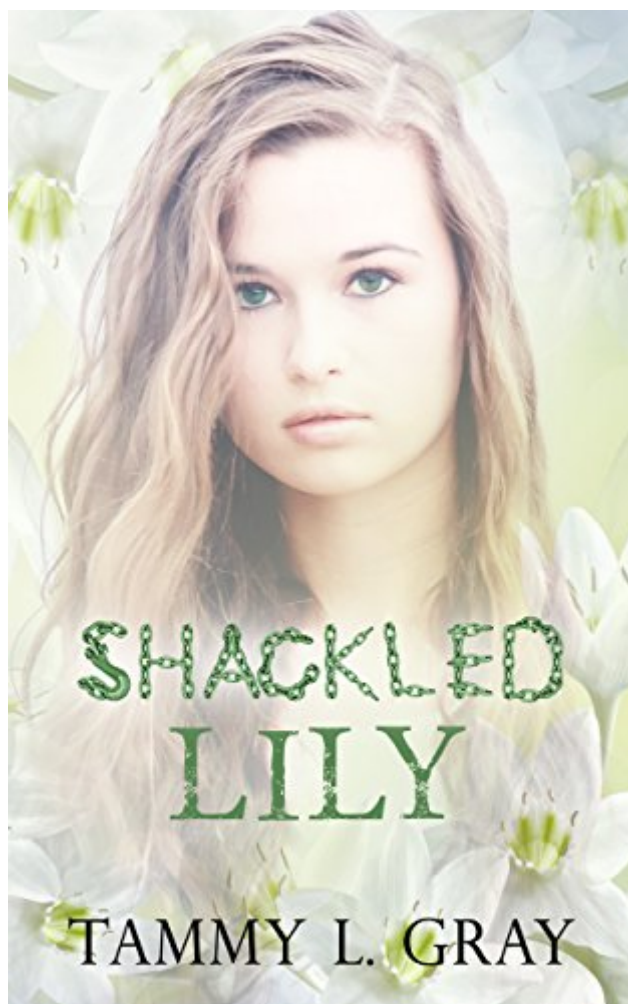


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Customer Reviews

Okay, so this is by far the best book I've read this year. In fact, it even beats out the previous book, and that was a hard one to top. I read this book in less than 24 hours. It's over 400 pages and honestly, I read most of it in one sitting. I went to church and ate dinner but the rest of the time I enjoyed reading this book. Anyway, I don't know where to begin. The pacing was phenomenal for starters. I felt like I understood Issy completely and the more I saw her tortured emotions, the more I loved her. There is just something about a character who is afraid to love that melts my heart every time I read a novel. I felt her shackles and her despair. The moment she understood her mother's depression from feeling trapped, I got goose bumps. Before that she was running from her feelings. It was that resignation that broke my heart. But Issy is a fighter. The cool thing about this book is that it can be read as a stand alone. While Issy stayed true to her character, you didn't have to read the first book to get the sense that she was a mess. I love Jake, too, so I am thrilled he has his own story coming up in 2014, though I can't imagine how the author will top this one. It was a perfect story in every way. I got tears in my eyes, my heart sped up, I got so caught up in the story that I forgot that I was reading. That's an excellent book. I didn't want the story to end, but the ending satisfied me. Issy changed so much through her trials, but her faith journey felt so natural that I totally believed it. I've read other books where the characters break down and reach for God, but nothing was as believable as this story. I cried when she called Avery so desperate for peace. It was emotional and beautiful.

Having been disappointed in the first book of this series, *Shattered Rose*, I debated about reading any other books in the series. In the end I decided I would give the author another chance, particularly as there were many reviews suggesting this novel was better than the first. Whilst I found the storyline compelling, I still have to say that I would not feel comfortable recommending this novel to young Christian girls to read. I'm not sure that it would be particularly helpful to non-Christian girls either, for that matter. Once again, I found the novel was highly sensual. I understand that Issy is a very damaged girl, and a non-Christian as well, but the level of sensuality depicted in this novel feeds desire rather than supporting purity of mind and body. As with the first novel in the series, the male lead was supposed to be a Christian, but this made absolutely no difference to the sensuality of their relationship except for that magical line in the sand – the consummation line. I said it in my review of the previous novel, and I'll say it again: Christians don't have a magic stop button that will protect them from going too far. If we continue to let young Christians believe that they can engage in the physical intimacy of kissing and caressing in the way these characters do, without getting themselves into trouble, we're setting them up for

a fall. We also have the same issue as the previous novel with a believer entering into a relationship with an unbeliever. I can understand that believers are imperfect, but if this truth is going to be portrayed in a God-honouring way, then at the very least we also need to witness the character's journey to bring this area of their life in subjection to God's will.

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