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Trust makes you vulnerable. Weak. Peyton Evans learned that lesson long ago. Being shuffled between foster homes since he was five, and then surviving for so long on his own, he has kept a wall around his heart. The abuse he suffered at the age of fifteen refuses to fade into the past, and the scars it caused impact him every day. He'd thought he'd found love before, but that relationship showed him once again that trust only led to more pain.

Struggling with an addiction he developed as a teenager, Torin Hayes found himself one screw up away from going to prison and decided to get clean. But a sudden incident threatens to send him back down that rocky path, and he fears people will never look past his intimidating appearance and will only see the tattooed delinquent he's been labeled as for years. Moving to Cadbury, Oklahoma is his only way to start over.

When the two men meet, the attraction between them is far from instant, but Torin's persistence blurs Peyton's opinion of him as a tattooed bad boy who will break his heart and shatter him all over again. Peyton's scars run deep and make it hard for him to let go of his fear and accept a love he doesn't feel he deserves. But, when it comes to matters of the heart, even the most strategic plans can change.

*Trigger warning: This story contains content that may be sensitive for some readers. The triggers are: drug/alcohol abuse and flashbacks of sexual abuse including rape. This is Book 2 in the Cadbury series, but can be read as a standalone. *

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Jessica Thorman says

This story was a great addition to the first Cadbury novel! Peyton and Torin's story will have you laughing and crying through the entire book. Peyton and Torin both have troubled pasts, but they each have their own way of dealing with it. Their story is one I could read and re-read over and over again. I absolutely loved this story and I would have to say its my favorite from this author, to date.

Emma Brown says

The heartache and trauma that this story uncovers, will shatter your heart before rebuilding it again. I loved learning about Torin and Peyton. They've both been through so much, but their pasts have made them that much stronger.

Anggi says

Awesome book!! I've never read a book like this!! This is so awesome hahahahaha!!

For me with english as third language and still learning, i can understand and comprehend the grammar because of its easy reading. And it i enjoyed it.

I wont writing about the story building or the grammars or the characters building and stuff like that because i'm not an expert with the stuff, i just know that i like this book!!! I love it!!

Bati says

Czy mo?na adoptowa? posta? z ksi??ki? Mój instynkt macierzy?ski wszed? na ca?kiem nowy poziom z powodu Peytona. Najch?tniej zrobi?abym mu kakao, da?a dro?d?ówk? z cynamonem, pog?aska?a po blond g?owie i da?a spokojnie czyta? te jego ukochane fantasy,a potem przymkn??a oko na to, ?e zagrada si? do niego pewien wytatuowany go??. ❤

Tara Spears says

I tried to love this book. I went in with high hopes, but I struggled to get through Torin and Peyton's story. I LOVE hurt/comfort. LOVE a well written broken boy, and this had two! But alas, I lost interest in them both and found myself not really caring for either one of them. They were whiny, and there was so much repetition I skimmed a lot of it.

The story itself is very slow, and there is so much build up, I knew everything that was going to happen LONG before it did.

I had trouble with how the author handled the issues these boys had. I could tell she didn't have experience with either one. Just sitting in on an AA meeting or two, and chatting with a few therapists would have brought a more realistic element to her character's trials.

A hundred pages too long. There are a ton of unnecessary words the author uses. And that made this a tedious read. A little tightening would go a long way, in my opinion. And a few loose ends were flat forgotten.

Tracy Perry says

OK, must have lots of Kleenex... 2% in I was a crying mess & was at it for awhile... The book was heartbreaking, gut wrenching & beautiful, so good I loved it. You'll love the characters right away. I already loved Peyton from previous book & you'll love Torin as well. A must read! I'm hoping for a book 3 ;)

K Cherry says

Droned on and on

This book was definitely not enjoyable like the first book in the series, and not because of the subject matter. It was like a non- ending chapter about the same thing. It wasn't so much a book, more like a song on repeat. While I love Peyton's soft heart and loving nature, I just couldn't picture him with Torin. With Torin's anger, aggression and addiction, it just didn't make sense to me that Peyton would fall for someone like him. I just felt like Peyton should have been with someone with a gentle heart and healing nature. This relationship just made me sad. It felt like all Torin thought about was sex, and that didn't just didn't correspond in a positive way for me after what Peyton had been through. Still loved Aeron and Aiden and glad to see them in this story. They definitely bring a smile (one of few) which was definitely lacking in this story.

