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I came to the mountains so my daughter could heal.

Isolation. Refuge. Sanctuary.

An escape from the past.

I never thought it was a sacrifice.

Not until I met *her*.

Lying half-frozen in the snow, the storm raging all around us.

So fragile. So vulnerable. And the most beautiful woman I've ever seen.

She doesn't belong here, but there's no way I'm letting her die on my mountain.

I'll save her, care for her, and when I'm done...I'll let her go.

Until I see her with my daughter.

Until she leaves me burning with heat.

And I wonder whether I've been doing this all wrong.

Maybe what my scarred little girl needs - what she's always needed - isn't the mountain.

Maybe it's the kind touch and sparkling eyes of a beautiful woman.

Maybe that's what I need, too.

I know it's not that simple.

She has a past she won't talk about.

Mine is clouded with guilt and regret.

But every moment with her makes me think of the future - of a real family.

When our pasts catch up to us?

No f*cking way I'm letting that go.

Single Dad's Cabin is a full length, standalone romance with a sexy mountain man, the haunted woman he saves and his sweet eight-year-old girl. No cheating or cliffhangers, and a Happily Ever After guaranteed. Includes a copy of *Billionaire Baby Daddy* as bonus content!

Trigger warning: This book contains non-explicit references to childhood abuse.

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Lynn Starzyk says

This book is so much more than the blurb. The feels that you get while reading this are incredible. I felt like my emotions were a little all over the place. The story takes a while to develop fully but how it all comes together in the end is worth every moment. The main characters, Casey and Liam, have a flirty banter between them that starts as a slow burn and then turns into a full on fire. Casey's character has a depth that you can't fully grasp until toward the end of the book and Liam is perfection from page 1. His daughter, Emma, is worth mentioning too as she really adds to the overall storyline. Thank you Lara Swann for an excellent read!

I received this as an ARC in return for an honest review.

Xander Grant says

Wow. What a good book!!

Alright, you folks can see I read A LOT of these New Adult (20-something) Romances. Just my thing, I love them.

They're like crack to me. I read one right after another.

Usually they involve what I call "insta-love", the guy looks at the girl, they fall instantly in lust (based on looks), they sleep together, then the rest of the book is spent in some fitful quest to learn about the other, with varying degrees of success. Usually sparsely spread between recurrent bouts of graphic sex, which gets repetitive and boring after a while (I usually just read the first sentence of each paragraph of those scenes, so that I can get back to the story).

THIS book is the type I'm really looking for. Period.

The characters are well thought-out. They have dimension (some depth). There's some real struggle here to understand and approach each other, and they have real-world problems.

The culmination of Liam and Casey's issues result in real growth as individuals and as a couple, and their backstory is heartbreakingly real.

Everything isn't perfect, but what in life truly is. A real story about real people.

Beautiful.

I see, maybe, two of these a year (if I'm lucky).

Well done. I'm definitely signing-up for this author's mailing list. Anxious to see what she'll come up with next.

Aside to Lara Swann: This great book could have used a professional editor. Seriously. No criticism; just sayin'. Separately, if this were written for an American audience (since it happens in America, I'm assuming it was), there are a myriad of British phases, words, idioms, etc. here that don't make sense to the American ear. I'm used to it, because I've read so many British authors. Just something to be aware of. If you want a list, just contact me.

Merry Jelks-Emmanuel says

Love and devotion is what I have to say about Liam. He gives his everything for his daughter especially after a tragic accident. Living in the mountains so that his daughter can heal. Casey is on her way up to the mountains to think and possibly write a book she is caught in the snow storm and on top of that her car quits on her. having no choice but to leave it she doesn't make it far before she succumbs to the elements. Lucky for her Liam finds her and takes her back to his cabin. Emma warms up to Casey and the two bond giving Liam something to think about because his little girl is opening up to another person and Liam is seeing possibilities. Can the three of them become a family and provide Emma with the comfort and security that she needs? I voluntarily agreed to receive and ARC of this book for an honest review.

