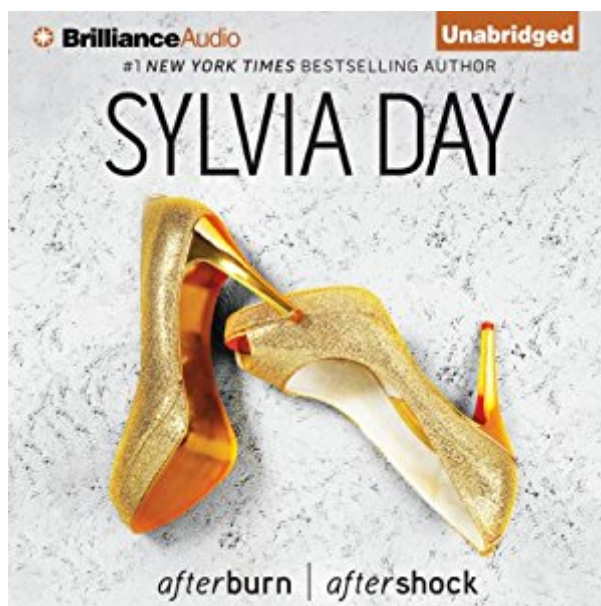


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# Afterburn & Aftershock: Cosmo Red-Hot Reads From Harlequin



## Synopsis

Never mix business with pleasure. Never bring politics into the bedroom. In a way I did both when I took Jackson Rutledge as a lover. I can't say I wasn't warned. Two years later, he was back. Walking into a deal I'd worked hard to close. Under the tutelage of Lei Yeung, one of the sharpest businesswomen in New York, I had picked up a thing or two since Jax walked away. I wasn't the girl he once knew, but he hadn't changed. Unlike the last time we'd drifted into each other's lives, I knew exactly what I was dealing with...and how addictive his touch could be. The inner circle of glamour, sex, and privilege was Jax's playground - but this time, I knew the rules of the game. In the cutthroat business world, one adage rules all: keep your enemies close and your ex-lovers closer...

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## Customer Reviews

I'm rating this book as a three star for Sylvia Day, the author. She has several books that are better reads. But this is a four star book for the genre. There is a lot of tripe out there to choose from. Having said that about the tripe, here are my thoughts about AFTERBURN and AFTERSHOCK that might be helpful: 1. What is up with Sylvia Day and unlikable journalists named Deanna? LOL! 2. The boxed set is a nice convenience. I do not like series/serials at all. Because I read too much to keep up with multiple-part books, I really, REALLY prefer to have all my story in one place. 3. I liked the H and h, Jax and Gianna. I know some reviewers didn't care for them, but I liked them. 4. There are some odd scenes (just a couple) in each book that do not move the story forward in any way. I couldn't figure it out. For example, in book two, a scene with some friend named Lynn. I'm obviously no expert, but these kinds of scenes stuck out like sore thumbs. Why? 5.

And speaking of that, some reviewers mentioned the characters and story were not as richly drawn as they would have liked. I agree. The space devoted to (in my opinion) unnecessary scenes could have been used to give us a much more detailed and rich story and characters. This author is usually so good at that.<sup>6</sup> The sex is hot! Something else this author is good at.<sup>7</sup> Lastly, and this is all on me only, I never really understood the business Gianna was in. Was the company in talent acquisition, public relations, restaurant management or promotion?

These are not two books. That's completely misleading. The first book just ends in the middle of the story without any real stopping point. And as for the books themselves, I wished I'd listened to other reviewers who said the characters sucked. They do. The guy never comes across as anything more than a complete d\*\*. The girl sleeps with him anyway because he's just so hot, which makes her seem pathetic. Seriously, the guy's a jerk, and he treats her terribly the whole time.

If you are looking for hot romance, then these two novellas will not disappoint. The story moves fast with the rich and powerful playing their "chess" games to win dominance over everyone else. There is plenty of chemistry between Gia and Jax, even if there is always that underlying sense of "why?" There are many hard to explain, and never fully explained circumstances. Why is Gia the right hand for a well established restaurateur after one initial interview? Why is Jax not allowed to have what he wants if he is strong, smart, and capable of making lots of money. All of the other characters, all the conflicts, and all of the scenery are put into place solely for the exciting set-up between the two main characters. But yes, a hot romance.

I had read afterburner previously and liked it a lot but I really wasn't fond of the sequel. The more I read the more I disliked Jax and thought Gia not only could do so much better but the way he treated her was disturbing. Sylvia created this vibrant, successful independent woman only to marginalize her for a man. Not sure I'll be reading anymore from this author.

It's no mystery that Mrs Day is a bestseller! Though Jackson is a similar character to Gideon Cross, he admitted fairly early on that he both missed and loved Gia. Again a love story for the ages! Sylvia draws one into her characters, regardless of consequences we want them to win. It's improbable to believe that love will conquer all. But, we want to believe the fairy tale.! Excellent!!

Surely written on the author's lunch hour. Entire storylines left hanging, waste of reading and money

This series makes a great weekend read. Sylvia Day does an amazing job when it comes to descriptions of emotions, people, places, and, things. It's almost like you're there experiencing it for yourself. Not too many authors can do that. Reviewed by The Wife, not Michael ;-)

Always love reading anything Sylvia writes. Have read and re-read the Crossfire Series numerous times. Will now add Afterburner/Aftershock to my "re-read" shelf. Jax and Gia are wonderful characters and Sylvia brings you into their lives...so HOT!!!

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