series was so dark and gritty, emotional and painful but incredible all the same. What I didn't know though, was that Nicole had the ability to write something so **different**. *Cake* isn't a fluffy book by any means - I shed plenty of tears, felt my heart racing on more than one occasion BUT laughed out loud more times than I could care to remember. It had the perfect mix.

Nicole's writing throughout *Cake* was flawless. I was engaged, addicted and felt completely in love with the characters. This is a love triangle but personally I didn't struggle with it too much because I felt one of the guys was a clear winner from the off. It wasn't an easy ride, my god it was so painful at times, but I always had faith that they would get there. ♥

***"Shh. Just let it happen. For so many years, we've drawn our battle lines and fought this war, but I'm waving the white flag."***

Trent, Dray and Kylie.. what a mix. And two guys that couldn't be more different but at the same time, mean the entire world to each other. Kylie sure knew how to pick them that's for sure! Dray is the jock, the player, the asshole that hides his feelings in the form of hatred. Or Trent, the humanitarian, the guy Kylie has been in love with for as long as she can remember, the guy who sees her as just as a sister. How do you choose?!

***"Can I marry Trent and fuck Dray because that sounds like the answer to my problems."***

I have to mention one character quick. Aunt Leigh. I want an Aunt Leigh and I can bet every body in the world wishes they had one too. Her presence in the story was one of my favourite things. She wasn't just a secondary character to me, she was one of the mains and held just as much importance. I loved her.

***"No matter what, I'm always going to be proud of you. It's not the circumstances we find ourselves in that define us, it's how we overcome them. I'm proud of you, baby girl. Forever and always."***

I haven't really said too much about the story, but just know that it is SO GOOD. It will keep you interested, engaged and completely on your toes. I never knew what was around the corner and I love when that happens. Go Nicole!

\*ARC provided by author in turn for an honest review.\*

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## **Trina says**

LMAO, HYSTERICAL 5 HOT STARS!

Nicole Reed outdoes herself in this story of love, life and friendship. I laughed, cried and OH SHIT!....till the very end.

Strong cast of characters to swoon over.....sighhhh, Dray!!! I just wanted to bite him!! Kylie is strong and determined along with her crazy best friend Madison, and lets not forget Trent.....hmmmm!!!

Although this book is NOT a cliffhanger, I do hope that Nicole Reed continues on with maybe a story about Madison, I just loved her. "Hey Skittles, Have you tasted a rainbow today?"  
And Aunt Leigh.....I love you, Forever & Always....

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## **Ela says**

A wonderful story about discovery, love, friendship, and pain! You rocked Nicole with Cake!

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## **Lise \*friends don't flag\* says**

### **4 Cake-O-Licious stars!**

What does one do on a Saturday night after you go to sleep? You wake up, eat cake and read this book straight through... well that is what I did!

The way Nicole Reed wrote this love triangle story was so engaging that I simply could not put it down until I finished. The characters were fun, funny and so likeable. This story had just the right amount of angst and the perfect amount of hot steaming love. I could feel the electricity between Kylie and Dray and it was exciting, but then Trent came back into the picture and Whoa.... whom to choose?

I was team Dray all of the way. And thanks to Kirsten P. for providing the spot-on visual of Dray and Trent: Looke Here... YUM!

I had a few little darn it moments in the last part of the book, but then I had my cake and I ate it too!

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## **Becky says**

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It is always a nerve-racking yet exciting time to read a new book from your favorite author. Nerve-racking because it is something new and different. And exciting because, well, it is new and different! You *know* it is going to be good, but will it be so different you don't love it as much as the other books the author has written?

Yeah, I don't know what the hell I was worried about with Cake. This is Nicole Reed we are talking about here, so ANYTHING she writes is going to be amazaballs!! And Cake certainly proved that. It is a complete 360 from her Ruining Series. It shows us a whole new side of Nicole and the awesomeness that is her writing ability.

This book is about love, friendships, family and all the ups and downs that come with them. There isn't a

character that you meet that you won't love in Cake. They all are such a part of Kylie's life that you will find yourself drawn to them just as much as our heroine. My personal fave though is Madison. Her humor had be cracking up from the beginning.

*"You have to admit, his voice gets you wetter than a cucumber in a women's prison."*

And of course there is Dray! He reminded me of one of those little boys that pull your hair on the playground because they like you. But he could pull my hair any day "fans self". He was pure sex on a stick and I don't fault Kylie one bit for jumping on his offer of no strings sex.

But can you really have sex without becoming emotionally involved? Especially if your heart already belongs to someone else?

Kylie is not a perfect character by any stretch of the imagination. She makes choices that will leave you saying "what the HELL is she thinking?!". But that is also the thing that makes her character so lovable. Her flaws make her more relatable, because haven't we all made decisions we wish we could go back and change? It is learning from those mistakes that make us grow and become a better person, which I think Kylie did.

