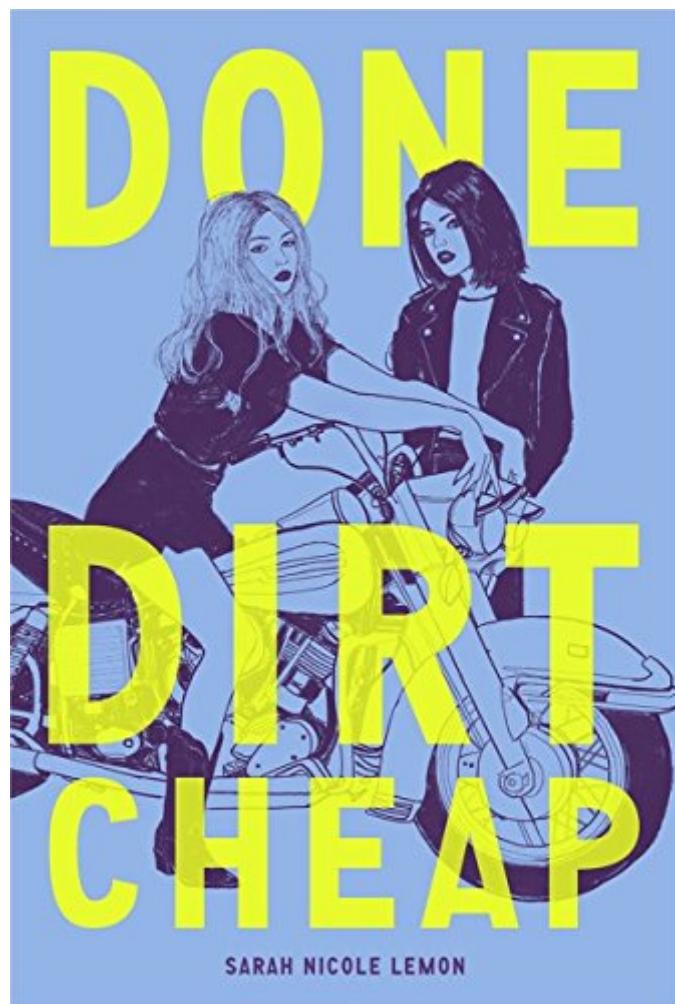


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Synopsis

Tourmaline Harris' life hit pause at fifteen, when her mom went to prison because of Tourmaline's unintentionally damning testimony. But at eighteen, her home life is stable, and she has a strong relationship with her father, the president of a local biker club known as the Wardens. Virginia Campbell's life hit fast-forward at fifteen, when her mom sold her into the services of Hazard, a powerful attorney: a man for whom the law is merely a suggestion. When Hazard sets his sights on dismantling the Wardens, he sends in Virginia, who has every intention of selling out the club and Tourmaline. But the two girls are stronger than the circumstances that brought them together, and their resilience defines the friendship at the heart of this powerful debut novel.

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Customer Reviews

This was such a cool book. Done Dirt Cheap is like nothing else I've read in YA;

it's an incredibly strong and searing debut. It's the story of eighteen-year-olds Tourmaline and Virginia and their unlikely, complicated friendship, as well as the secrets they're hiding and the enemies they're trying to keep at bay. It's a twisty tale featuring two girls who are down on their luck in some pretty extraordinary ways, but who refuse to buckle under adversity. I adored Tourmaline and Virginia, and I was captivated by their impossible choices and fierce loyalties and utter badassedness. Read: "We're friends because when girls are women are alone in this world, they're easier to pick off." Done Dirt Cheap also features bikes and winding rides, boys and sultry kisses, and a setting so atmospheric, I could smell the tarry asphalt and taste Cash's delectably described cooking. If you like books about girls who make bad decisions for good reasons, girls with lives messy and dangerous, girls who go after what they want, be it a man or revenge or a degree, you'll love Done Dirt Cheap.

This is a deeply romantic book, and I don't just mean romance in the form of amorous love, but love that exists between fathers and daughters, families and friends. There are so many emotions, that are all so relatable and beautifully described, and as a reader, you feel you are in the middle of the story. It is ultimately a triumphant story of love - in all its forms. I really, really liked this book. :)

This is not my typical genre as I lean more toward scifi and fantasy, but Done Dirt Cheap has earned its spot on my favorites shelf (and yes, I have a literal, physical favorites shelf). The writing in this book is truly captivating: the characterization is spot on, the descriptions are simultaneously whimsical and exacting, the dialogue is authentic, and the tone of each character is distinct and consistent. The plot is also gratifying: offering a glimpse into a world rarely seen, but also dismantling many of the stereotypes associated with that world, especially through the gradual yet tenacious relationship built between the two lead women as they both come into their own and begin claiming pieces of this world for themselves, including claiming each other and their own freedom and power.

I'll be brief and state my two favorite things about this book. The fact that the focus is the friendship between two young women and the beautiful expressive writing. I love that, while there's definitely romance here, the relationship between the two lead female characters is the heart of the book. Lemon's ability to paint beautiful sentences is the icing on the cake.

Beautifully written I literally couldn't put it down start to finish! I was left longing for more & when the story ended I wanted to continue to be immersed in their world.

This book was amazing and I can't wait to read Sarah Lemon's next! It was everything I didn't know I wanted and full of complex characters and relationships that I wanted more of from page one. (No, but really, when does her next book come out because I NEED IT.) Highly recommend for contemporary readers who aren't looking for more of the same.

Even if the story sucked (it doesn't), this book would still be worth reading. The writing is exquisite. The author gives vivid details without extraneous stuff that can get boring. It's just really pleasant to read. But then it also has an intriguing plot and fantastic characters. This isn't even my usual genre, but it's one of the best books I've read in a while.

I haven't been a YA for quite some time, but this is the book my teenage self would have loved....wait, my forty something self also loved it. Characters electrified the page, the story crackles with all the energy before the storm. Can't wait to read more from this author.

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