Lexee Toste says

I really loved this story!! It was written so well and really developed. It's a longer story which I absolutely loved! The book didn't feel long though. We really get to know the characters and see the developments with them as things come along because of the length. I loved Liam, Casey, and Emma (Liam's daughter). There is a lot going on in this book and I was happy that the book was longer because it allowed for those items to feel fully resolved for me. There's some action in the story but it's more about the struggles that the characters are having with life. Emma lost one of her eyes in a fire 2 years ago and is not a fan of people or being around them because of what happened afterward. Liam is trying to help his little girl heal and make progress but is not going to force her to be around people. Casey gets lost in a snowstorm while trying to start her vacation and Liam rescues her. I loved how this developed and getting to see all 3 of them building their relationships was awesome. The sex is explicit when it happens. This is definitely more of a slow build romance in that department. The chemistry is there but the situation being what it is, they are both very cautious with what they do. This was a fantastic read!!

I voluntarily reviewed an ARC of this book.

Caroline Doig says

Liam and his daughter Emma live in a cabin in the mountains they moved up there after Emma was caught in a fire which left her badly scarred and had killed her mother, Liam couldn't handle peoples reactions they had to his daughters injuries so that had made up his mind to leave. Casey heads up to the mountains to a vacation cabin to think and escape a painful past. Liam finds Casey nearly frozen to death in the snow so he takes her back to his cabin to take care of her. When Casey wakes she doesn't look at Emma with the scars all she see's is a beautiful little girl and they bond very quickly. Liam and Casey have instant chemistry but he's more shocked when the two girls bond. This is one story I won't forget in a long time, it's about 3

people and their painful pasts and the bonds that they make with each other. Wow absolutely fantastic and i highly recommend this book it's definitely well worth the read, this book is going on my to read again shelf. I highly recommend this book it's definitely well worth the read.

Linda Lagrue says

Lara is an excellent writer and has proven it once again with this emotional heartwarming romance. "Single Dad's Cabin" is the story of Liam and his daughter Emma who live on the mountain and Casey who wants to write a book in the solitude of a mountain cabin. Liam has moved with Emma to the secluded cabin to help her heal after the tragic death of her mother. Emma is shy and withdrawn and doesn't deal well with people. Casey is on her way to a cabin when her car breaks down during a severe snow storm. She decides to walk to get help but doesn't make it when hypothermia sets in. Liam finds Casey and brings her back to his cabin saving her life. The chemistry between Liam and Casey is red hot and difficult to deny. Liam is also surprised at how well Emma and Casey relate to each other. If you're looking for an enthralling emotionally charged story with well-developed characters this book is for you. "Single Dad's Cabin" is well worth reading.

I voluntarily reviewed an Advance Reader Copy of this book.

Clara Atkinson says

This is a beautiful story of Liam and his 8 year old daughter Emma and how they are trying to rebuild their lives together after a tragic accident that killed her mother. Emma is withdrawn and isn't comfortable around people and leaving the cabin. Casey is heading to the mountains to get away to think and write a book. While heading up to the mountain the weather makes a turn for the worse and her car brakes down. She set off on foot and ended up getting lost in the snow. She becomes tired and lays down in the snow becoming unconscious. Liam found her and brings her back to his cabin and saved her life. Their chemistry is off the charts but what Liam is more shocked by is how his daughter is opening up to her. Both of them are hiding behind their past afraid to open up and let the other one in. Emma's story is heartbreaking and love how strong she is throughout her journey with her Aunt Jenn helping her. Just love how they finally let their walls down and let all their fears out. This truly is a beautiful story. Highly recommend you not missing out on this story because Emma will draw you in and steal your heart. ♥?

Meghann Alford says

I really enjoyed this latest release from Lara Swann. Casey looks to the mountain to retreat from life, hiding a dark past but wanting to find answers. Liam, already on the mountain with his daughter, is hiding some dark secrets of his own and just wants the quiet life. When they meet something stirs in them that neither thought they would ever feel. This is a powerful book about growing from past tragedies and living your life for you. I absolutely loved it and the HEA was truly beautiful. Not a book to be missed. Just an FYI this book may have some triggers so please be aware of that. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced copy of this book.