I don't want to say anything else because I don't want to ruin the story for anyone. This is a must read book that will give a little bit of everything you could want in a book, including NO CLIFF HANGER!!

Side note, I have already emailed Nicole asking if a certain set of characters in this book will be getting their own! You will know who I am talking about when yo get to the end. If you want more of them, PLEASE let her know! If we all ask for it then she might just give it to us!

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## **LZ says**

**\*\*\*5 FANTASTIC, I LAUGHED-MY-ASS-OFF, REFRESHING STARS\*\*\***

First, If you've read Nicole Reed's *Ruining Series* and you think you have her pegged.... **THINK AGAIN.** She is **FUNNY** people! I'm talking about wiping tears and straight up guffaws coming out of me!!! There is so much wit, humor and one liners in this book I almost highlighted the entire thing!

Honestly, I loved all of these characters! Nicole Reed has a talent for creating heroines that I **ACTUALLY LIKE!** To me, these are two very different, but **REAL** female characters. Kylie and Madison's relationship is what every girl wants. It's fun, supportive, full of tough love and humor.

Oh and Dray....\*gulp\* how else can I describe him other than....**I love Dray!** That cocky self assured swagger with a hint of vulnerability underneath is my kryptonite. Add to it that he's sweet and funny? **FORGET IT,** I am putty in his hands! I don't usually do casting, but after I saw this, there was **NO WAY** he could be anyone else but my Dray!

Sure, they start out hating each other, but then something happens and the walls start to break.

**“Shhh,” he whispers. “Just let it happen. For so many years, we’ve drawn our battle lines and fought this war, but I’m waving the white flag.”**

Once the walls start to come down, *GOOD LORD* there was NO resisting <--- like I was anyway \*rolls eyes\*

**“All you have to do is ask. I want you to be my bad girl. Have you been a bad girl before?”**

And Mrs Reed has definitely left our sweet high schoolers behind, there is *SOME MAJOR HEAT* in this one....

**"I stand still, conceding control to him. His tongue strokes my bottom lip as he seeks entrance. I deny opening to him, so he gently bites my bottom lip, rolling it between his teeth and tugging, letting it go with a harsh nip."**

SERIOUSLY?! He could bite my lips ANY day.

Oh, I guess I should mention Trent.....Is he sweet? Swoon worthy? Good-looking? Ideal? Yeah, yeah, sure he is..... I'm sure there will be plenty of Trent-girls out there. There's a lot to like, but he wasn't it for me. I've been told that I like the bad ones <---I don't think this was a compliment, but hey, I'm a girl who knows what she likes and really Trent....

Now, I have to fess up.... it isn't all fun, games and sex. There were parts that had me yelling WTH? Just do it already! Why? Oh hell NO! PLEASE NO! And other extremely frustrated phrases. All of these characters broke my heart at some point or another. But, like the masochist I am, I wanted, NO NEEDED more. There was just something about Dray and Kylie that connected with me.... *MY* cocky, redeemable bad boy needed to believe and the funny, but confused girl needed to find herself. I love that this story is so HONEST. We all make bad decisions, we all mess up, but REALLY, this is **LIFE**. Things happen and we have to go where it leads no matter the consequences.

Lastly, I can't write this review without mentioning Aunt Leigh....ah Aunt Leigh, I just **LOVED HER**. So wise, so right and a really amazing character.....

**My life isn't picture perfect, but my Aunt once told me, “Bad decisions always make a good story.”**

So, come one people, give this book a chance. Try some thing new. **This was a great read!**

*\*ARC given by author for an honest review and HONESTLY it's....*

**YAY!!!! There's a release date!!! August 6th!!!**

**Ummm...Can you tell I'm excited about this????**

### ♥Trish♥ says

Ending was so abrupt. After all the story we got what should of been the best part of the book cut off...

Good story with an even better love triangle, but the author left to much out. There was so much story detail throughout the book, to have that ending is very upsetting.

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### Kirsten P says

I gotta chose?

NFL SUPER HOTTIE DRAY ♥ ♥ Or ♥ ♥ SEXY HUMANITARIAN TRENT

Nicole Reed, you have blown me away once again with this story. Your writing just gets better and better.

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### Jessica Florence says

Holy hell.. Ok, OK, I think I am good to talk about this now.

This one hell of a ride. Hillarious! I loved it, But woah.

You think you know what will happen then BAM! Nope you are wrong!

I was like WTH!! Noo! Seriously! But in the end it was happy, and worked out.

That is really all I can say without going into every single detail of the book, because I will.

