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Charlotte Winston had the perfect life.

Doting husband. Wonderful son.

On one fateful day, in a matter of seconds, everything changed. Heartbroken and alone, Charlotte is left to pick up the remaining pieces of her shattered existence. Only to find that some pieces were not what they seemed, which not only threatened any chance for true happiness...but also her life.

David Lyons vowed to never let another woman under his skin. Bitter and resentful, he never takes a woman to bed twice. He learned that lesson the hard way. But everything he stood for dissolves when he meets a green eyed beauty from the city.

Can two people, so beaten down by life, so broken, move on from the past? Can love restore their light after being blanketed in darkness for so long?

Broken Home Details

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Renee at Book Happiness says

I received this for an honest review.. I have to say I absolutely fell in love with this book. The author does this amazing job of pulling the emotions right out of you. Such an enjoyable read...

Lori ~ BF Bookies says

I absolutely loved this book! After reading Rachel Smith's first book, Home, I could not wait to get my hands on this and read David's story. It isn't necessary to read the first one, but I would recommend it so you can become familiar with some of the other characters and get a little back story. And plus, it's a great read!

With this author, I know I'm going to get it all: a great story, superb writing, drama, humor, anger, happiness, sadness...so many feels!! You get that with Broken Home! This author is so good at sucking you in from the very beginning and keeping you turning page after page until you've read late into the night. (I did that!) I love the way this author can make me get lost in the pages of her book and make me feel like I am a part of the story. And with the smokin' hot BFF in this book, I really wished I could crawl into the pages and be a part of it. Seriously, her characters are amazing and you can't help but fall in love with them.

This is a great story – one that will stay with you long after you've finished. I highly recommend it! It gets 5 amazing stars from me!

Beth Ann says

You know that feeling when you are in the middle of a great experience that you never want to end? That is exactly the feeling I had when I was reading Broken Home by Rachel Smith. When I finished her debut novel, Home, I commented that this was a writer to watch in the future and her second novel offered up more of the same wonderful writing as the first book in her Glenview series. I was thrilled when I was given an ARC to read and am so happy to report that it is every bit as good as the first in the series. Perhaps even better!

Broken Home finds the same cast of characters from Home living in the small town of Glenview, Iowa and allows the reader the chance to explore a deeper look into the lives of some of the folks that we were introduced to in the first book. What a delightful thing to be able to pick up right where the last book left off knowing a bit about the history of the people and adding new ones into the mix. However it is not necessary to have read the first book before reading this one as they can both totally stand on their own.

This book focuses on Charlotte and David and as the story develops the reader is drawn into the various twists and turns in their relationship and sees the past of both of the characters dredge up old fears and insecurities. To understand Charlotte and David the reader has to understand where each of them has come from and why they react the way that they do to one another and to different situations. Rachel Smith is a consummate storyteller and with each page turn the reader is drawn in and is pulled into the lives of those small town folks in Glenview.

One thing that I love about this writer is her ability to really throw the reader a few curves along the way. Yes, it is a romance but it is also a mystery, a whodunit, and an inspirational story all wrapped up in one neat package. Just when I thought I knew what the next page would bring to Charlotte and David I was surprised. Unpredictable and well written, *Broken Home*, offers far more than the average boy meets girl love story. It evokes real feelings from the reader time and time again.

Home is once again a destination that each character appears to be attempting to reach despite the obstacles in their path. It is clear that each character has their own definition of home and is trying to get there however they can. The fortunate ones make it. The less fortunate ones can only dream about it.

I loved getting to know these characters and their family and friends as they journeyed sometimes clumsily towards love. Their raw emotions and feelings bled through on every page and I was sitting there happy to know that I had blocked out time to read the entire book in one sitting. If I had not I suspect things would have not gotten done and appointments would have been cancelled---it's that good.

I think the words of Alex describe my feelings about this book---not about the town he is talking about---but the book. "Plus, there's just something about that town, I can't explain it, but it pulls you in and doesn't let you go." Yes, the same can be said about *Broken Home*. It pulled me in and did not let me go. Thank you, Rachel Smith, for writing another great book. Can't wait for the next one!

Tabitha Jones says

I am so thrilled that I got to read the second book in this series by Rachel Smith. The first book *Home* blew me away. In this book *Broken Home* it had me all over the place, happy, sad, revengeful. Author Rachel Smith's writing style is simply impeccable. This book had so many twists and turns in it that i left me wanting more.

Charlotte has just moved to small town in Iowa called Glenview. after mourning her loss of loved ones she felt she had to move on. Although she took up a job at the local grocery store she was still not free from her past.

