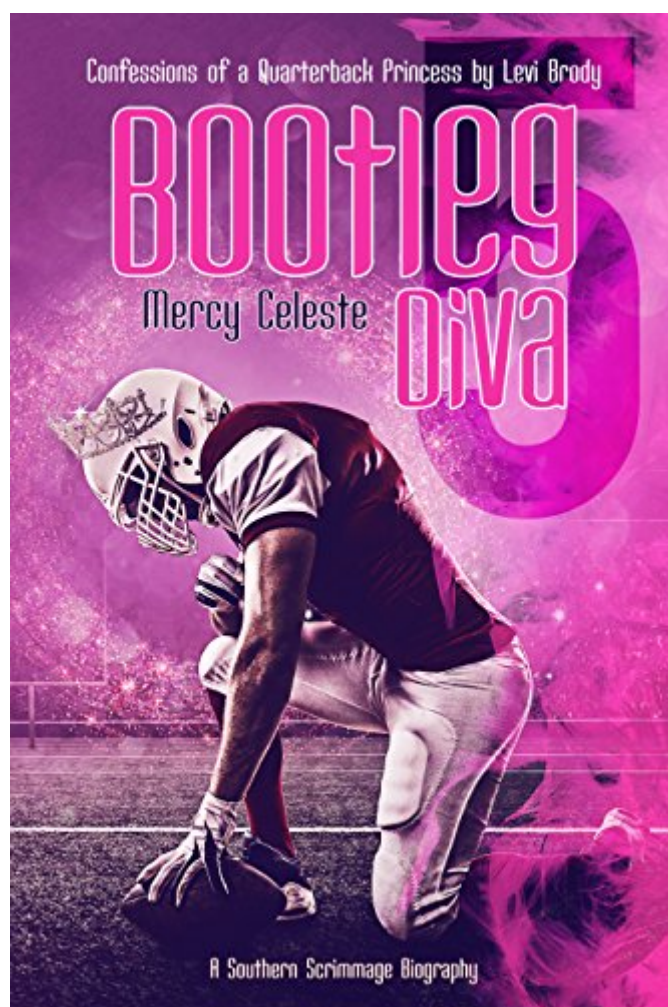


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Synopsis

All heroes need an origins story. From trailer park to the Super Dome. Everybody's All-American quarterback by day. Infamous exotic dancer by night. Levi Brody is one of the undisputed greats of the game. With two Super Bowl rings, one MVP, three Pro-Bowl appearances, three National Championships, three SEC Championships and four State High School championships Levi has indeed left his mark on the sport, but it's all a load of crap. This is my origin story and like all good origin stories, this one lies somewhere-Between the helmet and the tiara. The story of the rise and fall of the first fictional gay quarterback in the NFL. Author's Note: I introduced Levi Brody in the second Southern Scrimmage book Sidelined and continued his story through his brother's eyes in Offside Chance. While this book is officially the fourth book in the Southern Scrimmage Series it does not continue the story. Bootleg Diva is a biographical look at Levi's life through to the end of Offside Chance.

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Customer Reviews

Oh god if you thought you were in love with Levi before reading his origin story, then you are gonna

be in all sorts of trouble after reading this. DO not read this until you have read the other southern scrimmage books. DO read the other Southern Scrimmage books! I fell in love with Levi and to a lesser extent Jude and this origin story is ALL about the fangirl/stalker, rabid reader who just wants to know all there is to know about their fictional boyfriends. The Brody story is one full of triggers for some, their lives were NOT easy and Levi especially deserved his Viking King, but this book fills in those alluded to parts of his story, those hints, the memorable bites that we just want to know more about. Love Mercy's voice. Love the way she deals with this origin story. The way she writes makes us feel like we are part of these men's lives. We go through their emotions, their highs and lows. Which is why I have one word for you. TISSUES... And lots of them. Dark corner to ugly cry. And a deep abiding wish to know more and be with Levi Brody for just a few more pages..