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### Jen says

This book was a pleasant surprise! I loved each and every character, even though I wanted to punch a few of them on more than one occasion. The ending came as a little bit of a shock but I loved it!

As much as I adored these two men *\*cough\*mostly Dray\*cough\** I was left with just one question at the end. Where can I find a BFF like Mads?

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### Tough Critic Book Reviews says

## All relationships should be built around an asshole...

If I were to break it down and outline the plot, *Cake* sounds like an amazing book. However, it lacked something in the execution. It was *that* something that kept a good book from being a great book. It had some amazing sexual tension, but it ended too soon, way too soon.

I love when a romantic relationship is built around an asshole.

Not asshole the orifice, but someone falling for an asshole. What I'm trying to say is that the sexual tension between Drey and Kylie was palpable, but I wish it had been drawn out a little longer. From that point on, I felt like the story was rushed. It was a good story, but way too much was skipped by and glossed over.

There was also some drama (aka stalker stuff) that was introduced to the plot; setting the stage for something big. The big never happened, and nothing really came of it. It had me looking on the ground wondering if I had dropped a chapter somewhere.

As much as I liked the twists and turns of the ending, overall it was a bit deflated. It fell flat. I think there's more to come. I hope so, because there *is* a great story in there. It just needs to be brought out. Overall, it was like getting a big piece of *Cake* and being told I couldn't eat it too. I want to eat cake dammit.

READ ON!

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## Michelle says

***"Bad decisions always make a good story."***

Kylie Lord is in love with Trent Moss and has been for the last seven years. But Trent has never given her any signs that he feels the same way - and Kylie has always kept quiet about her feelings. Trent is the greatest man she knows. He is selfless and has made a life for himself that is centered around making positive changes in the worst parts of the world. He is her perfect man. But he loves her like a sister.

Trent grew up without a family - all he had was the brother he found in the foster home he grew up in. Dray Savage is the hot professional football player that has always teased and been outright mean to Kylie. She has spent the last seven years putting up with him because he is everything to Trent. But when an accident on the field forces Kylie to care for Dray, suddenly the feelings she is experiencing are a far cry from hate. Can she have a physical relationship with Dray and still wait for Trent to return so she can lay out her heart? Kylie is hoping that she can live a little and have her cake and eat it too.

What can be said about the things that Nicole Reed can do with a good love triangle? I tend to stay away from the whole triangle thing because I can't stand to fall for the wrong guy. Kylie will eventually have to pick between the two men. And oh what a hard choice that is going to be...

Trent:

Dray:

I loved the humor in the dialogue along with some very touching moments. There were just so many times when I was laughing then seriously angry and then searching for tissue.

And oh Dray... He was an ass at times -

but then you just wanted him to grab hold of you and have his dirty way with you.

And then Trent returns after Kylie and Dray have discovered that there was far more to their relationship than just snarky comments. Between all the banging they became friends. But when Kylie has a chance at the love she has longed for ever since she could remember - will the new feelings she's discovered for Dray overpower them? And BAM we get the angst that drives us all nuts.

I had a moment during this book when I was stomping my feet and throwing a very unladylike fit.

But in the end I was still head over heels in love with this story. Nicole Reed delivered a great follow up novel after her release of the Ruining Series. She wrote a very sexy, funny and sweet romance that hit all the right spots.

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### **Chris- Bookaddict says**

5 ++++++ AMAZING STARS !!!!!!!

When Nicole asked me if I wanted an ARC copy of Cake I jumped on it. I knew it would be an amazing story and she did not disappoint me at all. If you have read Nicole's First two books Ruining You and Ruining Me you are in for a real surprise because this one is NOTHING , I repeat NOTHING like those two books. This is A totally different kind of story BUT an AMAZING one for sure.

Everyone of the characters in this book I loved. Nicole truly knows how to get you to fall in love with her characters right from the start.

Best friends Kylie and Madison were amazing together, they are the idea team of Best friend/ Sister anyone could ever want. They stood by each other through all of it.

Kylie Lord has known Trent Moss and Dray Savage since college.

Trent, the smart and kind-hearted humanitarian has had her heart from the moment they met, but someone else always has his. She has lived the last seven years in Love with Trent and not telling him how she truly felt for him. Trent has Loved her as well but only as a sister figure not as girlfriend material. She is hoping that one day he will see her as more.

Can Kylie open her heart to someone else and move on from Trent?

**“The greatest tragedy for me is that I allowed my heart to die with him that day, never realizing that**

**life is too short and, at the same time, so long, to think your love is limited."**

Dray is an arrogant professional football player who happens to be Trent's best friend and has Loved Kylie for years, but has never acted on those feelings nor has he told her. Once Dray gets an injury while playing Football, It is Trent who convinces Kylie to go to him and make sure he is ok. As Kylie and Dray spend the next 2 weeks together, things change and things get really hot and heated between them.

