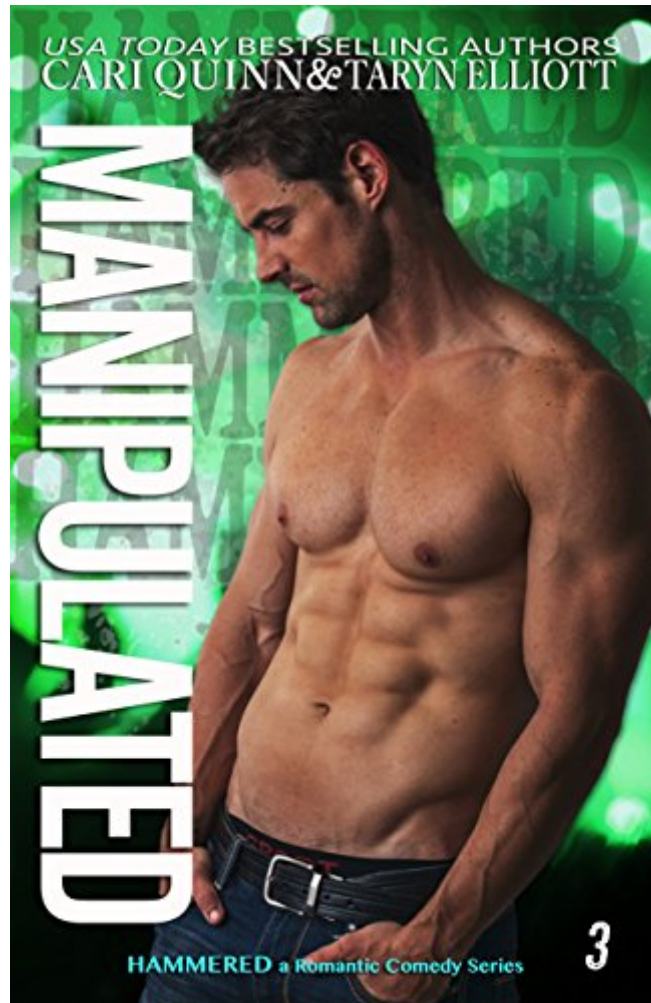


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Manipulated: A Rockstar Romantic Comedy (Hammered Book 3)



Synopsis

My name is Owen Blackwell, and I'm currently in recovery. Not from what you think, though I do enjoy a bit of whiskey. No, my issue is that I fell foolishly in love with my best friend. Oh, and she's getting married. So, in my eternal stupidity, I hooked up with a woman at our annual masquerade ball. You know what they say "the best way to get over a woman is to get under another. Who is this woman, you ask? Calliope Templeton. She's unlike any other I've ever met. And believe me, as the guitarist for Hammered "only the biggest selling rock band out there right now" I've met quite a few. Now I have to figure out how to convince her we're more than just a one-night stand. She's supposed to be my happily ever after. And if necessary, I'm willing to show her just how resourceful one determined Irishman can be...BEYOND OBLIVION - A Rockstar Romance full of sexy fun set within the world of our Lost in Oblivion series! You never know who you'll see show up in the books. **Standalone

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Customer Reviews

This is hands down my favorite book of the Hammered Series . Owen Blackwell is fighting his melancholy trying to get over the girl he lost, but never had, his bandmate and newly married Faith

"Keys" KeystoneCallie is dealing with a recent divorce and trying to find herself again as a boudoir photographer, enter her sister Ava who has been invited to the annual Hammered charity Halloween Party and decided it's the best opportunity for Callie to get her photography chops back by taking pictures for her magazine. Owen Blackwell notices the 50's pin up looking beauty right when she's about to punch a drunk admirer in the face - preventing the violence, Owen decides to escort "Bettie" around the Houdini Estate while she shoots, of course her favorite subject is right in front of her. When things start getting hot and heavy between them in the gardens Callie/Bettie takes off running, leaving a shoe behind and Owen not even knowing her real name. Months later Callie is summoned by Donovan Lewis CEO of Ripper Records (and someone I really hope gets his own story) and propositions her to take photos for the band's 10th anniversary. Callie is both excited and terrified about seeing Owen again, hoping he has no idea who she is. Well it doesn't take long before Owen recognizes the blue eyed beauty. Owen resolves to break down every wall the gun-shy Callie throws his way and you have to love a guy that gives her the space she thinks she needs all the while knowing they are made for each other.

A rockstar hero with an Irish brogue who will melt your heart as fast as he'll charm you out of your panties. â ^Nuff said. Now run & one-click! :D Seriously though. Owen is just swoon worthy. It's a little embarrassing that a fictional character can reduce you to a tingling mess, but this hero just doesn't play fair. He's smexxy and sweet and funny and a fierce protector of those he cares about. Oh, and did I mention a dirty-talking tease? Heeeeere's my panties. Callie is trying to rebuild her confidence and her career after her ex destroyed both. She's uber talented, a friend to all, and sometimes a hot mess, except with Owen. Together those two strike sparks, and she gives as good as she gets. And that's REALLY good. The secondary characters are, as always with Quinn & Elliott books, an integral part of the story. This one is cameo-heaven. There are appearances by so many of the author's previous book characters that I almost got out a score card to keep track. It was wonderful seeing and catching up with them all. The newest character to pique my interest is Wyatt, Owen's bandmate. He and Callie struck up a fast friendship, much to Owen's chagrin. Wyatt gave Owen a run for his money in the race to capture my heart, so I can't wait to see more of this racecar driver turned rockstar. Manipulated is a fun, laugh out loud (okay, snort), and steamy read that might just make you tear up too. If Rom Com is your thing, run and one-click.

Manipulated (Hammered Book 3) focuses on Owen Blackwell and his unrequited love for Keys.

She's his best friend and the secret love of his life. He has watched her for years and never let her know his true feelings, now it is too late because she is getting married and it leaves Owen with a hole in his heart and life. Calli is trying to recover her life and self-confidence after her divorce and is finding it hard to let go of the past pain and hurt. She goes to a Rockstar Halloween Charity Party to take photos for her sister's magazine article. She meets Owen but doesn't tell him her real name but takes photos of him and has near miss sex with him at the pool of the Houdini estate. Saved by the untimely arrival of someone else at the pool, Calli runs. Three months later Calli is hired by Ripper Records to take photos of Hammered whilst on tour with the goal of using the photos in a coffee table book being issued for the band's tenth anniversary. Touring on a pair of buses with the band puts her in very close proximity with Owen and after an embarrassing moment when Owen didn't recognise Calli they decide to have a no-strings affair. What happens when one person is determined to not experience another broken heart and the other realises that it isn't a temporary affair that they want? Join the fun and find the answer.

This duo can write a fantastic story! The characters are well developed, warts & all. You can feel their passion, follow their thought processes as they interact with each other. Owen & Callie's telling comes alive like you are a fly on the wall with a front row seat. They each have insecurities that come into play that pushes everything along. The inclusion of the other players from previous books in this series and some of the other series gives a depth that these authors develop into the story that keeps you interested and wanting to "know the rest of the story". It keeps me wondering what is "Bats" really doing with Victoria, the viper? Although each of these books are stand alones, once you get into these people's lives you really want to know the rest of these guys and their tales of finding the "one, and only one". I can't wait for the next installment of this series.

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