Mercy had done it again. She writes so beautifully that I - the blase, critical, experienced reader -, every bloody time, lose the sense of who I am and become completely immersed in her story. She never, never 'tells' - she always, always 'shows'. Actually, show is not enough. She creates such intimacy between the reader and the subject of her story that one simply steps into the story and lives it. There is no all-knowing teller here. There is no distance between the reader and the subject. We feel and experience every shocking, heart-wrenching, horrifying, teary, loving, - oh i don't know; all emotions are there, to be embraced. With each and every one of her books I fell i love with the MC; This one, though - this one was altogether special. You will need to have read the first two Scrimmage books to entirely understand and appreciate (I cannot write enjoy) Levi's story.. Poor hardened and so tender Levi; Levi who is trying to make sense of what life has thrown towards him. Levi who tries to do the right thing, always. Levi, who remains loving in spite of all that happens to him. Delicious, haunting Levi. I simply cannot wait for the next book in the series while I hold my bruised heart to protect it.

First, I was halfway through reading this when the Orlando massacre happened. So I was in a sad mood, distracted by TV and FB so that affected how I felt about much of the second half. Second, I want to let people know that there are scenes that could be triggers; pedophilia, dub-don, non-con, violence and gay bashing. There's not graphic descriptions, but if I was disturbed by some of it, I wanted to warn others. Mercy wrote a brilliant, brutal life survival story for Levi, the troubled and incredibly talented QB from Sidelined. Parts of his story as well as his brother Jude's are also in Offside Chance and it all begins in Six Ways From Sunday. Reading them all is highly recommended and really, just necessary to even comprehend this book. I have all three of these on

my endless rereads list and this story will join it. The story will gut you and then leave you foaming at the mouth. Mercy has committed the unpardonable sin of writing a heart wrenching epilogue. Okay, not unpardonable, just grounds to hunt her down and flog her with my E reader. It is still worth reading every word. I will be leaping to read the next book when it comes out and I hope it's sooner than later!

I wanted to fling my kindle after reading this book, the ending??? I was hyperventilating and sobbing. I had to be like...did she just really do this?? I love Levi. Straight up. Always have. To see all he had gone through in his life, all that happened to him broke my heart. He is so strong and I love that he came out on the other side with the love of his life. So, how long til the next one comes out? I'm not sure my heart can take it.

I have been reading Mercy Celeste's books for several years and she just keeps getting better, if that's possible. I especially love the Southern Scrimmage series and Levi has to be my favorite character....I love Jude as well...but Levi is the most complicated one. I wasn't sure about reading this one because I knew it would pack a punch to the gut, but I wouldn't have missed it. It tells the reader more exactly why Levi is how he is and who he is. She puts a leash on us and pulls us straight through with no complaint. By the end, I was worn out and amazed. I used up a few tissues during the read but it was so worth it. Ms. Celeste's prose is effortless and you don't ever have to reread a sentence to get the meaning. It's a must to read at least SIDELINED first, but best to read the series from the beginning. You will be hooked.

I honestly had to give myself a mental shake as I neared the end of this book because I was getting so emotionally distraught. Throughout the book, I experienced moments when I'd gasp, or my stomach would clench. Maybe I had a few tears fill my eyes. Levi's story is full of heart-breaking incidents - one after another. Only occasionally is he allowed to have a moment of happiness or peace. This is emotionally exhausting and actually ended with me trying pretty hard not to audibly sob. It's imperative to read the other books of the series before you read this one. This one gives the feelings and emotions behind events but doesn't necessarily describe the events. For example, Levi mentions his time with Bo and how he felt then. But he doesn't rehash how he met Bo, how Coach Shannen sent Levi to Bo in order to save him, etc. At one point after reading Offside Chance, I had decided to not read this book. I can't recall why...I think I was balking at the price. (ha ha, lame.) Recently I was in the mood for a character I know I love and a guaranteed good story, so I grabbed

this title. I'm so glad I read this one because it does give the reader a fuller picture of the Levi we have seen in the other Southern Scrimmage books. (I also liked that we learn a bit more about Jude through this story.) Every person who was part of Levi's life (the reverend, his Coach, Sean the Cop, GiGi, etc.) all come vividly to life. Unfortunately so do people like Big and Cassidy - completely horrible people. The ending of this made my jaw drop and just as I began my mournful wail, I read the preview for another book in the series which was immediately after Diva. I feel marginally better, but I really want that book!

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