**"Shhh," he whispers. "Just let it happen. For so many years, we've drawn our battle lines and fought this war, but I'm waving the white flag."**

When Trent gets Home and finally decides he wants more with Kylie, what will happen? Will she be there with open arms for him. Can she forget all that has happened with Dray and move on with Trent?

**"You make it sound so easy to get what I always wanted."**

**"What?" I ask, releasing the breath I've been holding.**

**"You. You bring me to my knees. Your smile, the insecure one you only give to me. The way you smell at the base of your neck that is purely your scent. Your taste, knowing I'll be the last man to ever know how sweet you truly are."**

This story keeps you on your toes. It is about life and finding your place in it. It is funny, it is heart breaking, it holds surprise after surprise !!!!! It will be one hell of an emotional roller coaster of a ride, BUT it will all be worth it in the end.

**My life isn't picture perfect, but my Aunt once told me, "Bad decisions always make a good story."**

Nicole thank you once again for giving us an AMAZING story with Cake!!!! You simply know how to write my dear and I LOVE your writing style and your characters!!!!

I am hoping her next Book will be about Madi, Kylie's best friend ( HINT, HINT) !!!!!

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**Christy says**

#### 4-4.5 Stars!!!

Kylie Lord has been in love with Trent Moss for years. They met in college and have been best friends ever since. Trent has only ever treated Kylie as a best friend/sister. Besides his foster brother, Dray, Kylie is the only real family Trent has. Trent is everything Kylie could ever want in a man.

Trent Moss, a kind, caring, loyal humanitarian with a tortured past that give him depth and understanding.

Kylie hasn't dated much in the last few years. How can she when she is in love with someone else? It just wouldn't be fair to anyone.

How do I explain how much in love I am with someone who doesn't love me back?

Dray Savage has always gotten under Kylie's skin. They are friends (or frienemies...), both connected by Trent. They are also always at each others throats. Thats just the type of relationship they have. Dray can be kind of a jerk... so you know I loved him right away!

Dray Savage, start college running back and now NFL star. Arrogant asshole would be an apt description.

When Dray gets a football injury and Trent can't be there for him, he asks Kylie knowing she would do anything for him. Kylie is there for Dray when he needs her. But something happens between them. Something Kylie would never ever suspect. She is starting to feel something for Dray... lust?

Did I just mind-fuck my number one enemy who is currently and invalid? I have lost my ever loving mind.

?The more time Kylie and Dray spend together, the more they actually start to get along. They get to know more about one another. Become friends. Real friends. But the sexual tension becomes more than they can take. Dray knows Kylie's feelings for Trent. He has always known. But he wants Kylie, and he knows she wants him as well. He comes up with a proposition for her. Just sex. The best sex of her life. No strings.

"Let's be each other's *just now*"

Dray and Kylie together... hot damn! Kylie keeps their 'relationship' to herself, not wanting anyone (especially her best friend Madison) to know. Madison only knows the Dray that was always bickering with Kylie, not the man she has grown to care for. After a few weeks together, things start getting weird. She is developing feelings for Dray that go beyond lust and friendship and she doesn't know what to do with them.

Then something unexpected happens. Trent comes home. Trent finally confesses to Kylie that he wants something more with her, beyond friendship. Will Kylie give Trent, the man she has loved for years a shot, or have the feelings she's developed for Dray change everything?

Choosing between two guys is hard. Choosing between *these* two guys is near impossible! One is the guy you always thought was the love of your life... someone you've pined for for years. The other is someone you thought you hated, but have grown to care for. He's also someone who's given you the best sex of your life. Now, both guys want you. The problem isn't just choosing... it's what will happen to each when you choose. They are brothers and the only family either one has. If that isn't complicated enough, there is something else that is added to the mix that makes it way more difficult. Will Kylie be able to choose and keep both men in her life, or will she lose two of the best friends she has?

I was so excited when I heard about this book! I loved the authors other two books (Ruining You and Ruining Me) If you are expecting this book to be like them, change your expectations. This is totally different from Nicole Reed's other works, but I enjoyed it just as much! There is some definite angst. It's funny, sweet, sexy, snarky, stressful... just an overall great read! I really liked Kylie, she wasn't perfect, but still an awesome and relatable character. Trent was alright. He wasn't my favorite character, but he was mostly likable. Now Dray... I **LOVED** Dray! Dray was all kinds of sexy, the hot jerk we all know and love who truly has a heart of gold. There were a few moments I was heart broken, it was a bit of a roller coaster of emotions. Overall, I was very happy with how it ended. I would really love another book in this series... maybe a Madison(view spoiler)book :D I would recommend this one!

It's not the circumstances we find ourselves in that define us, it's how we overcome them.

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