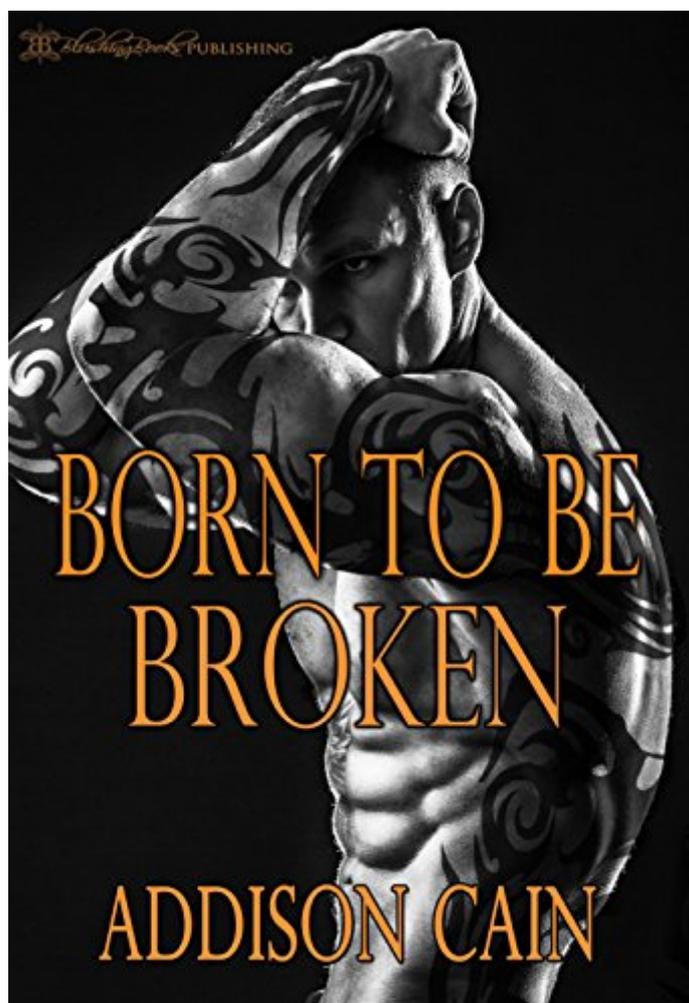


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Synopsis

Claire has a score to settle. Unwilling mate to the brute who viciously conquered her city, she has once again escaped from her Alpha. Hardened by betrayal, cold as the ice outside the Dome, Claire becomes the mission. The Omegas must be freed, no matter the cost. The price on her head will not deter her; after all, mated and subjugated her life no longer retains value. She can't eat, she can't sleep, and she's running out of time before the inevitable end. For once, Shepherd finds himself facing an adversary he cannot simply crush, the situation far out of his depth. Desperate to draw his mate back, racked and restless, he is forced to acknowledge that his pregnant Omega is willing to sacrifice her life for her false notion of a greater good. He holds the key to her compliance and his dying mate's survival--all he must do is give her exactly what she wants. Born to be Broken is the second book in Addison Cain's bestselling Alpha's Claim trilogy, an unabashedly dark tale with explicit sexual themes and complete power exchange. If you enjoy gritty fiction and suspense that sticks long after you've finished reading, this series is not to be missed.

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Customer Reviews

Shepherd was born and raised in the Undercroft, a prison under the city of Tholos. A hero to those

held captive, who was able to overthrow the government and release those held below. Claire was an artist, attempting to fool others into believing she is something other than what she is, an omega. In her life, she only wants to choose how she lives. But Shepherd changed everything. To him, there is no good in this city. Nothing worth salvaging, except Claire. As we move through book 2, Shepherd begins a journey seeking to understand this woman he is beginning to fall in love with. He is trying to understand why the woman, Svana, he thought he loved and could trust, who he thought wanted the same things he did, is moving in directions at odds with their goals. Claire's own journey of enlightenment begins to twist in directions she never thought she would travel. Can Shepherd change? Can he be redeemed? And what of Claire? Where will she stand in the end? Will the bond she share with Shepherd be broken or will it strengthen as they learn to love and trust one another? Book 2 is an amazing journey and I'm ready for the next part of the ride.

Addison Cain has an eloquently addictive writing style that draws you in and envelopes you in a captivating fantasy world of romance and chicanery. Her characters are unique, well developed, and the world she has created for them is fascinating to navigate through. Born to be Broken is the second installment of a three-part series. It continues the gripping tale of Claire, an Omega who was forcibly pair-bonded to the very Alpha responsible for throwing her city into chaos. She escapes and goes on the run, throwing up dirt in her wake. She has an agenda---to dismantle Shepherd's growing empire of destruction, even if she has to do it alone. But Claire is dying, the pair-bond damaged by betrayal, and she is racing against the clock to save all that she can. Ms. Cain's stories are not for the fainthearted. They are not your typical hearts-and-flowers romance. They have teeth. They have claws. They will tear you apart and make you bleed, and you will love every second of it. Another A+ novel!

~ Characters ~ Claire & Shepherd are seriously one messed up couple. Damaged and complicated doesn't even begin to cover it. I love how vehemently and passionately Claire fights for what she believes in. I also hate her, just a little, for plans she made with Corday (side character). Something about it just feels worse than anything Shepherd has done. Although, it is unknown at this time if those plans will come to fruition. Shepherd is still the same sexy growling possessive alpha male from book one. Also, the same a-hole villain that makes very bad choices. However, there is something vulnerable about him that's very endearing. Claire is the one portrayed as the victim (which she has been at times), but I think Shepherd has been one all his life and just doesn't know it. That is just my perception though, others may view him differently. ~ Overall ~ A fantastic series

that I have been blown away by. I know I'll be rereading this series again from start to finish in the future.(Copy provided by author in exchange for an honest review. Review is on ARC version.)

Mild Spoilers - This book was much better than the first book on multiple levels. First, she really developed the characters. After having read book one, I struggled with understanding Shepherd's motivations. Over the course of this book, we got to see how his character was forged and why he acted the way he acted. There was some good in him somewhere, even if it was hard to see at times. His blind devotion to Svana was confusing to me - he was portrayed as a great leader of men, yet he couldn't see past her façade, despite damning evidence before him. Claire grew as well, finding inspiration in The Art of War to help guide how she interacted with Shepherd. However, I found her belief system a little screwed up. She had no problem despairing the loss of life all around her, but when it came to thoughts of killing herself, and her unborn child, it was like "collateral damage happens". And despite the fact that it was demonstrated time and again that there was no humanity left in Tholos at all - eg frozen dead kid, she herself was once again ostracized by her fellow omegas, etc. - she seemed to think society would revert to normal if only Shepherd would stop his evil plan. That belief system was keeping her from forming an attachment to Shepherd so it got annoying that she continued to cling to it long after she should have reevaluated. The world building was strong and it was elaborated on to a greater extent than in the first book. The underlying plot advanced well, but at times it got a little confusing - what Svana was trying to do with the resistance was unclear to me (maybe it was supposed to be unclear and will be addressed in the third book). Last, the dialogue was kind of strange. When Claire spoke to Maryanne, it was in modern day speech patterns, but when she spoke to Shepherd, it was in highly formal, Oscar Wilde style speech - the contrast was very jarring. I look forward to reading the conclusion of this series.

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