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Former rebel-punk foster child. Has-been golden boy swim champ. Second chance at the love of a lifetime, or all-consuming mistake?

Drowning in guilt, Sage Shepard and Brandon Tiggs have spent the last seven years blaming themselves for their post-graduation break-up. Brand numbs the pain by sleepwalking through his monotonous existence. Sage seeks solace in random strangers—names optional.

When Sage returns to the town she left years ago, she unknowingly walks right back into Brand's life. Mid-divorce, Brand sees Sage's return as the opportunity of a lifetime. But Sage doesn't believe in second chances, and still hasn't forgiven herself for the mistakes she made in the most important relationship of her existence.

Their all-consuming love reignites, and as passion threatens to undo them, it's all either can do to stay afloat.

Some mistakes refuse to stay in the past.  
Sometimes 'wrong' is the best kind of right.

CHLORINE & CHAOS is the first book of the Flawed Heroes series; each book is an interconnected standalone.

## **Chlorine and Chaos Details**

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### Jessalyn Jameson says

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### Tamara Mataya says

This book is wrong in all the right ways. ^\_^

The characters are drenched with personal history that's sexily tragic. You're rooting for them from the first page.

And Shades of Scorpius, the HEAT! You might want to read near a large body of water in case of combustion. Don't say I didn't warn you.

Well-written, emotional, and sexy, this is one of my favourite reads. Period.

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### The Lusty Literate says

3 Stars | Hot Steam

Intrigued and enticed by some white-hot excerpts and teasers, I couldn't wait to read Sage and Brand's second-chance romance. Unfortunately, and despite of the "trigger warning" appended to the synopsis, I was stunned and unprepared for the darker than expected detours Sage takes on her way back to Brand's heart. What begins as a romantic and sexy story—buzzing with promise—between two ex-lovers swiftly shifts into a painful and disturbing downward spiral of depression, promiscuity, and self-sabotaging choices.

For those readers looking for a cheery and traditional contemporary erotic novel, CHLORINE & CHAOS is not for you. For others who seek forbidden/taboo relationship erotica that also includes impulsive sexual encounters with strangers, near sexual assaults, physical abuse and a stream of menacing males, then this shaded melodrama is a compelling choice to add to your TBR list.

Bottom Line: CHLORINE & CHAOS is a challenging and entertaining read that contains some genuinely well-written and scorching sex, but, sadly, because of its prevalent disconcerting themes, is ultimately not for me.

Complimentary copy provided in exchange for an honest review.

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### Roseanna says

Holy heck, that was one of the best books I have read in a while. And trust me, I read a lot of books. I love that neither Brand or Sage was perfect, but they are perfect for each other. Beautifully flawed. The writing

was superb! Full of details, well developed plot and characters. Oh the characters. Some you will love, Jimmy, some you will sneer at, coach Simmons. Without giving away too much, I will say I am glad there will be book number two coming soon with Jake. I did wonder what the devil happened to Artie. I think there should have been some closure there. I was glued absolutely glued until the end of the book. Now I must have more!

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## Tia says

I was given an ARC by the author in exchange for my honest review.

"Chlorine & Chaos" by Jessalyn Jameson deals with some hard topics that most people refuse to acknowledge occur, but she weaves it so well into this story that all they bother me it's necessary to tell this story.

Sage was a goth/emo chick in school and Brandon was a swim team jock. She was from an abusive foster home and he was the town golden boy. They had a secret relationship all through high school until graduation when she left for college and he went on to marry his "public" cheerleader girlfriend. Seven years pass and they end up working at the same high school, she as a nurse and he the swim team instructor. No denying the chemistry is still there but will this destroy them completely this time? Is it possible to face the wrongs you do and move forward or do you just throw it all away?

So much raw emotion going on here and a very complex relationship that will take you on an emotional roller coaster ride and leave you wanting more!

18+ due to very adult situations, language, and subject matter.

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## Angie McLain-Fan Girl Book Blog says

### 5 Stars

**A second chance romance that's seriously twisted and I couldn't have loved it more!**

*"The familiar chemical scent of years spent in the water teased her senses once more, lulling her back to the days when she'd get lost in the smell of him, the feel of him, his love, his touch."*

I was truly ecstatic to be given the chance to read an Advance Reader's Copy of Chlorine & Chaos, it's the debut erotic novel and book one in a brand new series, Flawed Heroes from Jessalyn Jameson. I of course had read the blurb before going in, but that in no way prepared me for what lay within the pages of this book. Chlorine & Chaos is written in dual perspectives, giving us painful and heartbreaking glimpses into the past, while playing out in the present, and I can honestly say this book had me riveted from the very start. I burned through the pages, trying to navigate what was clearly more than just a sweet, and steamy second chance romance.