David a friend of Lily and Justin's also has had a past that haunts him and he is afraid to give away his heart. But when he first meets Charlie he decides to play a little cat and mouse game. He was just a bit infatuated by her. As they begin to get closer Charlie's fears get the worst of her she feels as though she is being stalked and followed. David figures out about the phone calls that Charlie has been getting and decides to take matters in his own hands. Will David be able to save Charlie? Will Charlie be able to forget her past and move on? This book a a romantic thriller that will keep you guessing from one page to the other. This is one you don't want to miss out on.

Keri Carlson says

Rachel Smith has a writing style that draws you into the world she has created. After reading *Broken Home* I found myself wishing I lived in the country, like my city life has me missing out on so much. I haven't read *Home* yet, the first in this series but I still fell in love with the characters. David is well, sexy. There is no other way to put it. Charlie's strength is inspiring and their struggle to put back the pieces of their broken

lives leaves the reader yearning for more. If you are looking for a romance with a mix of danger and passion, look no further than *Broken Home*.

Kelly Schuknecht says

Last year I read and reviewed *Home* by Rachel Smith. *Broken Home* is the second book in the Glenview series. You don't necessarily need to read them in order, but once you read one of them, you're going to want to read the other (and every other book Rachel Smith publishes in the future).

I absolutely could not put this book down! I am blown away by the writing skills of this indie published author. Between the developing romance and the plot twists, I'm pretty sure I did not breathe through most of the second half of the book. It is a must-read for fans of romantic fiction. I cannot wait for the third book in the series to come out!

Badass Lioness says

3.75 stars! It starts off with a fatal car accident that caught my attention and emotion. Charlotte loses everything in one moment. Her husband and son are killed. She has to continue living without them, but soon after mysterious numbers call her phone, even when she changes her cell/mobile phones. I read quite a few romantic suspense novels, so I was looking for what makes this one different.

She heads to a small town as just one place to hide temporarily. The text messages and phone numbers keep coming. However, in this town she makes a friend with Melissa and Lily (even though the two have a strained relationship) and meets David. He is messed up since his girlfriend cheated on him and his mother left his father and him when he was young. I liked that he had a decent backstory as to his drinking and sleeping around in the beginning.

As the story continues, I wasn't as fond of Charlotte and David and their bickering. Some of it seemed a bit childish, but they were coming from painful backgrounds. Charlotte had found out her husband was in over his head with gambling debts, and that the car accident was not an accident.

The story picked up for me about halfway through. The events pick up speed as Charlotte isn't sure who to trust as more info is revealed. Then David has to decide what he is willing to do. I enjoyed the second half of the story more than the first.

There are sex scenes where Charlotte and David sizzle. There is some violence. What I think is that the secondary characters could have been developed a bit more, so that the side stories with David and his dad and the surprise twist, and Melissa's reason for being angry and messed up as she tries to befriend Charlotte could have added to it. The ending wrapped a bit quicker with less detail about Jared and the rescue than I would have liked. The epilogue was wonderful.

I hope that Lizzie, Melissa, Evan, and a couple more characters should have their own chance to a happily ever after.

Leanne says

This is the second book in this series...I didn't know that before starting it, but it didn't really matter, it works perfectly well as a stand alone.

I read this book in one sitting, devoured it. The characters are likeable and easy to identify with; the story, although a little predictable, is thoroughly enjoyable, full of twists and turns. The emotions portrayed ripple through the reader.

Fans of romantic suspense will love this book! I am definitely going to go back and read Home and look forward to whatever comes next!

Micki Fredricks says

I'm one-click obsessed with Rachel Smith. I absolutely loved her debut novel, Home, but Broken Home has taken her to a whole different level for me. No need to read any future blurbs...she writes a book, I'm reading it!

As an author, she has the unique ability to silence the world around you. She offers up characters that are realistic

and funny while twisting in strings of serious emotional turmoil.

Her plotting techniques make every situation plausible. You can honestly see yourself with your friends in every situation!

But look out, because just when you think you have things figured out...BOOM. Plot Twist!

Now, let's talk about how she writes the most amazing, sweet yet alpha country boys! Seriously, there better be more books coming in this series because every support character has my attention! I NEED more Glenview boys!

If you are looking for strong plot lines, believable characters and a book that you will not put down...this series is for you!

Chantel says

Rachel Smith is an amazing author that writes books that will tug at your heartstrings and make you fall in love with her writing.

Broken Home is an amazing book that does just that it tugs at your heart and makes fall you in love with this beautiful story and the characters. The amazing story between Charlotte and David is heartbreakingly beautiful all at the same time. I absolutely fell in love with this book and could not put it down.

This book will melt your heart with the incredible twist and turns that Charlotte and David have to endure because of the secrets and lies that become uncovered.

