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Rules Of A Rebel And A Shy Girl



Synopsis

Willow It started with a kiss and ended with a list. The middle is a bit more complicated. The list of rules is supposed to protect mine and Beck's friendship and stop us from accidentally kissing again. But most of all, it's supposed to protect my heart from getting crushed and keep me from ending up broken like my mom. I've always been great at following rules. But the more time I spend with Beck, the more I can't stop thinking about that kiss and how amazing his lips felt against mine. For the first time in my life, I wish I was a rule breaker. But I can never cross that line. Not with Beck. Not with anyone. Besides, if Beck knew the truth about my life, then the list wouldn't have to exist because he wouldn't have kissed me to begin with. Beck It started with the most amazing kiss ever and led to Willow handing me a list. That stupid list. When she gave it to me, I wanted to shred it to pieces, pull her against me, and kiss her until she realized a piece of paper wasn't going to stop me. Willow's been my best friend since forever and she should know by now that I'm not a follow-the-rules kind of guy. She may think that kiss was a mistake, but she's wrong. Kisses like that can't be a mistake. Willow and I belong together, have since the day I promised to always protect her from the bad stuff in her life. And somehow I'm going to prove it to her. Just like I'll always protect her no matter what. A standalone contemporary romance. Suggested reading level 18+

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Customer Reviews

Jessica Sorensen is known for her angsty New Adult romances that feature troubled characters and end on mega cliffhangers. It's refreshing when she writes a stand alone New Adult romance that ends with a happily ever after. *Rules Of A Rebel And A Shy Girl* is a spin off of *The Confessions Of A Kleptomaniac*. We met Willow and Beck as secondary characters in a tightly knit group of friends. This is their time to shine. They have graduated from high school and are now in college. Willow has always taken care of her mother. At a young age her father abandoned them and her mother fell completely apart. Her mother is an alcoholic / drug addict that can't take care of herself. She has put Willow in dangerous situations. Beck was always there to rescue Willow. Although Willow appreciates it, she also resents it. She wants to be able to take care of herself. Willow and Beck have been best friends for years. Their friendship is turning into something more. Willow can't handle it. She's afraid she will end up like her mother. Beck is going to do everything within his power to convince Willow he is her prince charming. He wants her to know it's okay to be rescued and depend on someone else. Most of all he wants her to know she is truly loved. Willow has a set of rules for her and Beck's relationship. Beck's determined to break all of Willow's rules and win her heart. I enjoyed revisiting the characters from the previous book. Although I liked the characters, this was not one of my favorite books by Jessica Sorensen. It felt a bit repetitive and not enough swoon worthy moments. Also it felt like Willow and Beck were very similar to other characters from other series. I didn't feel their individuality or personalities shining through and making them stand out. *Rules Of A Rebel And Shy Girl* by Jessica Sorensen was not a bad book. It just wasn't as good as some of Jessica's other books.

I love a good best friend's romance, and Jessica Sorensen sure knows how to write a wonderful one. *Rules Of A Rebel And A Shy Girl* had the knight in shining armor in Beckett (The Rebel), and Willow the flawed in need of rescuing (Shy Girl). There were some great moments in this story that made me not want to put the book down. The story revolved around Beckett, and Willow, but also included a group of friends who added to a fantastic dynamic of the story. It was a book that I didn't want to put down, or end. It was another outstanding book from the author. Willow comes up with this list for her and Beckett her best friend. He's been there for her in good times and bad. There is nothing he wouldn't do for her. Her home life isn't at all a typical one with a mother who is the farthest from motherly. Beckett's upbringing is the opposite of Willow's, but not perfect either. Who's ever is? Seriously though Willow has a train wreck of a mother, and I felt a lot of sympathy for her. So this list helps keep Beckett and Willow's friendship platonic, which is extremely difficult for the

both of them. Beckett has been pining for this girl for years, and she's just too scared, and damaged to see what is right in front of her. Nothing has ever come easy for her, and Beckett is the only constant that she has hung on to. So you will get her trepidation, the almost moments between them will make you want to scream, but the ending is worth all the angst. I loved this book from beginning to end. It took me back to the time when I discovered what true love meant. It isn't ever easy, or pretty, but once you find it. You have to hold on to it. I recommend this one to anyone who enjoys reading good friends to lover's romance.

****I received an eARC of this title in exchange for an honest review**** I am so excited to have had the opportunity to read and review this book! As seems to be the M.O. of every Jessica Sorensen book I've read (which, BTW, is all of them!), it's good to go in expecting to cry a little. And giggle a little. And a smile a whole, whole lot. For me, it was a quick, wonderful read that left my heart all warm and gooey inside. We met Beck and Willow in *Confessions of a Kleptomaniac* (another super awesome book if you haven't read it yet you should!) and while in the book I didn't care one way or the other for Willow's character, I fell in L.O.V.E. with Beck. He is interesting and kind and I wanted to know more about him from the moment we were introduced. And though I went in only lukewarm about Willow, that quickly changed. She is one of the strongest of Sorensen's female characters but that does not mean she is without vulnerability. And as a girl who struggles with anxiety and stress and who takes on the weight of the world, I connected with Willow (though what I've been through is nothing in comparison to what this chick has to battle). So one of my favorite things about Jessica Sorensen is that her female leads lean on their male counterparts for support and aid--Ella relied on Micha. Kayden lifted Callie up. Grey encouraged Luna. And Beck was Willow's anchor. But in none of her books does the guy get credit for "saving" the girl. These are not damsels. Like in real life, they lean on the people they love for help, but they make the decisions to save themselves. And that is why I will always read Jessica Sorensen's books. And in part why I loved this one. And definitely why I will talk it up to everyone I know.

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