*"The possessiveness she saw in his gaze made her flutter. The hunger made her knees weak."*

Sage Shepard is a young woman returning to the place of her past, after completing her training as a nurse. She's conflicted not just because this place permitted her untold abuse and loneliness for years, but also

because it's the one place that has given her any real happiness, memories of her one and only true love. Brandon Tiggs is a man that has always had dreams of bigger things, than being stuck in the same town he grew up in, without the one and only woman he's ever loved, the only woman who's ever held his heart in her fragile and scarred hands. As fate would decide, Sage is back, starting her new job, in the very same high school she attended years ago. Walking these halls that first morning, the last person she could have hoped to come face to face with is the schools' swim team coach, Brand, Brandon Tiggs. Within moments both Brand and Sage are propelled into the past, memories, sensations and emotions crashing over them with such fury, that they have no hope of escaping.

***“Not ten minutes since returning to her high school, and she'd already reverted back to the lovesick teenager she once was. Except now, she had the added desire of a woman who knew what men could do for her...and none had ever come close to Brandon effing Tiggs.”***

This story is not one of hearts, and flowers, rainbows, sunshine or ponies. This story is incredibly realistic; it's harsh, raw, unapologetic and dark fueled by lust, desire, regret, bad choices, secrets, pain, desperation, and deception. With two characters that have had great love in their lives, but also indescribable losses, they are far from perfect, but they own it. Sage has suffered most of her life with the struggle to overcome self-harming after suffering years of abuse, and brutality. Her memories are both her worst enemy, and her best friend. Her pain is testament to the fact that until you overcome the darkness of the past you'll never be, able to move into the light move towards your future.

***“Sometimes she was just tired. Tired of being strong. Tired of keeping it together. Tired.”***

Having a front row seat to Sage and Brand's pain is arresting, it's brutal, my heart shattered for them, the two of them continue to make the most infuriating of choices, seeming determined to ruin their own happily ever after. When they are together, it's explosive, untold passions, desires run rampant, an emotional connection that rocks your soul, but when they are apart, it's pure chaos, chaos in their hearts and souls, and everyone within their wake.

***“She's consumed him then, and she consumed him now. He wanted to drown in Sage Shepard. And then drown again. And again.”***

This story touches on some very sensitive subject matter, it's intense, and shines a blinding light on the long term effects of abuse, both physical and emotional, and how it continues to affect the victim long after the actual acts have long since passed. It does so in a way that leaves the reader feeling just as raw and scarred as the survivor of the horrors that have come to pass. All that being said, it's one part of the story. Chlorine & Chaos is fundamentally, a story of overcoming the seemingly unsurmountable, perseverance, healing, unyielding and unconditional love, and forgiveness of not only yourself, but others. It made me flustered, frantic, anxious, I was affected in a way that may not be considered normal by some, but I'm an emotional person, and an emotional reader, and when a story takes you to a place, that's scary, sexy and unrelenting, it's the best type of ride. It also has some of the most erotic, titillating scenes I think I've ever read. \*wink \*wink \* blush\* shiver\*

***“He wanted to play her body like a baby grand piano, caressing every delicate inch of her like her skin was actually made of ivory. He wanted to explore her, taste her, slide into her until he filled her, then push her past pleasure to the point of near pain. The point of no return.”***

It's beautifully written, while this may not be a book that's light, fun and fluffy it is without doubt one of the best I've read this year, and becomes an all-time favorite.

*“Two souls meant to ricochet back to one another, pulled together by one tie that bound them against all others. Their love was infinite.”*

Chlorine & Chaos takes you to uncomfortable highs and devastating lows, but this is where the magic happens. Jessalyn Jameson truly hit a grand slam, her first time at the plate. She also becomes an automatic one-click author for me I cannot possibly wait for her next book, in this series. I'm waiting, with grabby squirrel fingers, and crazy flailing Muppet arms, BRING IT!

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### **Vrsha (PeekAtMyBookReview) says**

*Please note that this is solely my personal opinion and I do not intend to hurt anyone's feelings.*

#### **Rating: 2 Stars**

**My Views :** Storyline : Sage is someone who was sexually abused when she was a teen and Brandon came into her life and they fell in love. However, since Brandon was the Golden boy and Sage was the rebel they kept their relationship a secret. They got separated and meet later on in life when each one's life has changed. You see this, it blew me and that was why I accepted the ARC and was giddy to read it. It was a complete **CHAOS**.

I wanted to **DNF this as at 40%** but since this was an ARC, I decided to finish it because the author had some expectations and I would have been an awful person for not completing it. The first 40% was **OKAY**, not really great story going on but I was hoping that somewhere there was going to be a twist and the story is going to blow me because I really loved the beginning. However, at 40% I just couldn't continue reading; I had to stop each time because **IT WAS GETTING ON MY NERVES**. I felt like the book went a bit off-track from what we read in the blurb!!!

