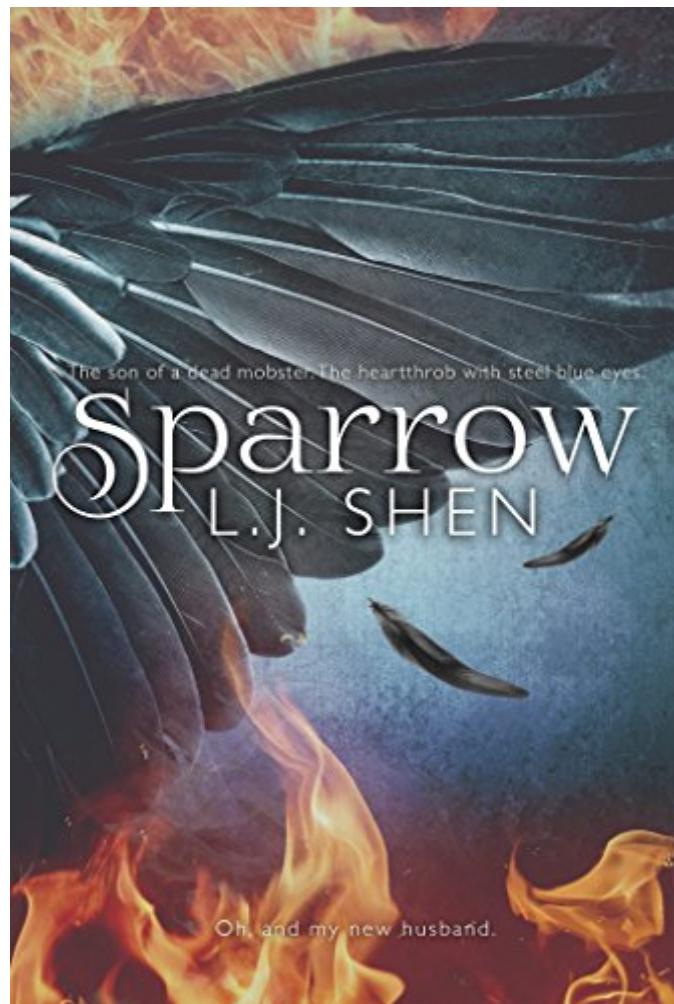


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Troy Brennan Every Southie in Boston knows that name. The son of a dead mobster. The heart-throb with steel-blue eyes. "The Fixer" who can make or break you in this city. Oh, and my new husband. Sparrow Raynes That's me. No one seemed to remember my name up until he barged into my life. But then he caged me. Kidnapped me. And killed every chance I had to run away from the place where we grew up. Put simply, Troy Brennan clipped my wings. I have dreams, big ones, but I doubt he'll ever let me chase them. I have no idea why he decided to take me as his wife. But I do know this: pissing off this man will not do me any good. At all. Sparrow is an international bestseller.

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Customer Reviews

L.J. Shen gives us a dynamic story about a feisty, sassy heroine who comes off as innocent and naive and an anti-hero alpha male who has a reputation as "The Fixer" that no one dares to cross. This is my first book by Shen and I have to say that the writing is excellent. Her style is

