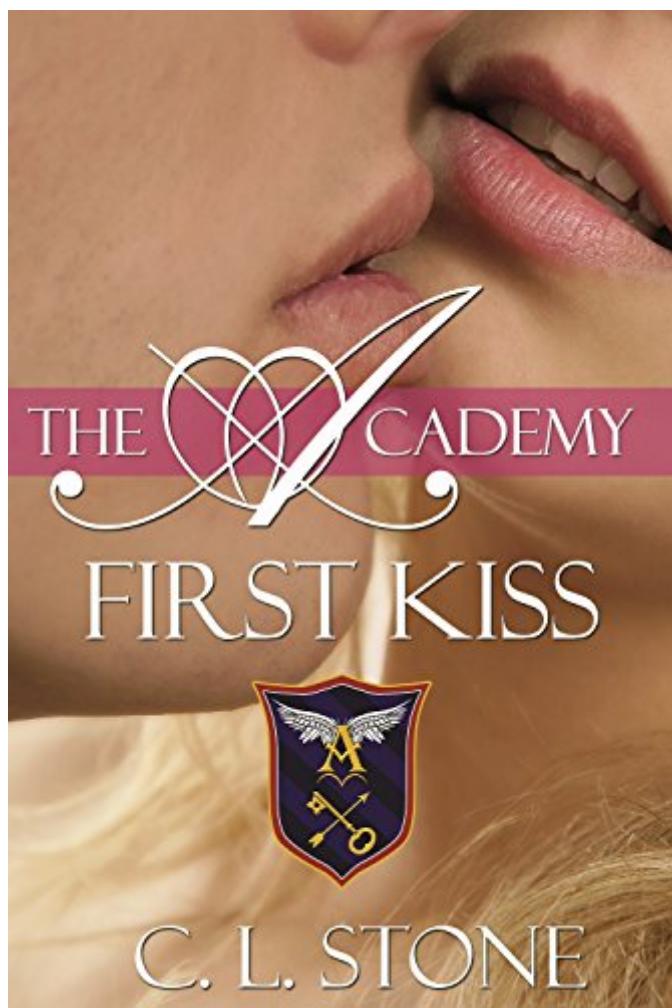


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First Kiss: The Ghost Bird Series: #10 (The Academy Ghost Bird Series)



Synopsis

The time has finally come for Sang Sorenson to be formally introduced to the Academy. Protocol dictates the boys keep the details of Sang's official introduction to the Academy a secret from her. The only thing they can advise her to do is to work on what will become her mantra: She is determined to stay with her team, no matter what. Despite her wishes, however, the boys are second-guessing her place with them, concerned for her safety. With dangers all around and threats closing in, some of the boys are questioning if this is the right time to bring her to meet the Academy at all. Sang is challenged with being the brave face among them and instilling the confidence needed to keep her with them. However, in order to appear compliant with the Academy's rules, she has to be willing to listen and try their suggestions. As the boys have suspected and feared, the council wants to see how she'll work with a different team. An all-girl team. She has no choice but to go along with the proposal or risk losing a shot at the Academy. But when the Academy's inner world is revealed to her, Sang knows that she's finally found her place—somewhere she belongs—and she sees a future with them. The deeper she gets, the more she sees how she can make a difference. Learning what she is capable of and the impact she can have, she feels obligated to help. There's so few girls, and they need her. The guys try to stick to their plan, but every team must pay their debts, and the cost of keeping her might be more than any of them can afford. It's up to Sang alone to prove to the Academy where she truly belongs—but can she resist the call of a new team that needs her? *The Academy, Inside*

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Customer Reviews

I want to start off by saying that I love this series! Kota finally got to kiss Sang! I've read every entry in this series, as well as the Scarab Beetle Series, and I wait anxiously for each new book. I'm not exactly sure what happened with this book though, but it was terribly edited. There were wrong words, at times too many words, and a couple of times where the sentence just stopped without finishing. I found it very distracting, taking me away, albeit momentarily, from the flow of the story. As far as the story goes, it's a definite 5 stars, but the extremely poor editing job has me giving it a grudging 4 stars. That said, I still can't wait for the next one!

The whole Academy series is great! In First Kiss, Sang finally gets to kiss the first Academy boy she met, but it doesn't come without problems. They go to Academy camp, where prospective new members are tested to see if they belong in the Academy. Thru the week, Sang impresses not only other campers, but the Academy members who will decide if she deserves a chance to join them. At the end of camp, Sang's recent phobia is brought to light, and causes a fight between the boys. An urgent call puts the fight on hold, as they rush to meet the new problem facing them. This whole series has been full of adventure, and drama that seems too heavy for teenagers, but they handle it well. I can't wait for the next book to see how Sang's journey ends!

Can it even get any better than this. These books just pull you into the story. Like it embeds deep into your soul. Sang and the guys are going to camp. They didn't warn her it was The Academy's camp. Now she has to learn the hard way. But all Sang can think about is if she can stay with the guys and Kota needing to know about the plan for them all. There's so much more that happens. If you're a true fan of the series, you're loving this book as I do. If you are a beginner you need to start at the beginning. You will want to read straight through to this point. Book 11, I'm waiting with baited breath.

Even though we FINALLY get to see what the Academy is all about, the overall idea of the Academy just seemed very childish and not very spyish, the way I initially imagined it being. It's basically volunteer work. They're not spies or anything remotely similar! Not only that but I felt like Stone was really trying to lay a lot of political/moral views she has as far as the Lake aspect is concerned. It's okay that everyone has their own views on such matters but no one needs it shoved down their throats. In addition, I feel like we're always being introduced to characters that play a big part of some of these books then they're not brought up again, like Sang's girl friend she had at Ashley Waters, what happened to her? Now Sang met another girl (Lake) that she spent more time with than the guys, does Lake have anything to do with the bigger plot?! This series has seriously taken a nose dive and I'm not sure I like where this is going. The whole Academy plot and reverse harem aspect appealed to me at first but now the way everything is being executed just seems so underwhelming.

Major Spoiler! (Ok, maybe not major...)Kota finally gets his kiss!! I love the slow burn and I love that these books are long, but they only run around a weeks time line each. I've always wondered when a book has gaps in time what they're doing?!! And I love that there are basically no gaps. We know what they're doing, we know what they're thinking (for the most part). I do wish that we got the guys' POV, but that's ok. I would definitely put this as one of my favorite books of the series. Seriously, buy this book. For reals.

I liked the first couple of books, but now it's ridiculous that 1 book only moves the story by 2-3 days. It's starting to feel like the author is purposely dragging out the story in order to sell more "books". Before we had 2-3 books per year now we've been waiting a full year for Black & Green!

I got sucked into this series and although I skipped books 2 through 5, I would recommend them. I love the story and the relationships. I wish there were closure though after 10 books and I need an HEA. I love, love, that this book covers the very interesting topic of non-traditional relationships. I wish the characters weren't so freaking young though because I worry that in deference to their youth the challenge to the romantic status quo will end up getting washed out as youthful indiscretion. Anyway, my doubts and fears didn't stop me from loving the series. PS, my favorite is North and I wish we would find out what is up the biting stuff.

I am so obsessed with this series. Really, it's sad. I just find Sang so dang cute, and the boys... oh my goodness, they've all materialized in my head. Sorry, CL Stone, but they live in here *points to head* with me now. Reading these books are like a sugar high, I can't stop and I'm so fizzy and giddy while reading only to crash when it's done. Can't wait for the next one. I did see quite a few typos, more so than in the other books but the I'm just too in love with this series to care. And that's saying something because usually I'd get frustrated fairly quickly. Keep 'em coming!

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