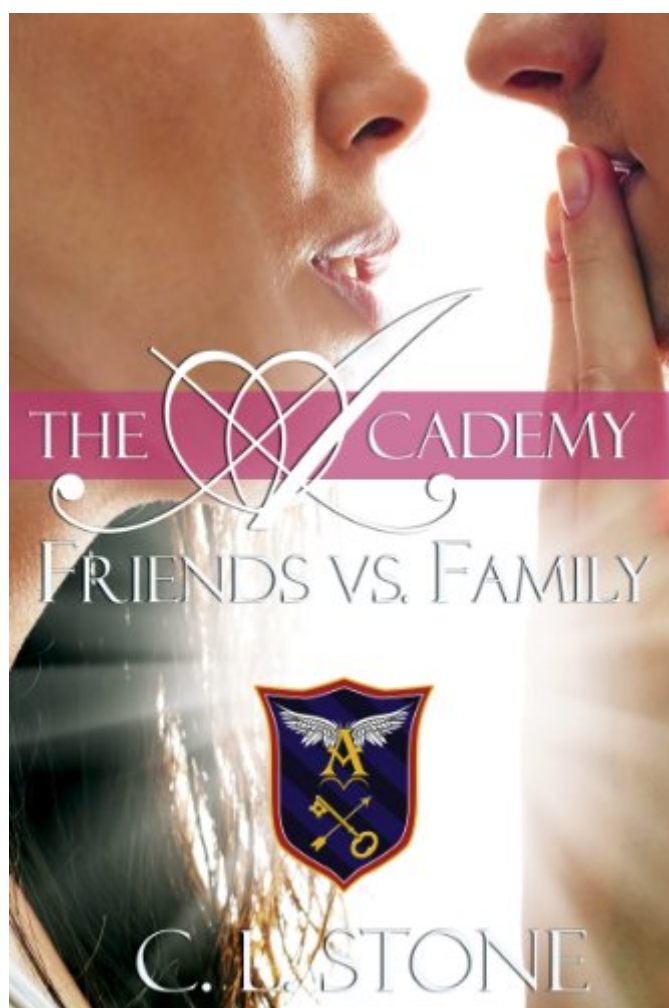


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Synopsis

Sang Sorenson is forced to suffer through another of her mother's extreme punishments. It almost kills her. The Academy boys vow it will be the last. They're determined to keep Sang safe, especially from her own family. Their solution: complete invasion of her life. Kota, Luke, Silas, Nathan, Victor, Gabriel and North do everything within their power to show Sang what true loyalty means. It takes more than blood to make a family and they want Sang in theirs. In this third book of The Academy series Sang experiences a taste of freedom and what it's like to truly be cared for...to be wanted. Sang learns a bit more about the boys' broken families and the boys discover more than they could ever have bargained for about Sang's. The Academy was the answer to their problems. Could it be hers? Sang's actions will force her mother to reveal a startling truth. A truth that will change Sang's life and the boys' lives in unpredictable ways. Forever. The Academy, Allegiance

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Customer Reviews

I read a lot but never have I become so quickly obsessed with a group of characters as those in the

Academy series. I've read all 3 books twice and am eagerly awaiting #4. I can't put my finger on what makes these books different. The characters (9 gorgeous boys) are likable and just the kind of loyal friends anyone would love to have. The protagonist, Sang, is brave yet insecure, wants to fit in but is quite innocent. Her knowledge of relationships is limited to what she's read in books and her abusive family. The way the guys take her in and accept her is heartwarming and amazing. You just know they are all in love with her, or at least very infatuated, but above all they want to keep her safe and protect her. There's more to the story that has yet to be revealed about this mysterious Academy and the writer lures you in, makes you want to discover the secrets. There are typos and grammar errors but these were easily overlooked by me because the characters were so well written, the story was so compelling. I'm not a young adult reader, either. I read all genres, and have been for over 50 years, and this series has me as obsessed with 10 people as I've ever been. Highly recommended!