**Style of writing :** That's one thing that I really loved in this book. This author has an amazing talent at writing. Her words will flow fluently and it was easy to get into the story which earned the book 1 Star from me. But that's all.

**Characters :** This is for Sage

Let me introduce you to Sage:

Sage is in love with Brand  
Sage believes Brand just pities her  
Sage wants to forget Brand  
So Sage sleeps with a student  
Sage feels bad for betraying Brand  
So she sleeps with the student a second time  
Sage wants to forget the student  
So she sleeps with a stranger  
Sage pushes the student away because she loves Brand

Finally Brand forgives Sage and they live HEA.

Now Brandon was no better. I don't know where these thoughts comes into his mind –

Minute 1:

Sage in still in love with him

Minute 2:

Sage just pities him

Minute 3:

Sage loves everyone else apart from him

Minute 10:

OMG Sage loves him but doesn't want to show...Blah Blah

**Favorite Part :** Ehem...

**What did not work?** I said it all...

**Similar books?** None...

**Recommended :** There are actually 5 Star reviews on Goodreads for this book. So, be a nice reader and read some other reviews before you decide.

*p.s Sorry Jessalyn but this book was really not for me.*

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## Red Cheeks Reads says

CHLORINE & CHAOS is the first book of the Flawed Heroes series.

Chaos? YES! This book definitely lived up to it's name. It certainly was chaotic! Sage and Brandon are childhood sweethearts. Well they were up until graduation. Both filled with insecurities and so much guilt on how each one had a part in their separation that neither of them never really wanted to happen. Luck is something that was never on their side but when they get that second chance, can they hold onto it?

*'..Because here she was. Back inside with the one guy she'd loved since she knew how to love. what the hell was she supposed to do with that?'*

When I first read the synopsis of this book I was quite excited and so intrigued! I knew I had never read anything like this before. So I was excited to I start reading it. This book is all about second chances. It's about love. but it sure as hell isn't easy, it's a roller coaster ride. It is definitely chaotic and gripping and definitely not a "hearts and fluff" type of story but it had it's sweet and funny and hot moments too!

***“Fuck, Brand, please don’t stop. It’s even better than I remember!”***

I loved Jimmy! he is an essential character in the book that we meet- he is Sage’s brother. He steals my heart everytime he says something, everytime him and sage have a conversation, this book needed his character, needed his personality he was the light to the slight darkness to this book.

***“Jimmy please sit down. You’re making me dizzy.”***

***“Oh no, sister, that’s the love making you dizzy”***

This story deals with a lot more than just a second chance at love. It deals with very serious, very real issues and Jessalyn Jameson does it very well. I didn’t like the choices Sage made, I thought WHY??!! but I was never angry at her, I always sympathized with her, my heart hurt for her and that was something that surprised me because of the choices she made usually pisses me off but I just hurt for her instead. There was times in this book that you really don’t know where it’s headed and I am not used to that in a book. I love the push and pull between a couple in a book but knowing they will work it out but I just didn’t know in this book and my hand was itching to just skip straight to the end on my kindle to put myself at ease because I was so anxious and so curious to how this was going to play out. However, I didn’t and I am so happy I didn’t ruin it for myself because even though it was an emotional ride, it was completely necessary.

The style of writing wasn’t my favourite. I love it when it’s the character your reading it through, like your hanging onto every word, experiencing it with the character. Whereas the style of writing Jessalyn chooses, is almost like a third-person writing it, your reading about them instead of with them, but that is just my preference and Jameson has written it so well the writing doesn’t matter as such! Some of the topics aren’t an easy read but so worth it! Even if I tried taking a break from it I couldn’t the story is compelling I needed to know what happened where the story was going to go.

As I mentioned before this is a series. The next book in the series is called WHISKEY BURNED, and will feature new characters and we get a glimpse into this story at the end of Chlorine&Chaos. This book reminded me of the ignite trilogy by Tara Sivec, although this was darker, in my opinion. so if you have read those books and enjoyed them I definitely think you will enjoy this one!

~Jade

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## **Becca Moree says**

With the trigger warning at the beginning of Chlorine and Chaos, I was honestly a bit worried about reading it. (I even had two of my guest reviewers turn it down because of the warnibg...) However, once I got into it I kept would drink when the big bad flashbacks that were triggers were going to pop up....honestly, while there were a few abuse scenes there was nothing that was so in depth or so detailed that I had any issues or flashbacks of my own. I was quite happy about that, I loved how the sexual assault was left behind closed doors...mainly.

Okay, so now on to why this book only got 4 stars instead of the epic 5.

The characters are well developed and pretty realistic. The relationship flows okay...but there are some pretty annoying repeated issues for me.