I highly recommend this book to all readers. This is a book that you will fall in love with and want to read again.

Complimentary copy for an honest review

Alicia at Mean Girls Luv Books says

I love the town of Glenview. I absolutely adored David in book one of the series and the author made me fall head over heels in this book. O.M.G. The mouth on that man! I love a good alpha and David definitely fits the bill!

Charlie suffered a great loss. She lost her husband and her son in a tragic accident. Come to find out, it wasn't an accident at all. Her husband was in business with some shady people and Charlie had to live with the effects. When it becomes too much, she runs away to Glenview.

The first time she meets David, he is a total a**. I wanted to slap him! However, he quickly redeems himself in one of the sweetest, alpha ways possible. It doesn't stop there. He just keeps being his hot self. Charlie doesn't stand a chance at resisting him. When her husband's trouble follows her to her new home, David will stop at nothing to protect her. *Sigh*

I absolutely love this story. The author kept it fairly light even though the character had gone through tragedy. Don't get me wrong, there is plenty of emotion in this book, but as a whole, it was light and fun. I can't wait to see where the author takes me next!

Catherine Wright (Cat's Guilty Pleasure) says

How do you get over the loss of someone you love? How do you get over the deceit you find out about after the death of the man you thought you knew? For Charlotte it has taken her over a year to start living her life again. She has moved away from her home in Chicago to the little town of Glenview, Iowa. For David, he has shut all emotions down and refuses to let anyone in. He doesn't want to be hurt again. When they meet there is something that sparks between them and they both refuse to acknowledge it. Will they be able to let go and start over with each other or will they let the past ruin any chance at happiness?

I wish I could give this book more than five stars, it really deserves to have at least ten. The author's style of writing has a way of pulling you in and not letting you go. It's a very emotional, sweet, and a little suspenseful love story. I felt every emotion while reading and I love a book that can make you feel what the characters are going through. This is my first book by this author and I truly have found a new author to look forward to more of her work.

I was given a copy in exchange for an honest review.

Review done by Cat for Cat's Guilty Pleasure
<http://www.facebook.com/catherinewrig...>

Lina's Reviews ♡?????????♦??Book Blog?? ♡?????????♦ says

I didn't expect to enjoy this book as much as I did. It was such a pleasant surprise. What a beautiful story. Charlotte has been living a tragedy. After her beautiful family is lost in a horrific accident, she has been struggling to put her life back together. Guilt, terror and loss have been eating her alive but she is strong enough to keep going; to pick herself up and carry on. The memories haunt her. She is convinced that she will never again find love.

David is a man who doesn't want to get too involved with a woman. He has his own tortured past. He has a short temper but all change when he meets Charlie. She is different, she draws him in. He wants her. But he doesn't know what she hides, he thinks he is the only one who has endured deep pain and desolation. When he finds out that Charlotte has her own deep wounds to heal, he will make it his mission to win her. I loved this book. It was sweet, sometimes extremely sad, but most of it all it gave hope. I loved the emotions, I loved the characters and I connected with Charlotte. I loved how David wanted to take care of her, I loved that they took the chance to heal each other.

Superb development! **5 Stars from me.**

**I received an ARC in exchange for an honest review.*

Jaime says

I received this book for an honest review.

The prologue had me wanting to know more.

The accident that started the changes Charlotte Winston was forced to make.

She picked a new place to live and chose small town America.

She got a job at a local grocery store, had a place of her own, while living in fear of the people who caused the accident and killed her only son and husband, who lived a secret life that she didn't know about and was left to deal with.

Charlotte was heading to a baby shower of her only friend in town and meets Melissa a.k.a Missy who invites her out with her and her friend David.

Charlotte agrees and meets up with them and David was less than happy to have her along.

David had been carrying this anger, love, and hatred for things that happened to him a year ago.

David was instantly attracted to Charlie, as he called her, so he had to get drunk and push her away.

When Missy explained to him about her past, he felt horrible and needed to apologize.

He had to apologize twice and ended up taking care of her when she had the flu.

They grew closer as the time passed.

Charlie's past was starting to catch up with her and her fear grew more and more.

She was afraid to have David involve but he was all caveman wanting to protect her.

When Charlie is kidnapped, David loses his mind and heads to Chicago to find him.

Will he find her alive?

Can they have their HEA?

The writing is great and the story is amazing.

Reviewed by Jaime for Mommy's Naughty Playground

Marcie Wegner says

I enjoyed this book very much. The book was very well written. I liked the characters and I really felt for Charlotte. I did not know this was the second book in a series when I picked it up and so it can be read as a stand alone and enjoyed without feeling like you are missing anything. I will now go back and get the first book. I look forward to reading more by this author.