Veronica says

Jaclyn Osborn is one of my favorite m/m romance writers, simply one of the best. The pace is always perfect and there are no errors in the writing. Very complicated feelings put very straight forward. Beautiful writing, all in all.

Michele says

Peyton lives in small town Cadbury and holds jobs at both the cafe and hardware store. By all accounts, he is an easy-going, nice guy who is still hung up on his ex (Luke from book 1) and isn't looking to start a new relationship. On the inside, he feels broken and worthless. His foster care experiences left Peyton with hidden scars and serious trust issues. His failed relationship with Luke reinforced those feelings.

Torin is the stereotypical bad boy—a motorcycle driving, scarred, tattoo covered, recovering alcoholic with

anger control issues. After his best friend overdoses, Torin falls off the wagon. It's a wake up call. Realizing that if he stays home, the cycle will keep repeating, he moves to Cadbury for a fresh start.

When Torin and Peyton meet at the cafe, neither is ready for a relationship...but the attraction is undeniable. Can Peyton overcome his past and learn to trust Torin? Can Torin finally overcome his impulse control issues and be the strong, supportive partner that Peyton so desperately needs?

I recommend reading in order. While it can be read as a stand-alone, It's more satisfying to understand Peyton's history (as seen from the outside) first. The dynamics between the characters have more meaning (especially between Luke, Peyton and Aeron). Crossover with characters from the author's Awakened series is also introduced. Can't wait to read the next one!

adik miftakhur says

I was having so much fun reading this one. This was my very first book I'd read from Jaclyn after I didn't get a chance to read her another book called Dear Adam which I was dying to read because there was some problem while purchasing the kindle version, it's region limitation which kind of sucked for an international bookblogger, like me. Phew!!

But here I am, I'm going to write my quick review about the book which I'll totally divide it to two parts, Characters and Story plot. Here we go :

Characters : I was so damn falling in love with the characters. Let's just say there were only two main characters inside the book who most likely you would see during your reading time. They were Peyton and Torin. First, I'm going to write my feelings about Torin. I loved him so much, he's such a boyfriend material, at least for me. hehe, He's so sweet, even his past wasn't really good. I loved his action to always keep his partner safe. He was the first one my eyes caught. Then let's talk about Peyton, honestly I felt sorry for him, for what happened to him. Plus he's so damn sweet and soft. It's like he didn't want to kill a fly.

Story-Plot: Another reason why I gave 4 stars to this book. It was such a good book though. Eventhough this one is a Novella but you could read it as a stand alone. The story plot was understandable, so you don't have to re-read it to get the point. But if you're a big fan of tragic plot, I'm not sure this one for you. Even lots of people out there telling you otherwise, but for me the book was less tragic than people said.

Overall, I highly recommend this book to read to all of the people, including you if you're a fan of M/M books. :)

Kim says

Great second book to this series. A mm contemporary set in Cadbury USA(such an awesome name). This book reveals a dark past for both the main characters but love wins in the end. This book had a few editing errors but still a wonderful read. I'll read more from this author and more from this series.

Simple Pleasures says

It was good, but not that great that I want to read the previous or next book in the series. The climax was very predictable and I saw it coming from miles. However, it was more of an anticlimax than climax. All the the issues were resolved with so much ease and there was no real problem.

Chris says

Another emotional journey in the town of Cadbury. I'm glad Peyton got his book and found love with Torin. Both guys suffered issues and traumas in their past and were working their ways forward together. This was really a story of trust and forgiveness, not just between Pey & Tor but also with Luke & Aeron. I felt like it was a little predictable and there was something lacking in the writing however it was certainly still an enjoyable read. I sense Jeremy & Blays book is next, we shall see.

SaBine K. says

What a beautiful book! After the first chapters I thought what is there more to come? But Jaclyn Osborn has a way of weaving you into a story with both severe damaged trust and hurt, and then love and tenderness to overcome.

Jenn C says

I liked this one much better than the first. I really like Torin an Peyton together.

Peyton - "Where I'd had my heart broken before, he [Torin] hadn't ever really had his touched". ??

Would love to see Jeremy and Blays story.