Sage: I get that chick had a rough childhood and finds her solace in sex instead of cutting now....yay for her? What I don't get (as as past teacher and a parent) is how in the hell she can carry on a relationship of ANY

sort with a student. I'm willing to look past that first time because come on, that wasn't her fault. Every other time ...well just shame on you! I found Sage to be a very indecisive, often whiney girl. I think what bothers me about this is that at times she is portrayed as this strong woman with a few issues from her childhood, bravo for her...but then she goes and does all this crazy stuff when she and a Brand have issues...ugh I just can't even...

How about Brandon?!?

That sexy ass man just doesn't know what he wants, or feels, or thinks....or anything! Hell he is just as bad as Sage on some fronts...although at least he feels the same way I do about the teacher - student thing!

The amount of flip flop between these two could give a reader whiplash!! This romance (if ya wanna call it that) was one emotional rollercoaster I was ready to end!

Now don't read that wrong...I really enjoyed the book. It was a well written interesting read. I just didn't enjoy the crazy ride it took me on lol

I felt like things weren't always balanced...

I went in to this book expecting to struggle through abuse scenes and instead found myself cringing at sex scenes that should have been awesome to read (because the writing is fan - freaking -tastic) but icked me out because it was a 26 year old and an 18 year old student....just...couldn't get into it!

Alright, I'm going to stop whining and give my overall recommendation that you read this book. Even with its issues it is definitely worth it!

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### **Teri Kay says**

This was my first read from Jessalyn and I absolutely loved it!! This is so much more than your typical second chance romance. I think I felt almost every emotion with and for the characters- love, hate, sorrow, anger and even pity. The story of Sage and Brand is tragic and beautiful at the same time. The title describes this story perfectly. Chaos. A heartwrenching chaos that makes you root for the couple and wish they'd just leave each other alone! Everything a good read should make you do!! Highly recommend this book!!

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### **Maegan says**

Great read! I was hooked by the second chapter. The characters in this story faced real-world problems that had me rooting for them to succeed! I would recommend this book to all who love a good romance... But, especially those people who gave up on romance stories because the plots were too simple. You will love this book!

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### **Rhonda Meller says**

You're hooked from the beginning. When Sage and Brand see each other again, you know it's going to be an

amazing story. When their pasts come back into the picture, it gets crazy and dramatic. I couldn't figure out what was going to happen next. Sometimes they sabotaged their own happiness. Thinking they didn't deserve it.

What I truly loved about their story is the fact they never gave up on their love. Each knew they loved the other. They might have each made mistakes at different times but the other was still there.

Sometimes to get your HEA, you have to stay in the fight and learn to forgive. Yourself and the one you love.

This is my first read by this author and I can't wait for the second in the series. She shows you that love isn't always a pretty picture but it can still be beautiful.

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### **Ayden Morgen says**

I stayed up entirely too late reading this last night. Every time I'd prepare to stop for the night, something would happen and I'd have to keep going. I love Jessalyn's writing style. It's absolutely beautiful.

Sage is a hot mess, and I have to admit that I loved and hated that about her in turns. That's a good thing. Having endured all she has, I expected nothing less from her. Abuse isn't pretty and the long-term effects can be brutal. Sage is a perfect representation of this sad reality. She's flawed. She makes mistakes. She's realistic.

Brand is hot. He loves Sage and is very open about that fact. But damn, I wanted to shake sense into him and Sage both at various times. He, too, makes more than his fair share of mistakes.

I absolutely adore Jimmy. Kudos to Jessalyn for writing him so well. He's innocent in so many ways, and so wise in others. I just love him.

There were a few areas of the book that I had to fight through, not because they were poorly written, but because they were just painful to read. Artie for one. Leonard for another. Just gr.

Overall, I thoroughly enjoyed this book, painful parts included, and am looking forward to the next in the series. This was a very solid debut novel for Ms. Jessalyn. 4.5 of 5 stars.

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### **Chuck says**

This is the first book of author Jessalyn Jameson's Flawed Heroes series. It was introduced to me as an "erotic novel", which, of course, is a genre I have never read! However, I know the author, a sweet, beautiful, young woman who does possess a fiery, powerful spirit, so I rushed out to purchase it.

I will not go into the story much, except to say that this is not a "dirty" book. It is a well developed story of two very damaged people brought back together. I found both main characters to be well thought out and likeable. The story developed a little slowly but picked up steam and engaged me fully. It can be summed up by saying, "hurting people hurt people". I had a difficult time not sharing much of it with my wife, since she gets the book next!

Don't get me wrong, the erotic passages in the book were powerful and, well, erotic. However, I loved the story enough to give five stars, but the erotic was maybe two stars since I spent too much time wiping the

tears from my eyes (allergies you know) after each new painful disappointment the characters suffered. I can't wait for the next book in the series!

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### **Alexandra says**

recieved ARC from Author. Review to come

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