I love it when you find a book that holds you tightly and even when you are going through your day draws you back as soon as time allows. That is the Academy Series. You get to watch a relationship blooming from Sang and these Seven Wonderful boys/men and you can't help finding one you cheer for. The three books are amazing and I am so excited that the series is going to continue. The Academy still lets you fall in love with Sang and lets you emotionally attach yourself to her. You can't help feel for her. It does take time for her to grow and learn to accept the boys and their offer of friendship. I love the fact it doesn't happen overnight. Watching the relationship with each of the boys and Sang is amazingly written and one can see how they feel for her. If you want to become addicted to a wonderful story, with wonderful characters that become alive and embedded into your heart then you should read this series. It is amazing and you will not be sorry.

I almost didn't read this series because I didn't think it was the type of story I would enjoy. I am so glad that I decided to check it out because this has become one of my favorite series. Ms. Stone skillfully weaves an interesting, believable story. In my opinion her greatest talent is her ability to make her characters come alive and capture your imagination as well as a piece of your heart. I really want to see Sang happy and protected. I really want the same for Kota, Silas, North, Luke, Gabriel, Nathan, Victor, As well as Owen and Sean. I care about them and can't wait to see what the next book holds in store for them.

I love love love this series! Sang isn't like the normal characters I read about, but you really feel for

her the deeper into this series you get. She's really shy and timid but you can tell she's starting to come into her own. I love all the guys too! I liked at the end it was from Kota's point of view, and we gathered that all the guys (and Mr Blackbourne from the end of book 2) like her and are interested in her but it would be nice to read some from everyone's point of view throughout the story, including Mr Blackbourne and Dr Green. I really hope in book four things are a little easier for Sang and she gets more comfortable with herself and the guys and things work out. Some people said they'd like to see more girls come into the mix for the guys but I don't agree with that, I'd like for there to be more I guess I'd say romantic moments to see who Sang is interested in, and who's really interested in her for her and not to protect her and all that. I can't wait until book four comes out to see what happens next! I have to say I'm team Victor! Maybe Kota if he can start to actually show Sang he's interested in her

At the end of Book #2, we were given the pretense that something bad was going to happen and WOW did Book #3 Friends Vs Family bring out all the punches, but it still left us with unanswered questions. Sang's mother went overboard this time and ended up dishing out a really bad punishment that could have killed Sang had her friends not rescued her in time. We learned about Sang's mother's illness and how it was the C-word. We also discovered the truth about Sang and her upbringing and in part why her parents were paranoid etc. about other people in the outside world. We saw Sang's father up and leave, and of course, The Academy stepped in once again to help Sang as they would do anything for her. In Friends Vs Family, Sang is about to discover the difference and must learn to trust those around her to move forward and will discover that sometimes Friends are closer to you than your actual family. It reminded me of this quote that Family is who you are born with and Friends are the Family you choose for yourself. I loved how the boys all stepped up for Sang, and we wonder how long the relationships can keep as we saw the introduction of more than friendship growing in this book and of course nine guys with different affection levels for Sang can only equal disaster - Right? Friends Vs Family is the turning point for this series as it now starts to move away from Sang's family and upbringing to the focus of the Academy boys and men. This is one series that I can't believe I waited so long to start reading considering I have had this series since 2013 and it's now three years later.

Book 3 in series Sang's POV Sang is getting more comfortable around the guys. She wants to trust them more but is too insecure. She still doesn't know if friends touch each other like the way the guys touch her. Her naïveté is really starting to annoy me. She has been going to school

since kindergarten so she should have observed the way other kids treat each other. Is she really that blind?

I absolutely love the books in the Ghost Bird Series. I love the story line and everything that goes into it. The author did an excellent job describing everything that was going on. In fact I believe most books in this series only goes through about a week and it takes me about that long to read. But it is well worth it. These books are very addicting and definitely worth the read.

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