descriptive which makes you feel like you are in the story and she seems to give just the right amount of details to keep you engaged without you losing interest. I will say that I enjoyed the banter between the hero and heroine. I liked that she stood up against him even though she was scared of what he was capable of. She kept her spine and didn't cower to every request. She realized he liked the situation just about as much as her and she couldn't figure out why he'd even go through this whole charade if he didn't want to be there. Sparrow Raynes is 22 years old and hasn't grown up with the best childhood. Her mother left when she was young and her dad worked for the mafia and was a drunk her whole life. She knows all about danger and the mafia because she grew up around it. She also grew up with the Hero - he's older than her but his reputation has always preceded him. He was the heir to the Irish mafia until his dad was murdered - Troy Brennan. After that, stories ran rampant about how he was going to avenge his father's death. And he may not be in the mafia, but she knew about his involvement in South Boston. He was loaded and still up to his neck in dirty deeds for the rich and famous in the city. He may look like a business man in suits but he really kept his hands dirty. Troy Brennan has many walls and layers to his character. There's the outside facade that everyone knows and fears or loathes. But as the story develops and we get to see more interactions with Sparrow or Red as he calls her, the walls start to come down and we get to see who he truly is underneath. The darkness always lingers within him, but there are glimpses of warmth and goodness that perhaps only Sparrow can see or bring forth. I seriously wanted to hate him because of what he was doing to Sparrow, but I secretly rooted for him and her to figure out their relationship and be happy. Both come from broken worlds and dark pasts - they both deserve their own version of happiness. The best thing about this couple is that while they are forced together unconventionally due to Troy's past and father's wishes, their relationship evolves slowly. Troy does shove them together into marriage quickly but he doesn't force them together physically. He pushes her and dares her to do things, but he warns her that he'll never touch her without permission. He lets her taunt him and argue with him which he finds enlightening. The push and pull of their relationship keeps you guessing and draws you deeper into the story. You can feel their connection growing and it makes you want to cheer them on. There were a few points in the story that were predictable. But there were also twists and turns that you never saw coming. Secrets - it's a big theme within this book and the consequences of keeping them. Throughout the book, we watch misunderstandings happen because something wasn't said. In the end, the characters go through something traumatic due to a secret one withheld. I love that it's just not easily forgiven and it takes time to work through it. I love the epilogue - it gives the story a redeeming quality. And it truly lets us see the couple at their finest! Don't miss out on this book!

>Book review *Defy* à » Sparrow à » I am an independent reviewer. This is a standalone novel with an HEA. Dangerous Troy forces plain Jane Sparrow to marry him. He doesn't love her and keeps a mistress, so Sparrow cannot understand the reasoning behind the marriage. Troy is so dangerous that Sparrow cannot refuse to marry him, but she sure doesn't make it easy on him.>I like the mobster/bad boy genre and this book was the best I've read in that genre. Troy was the perfect combination of cruel and kind. He marries Sparrow because he vowed to his deceased father to do so. The reader finds out much later the reasoning behind the vow. Even though Troy doesn't want to marry Sparrow, he silently protects her as she is growing up, or so he thinks. Sparrow is a perfect example of nice girl. She came from a mobbed up father and absentee mother, but still came out pure as snow. She is hardly a door mat, though, as Troy discovers after they marry.>Sparrow doesn't want his wealth, which is unheard of for Troy. She is attracted to Troy, but disgusted at herself at the same time. Troy is attracted to Sparrow, but still stuck on his mistress. If the author had not had any chapters written in Troy's point of view, I would have felt Troy was irredeemable. Being in Troy's head showed the reader a deeper side to Troy and a reason behind his actions. He is not a rapist and actually treats Sparrow with care. When he finds out someone wronged her, Troy jumps into action. He doesn't explain himself to Sparrow until later, but his explanation cements their relationship.>Troy didn't seem like the man to allow a woman to cheat on him and then give the woman's new partner a job. Brock seemed to have an important role in Troy's organization. I didn't quite see how Troy was okay with this. I also wish the author had described the scene when Troy makes himself known to Sparrow and kidnaps her, letting her know she will marry him. I felt this was an important scene that was just referenced in passing. Other than those two issues, the book was awesome. There was romance, betrayal, danger and suspense, the perfect storm for a story.>This book is appropriate for an adult audience. I am giving the story 5 stars.

Oh Wow!!!!!!!!!!Author L.J.Shen Has out done herself,another hit for me...Sparrow is the 3rd book i read from her and if i was hooked by the other 2 i read well now have been sucked in her working/book for sure She did not disappointed me with Tyed or Defy well sure she has not with Sparrow,i usual i'm not gonna give too much spoiling here even there is so much to say but also you can take a look to others review but here me i wont spoil it cause you reader will have to get it and

recommend to find the why, the how, the end... The writing is well. the development well too just as the personages in the tale, the obstacles they thrown, mystery, crime, suspenseful, lies/secrets, twist, dark and here comes you reader cause i finished this book last night and i was blow away by it and there was no way i would put it down. nope had to read it until the end cause that ia how good sparrow is from page one to the last, i could not stay away, turning pages after pages cause i needed to know so i went on and on trying to figure it out how it was gonna ended, so see it how sparrow will pull you to not put it down but to be read with no pause at all.... Did i like it well D@mn i loved it!!!!!! Nailed it author L.J.Shen, Bravo!!!!!! Now, can't wait to see what come next!!!!!! so keep them coming/books....

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