Hero, Liam = 5/5

Heroine, Casey = 5/5

Chemistry = 5/5

Sex = 5/5
Plot = 4/5
Mystery = 3/5
Action = 2/5
Darkness = 3/5
Humor = 1/5
POV = dual
Would I recommend this book = yes
Would I re-read this book = yes
Would I read future books by this author = yes

Jackie D says

Snow, cabins in the mountains, a sweet single dad of an eight-year-old daughter, Casey's car picked an excellent spot to break down on her way to her secluded vacation/hideaway! Liam the heroic cabin caretaker and single father extraordinaire finds Casey taking a " nap " in the snow, close to his home, during a severe storm, taking her to his house, between him and his smart n sassy daughter Emma nurse Casey back from a hypothermic state. Stuck together till the storm passes, they quickly find all three are bonded together by something. Something more than the high voltage sparks between Liam and Casey. I loved this heartbreak to heart mend, angst-laden story! So much passion, humor, despair, love, and hope could be felt coming from the pages! Beautifully broken characters, waiting for someone to put them back together again- I made myself stay awake until almost 2 am to finish this beast of a lovefest- I had to know how it all worked out in the end! A worthwhile read by Lara Swann

Raecharmed says

Liam lives in the mountains with his daughter so she can adjust to live after some trauma. He didn't expect to have someone as a guest or that his daughter and him would become so attached. Casey came to the mountains to escape a painful past and to think about what she wanted to do about her family before acting rashly. Liam finds Casey nearly frozen in the snow and takes her to his place. He knows that she's most likely the renter of the cabin not far from where he lives but she needs attention to make sure she doesn't get seriously ill. Emma is Liam's daughter and is very shy around people so she doesn't warm up quickly to Casey being there. Emma is a lively eight year old but because of an accident people look and treat her differently which makes her not outgoing due to this. However when Casey sees her she doesn't see anything but a beautiful little girl. Can Liam convince Casey that they can make a relationship work?

This was an emotional story about three individuals trying to make the best out of the life given to them. Liam wants his daughter to heal and have a life beyond their mountainside home but he wants it to be on her terms. Casey wants to move past what was done to her but she doesn't want to act rashly and miss a chance to say her peace on what transpired. Liam and Casey had a slow build of heat because neither was sure it was a good idea to get involved. I loved the part where Casey tells Emma that everyone has scars just some that

you can't see. I think that was the turning point for Emma to see that not everyone would see her as broken girl. This was a great story about a sensitive subject matter but done in a tasteful way. Once I started this story I couldn't put it down. I can't wait to read more by this author in the future.

I voluntarily read and reviewed this book. I enjoyed it so much I bought my own copy.

Beth says

I received an Advance Reader Copy and I am leaving voluntarily review.

The sound of his daughter's laughter, the look of happiness on her beautiful little face, nothing in the whole world could or would compare to that for Liam. This is what his entire life was about. It had not always been this way, no it was bad, very bad before. There is a secret that Liam has been keeping and it is actually multi-faceted. Moving to the mountain with his daughter (Emma,) and getting their dog (Jasper,) living away from the negativity and brutal ways of the outside world is where they belong. Until the storm like the one now happens that is. The outside storm to bring turmoil and a storm of many things internally is where Liam learns about something he has refused to acknowledge.

Getting as far away from the texts, the calls and the pressure...that is all that Casey can think of. The darkness and the hurt she has endured and holds on to is so great, that all she can do is run. Casey has had to bury the secret that has left her an emotional zombie, she tried to make it stop, she told someone about it, and her "reward" was more of a punishment. Although Casey is extremely grateful to her Aunt Jen who took her in, helped her recover (somewhat) and move forward....for that she will forever be grateful. A light in the darkest hour really. The funny thing about dark secrets, they always have a way of showing back up just when corners have been turned, just before that bridge could be completely burned and forgotten. This is how she ended up on this mountain, in the snow storm, when her car takes a dump on her. But, it is here that she learns her greatest lesson in her life.

She knew better, but getting out of the dead car, walking to what she thought was the cabin, in the snow storm is what Casey does anyway. She does not get far. She is not really dressed for this kind of weather, she is also not prepared for the weather to knock her out completely AND literally. Fickle Mother Nature was having no problem teaching her that lesson. Liam is headed to the other cabin, the one that will have a guest arriving shortly, to make sure everything is in order, he spots something in the snow. Fear and dread fill him, but it is what he finds that takes him back to instinct. He picks this unconscious woman up and take her to his cabin. Once there the real lesson begins.

With a start Casey wakes up, realizes something is not right. Hearing voices, smelling food, clouded thoughts all what brings Casey around to the living again. When she goes in search of theses, there is a bigger turn of events about to happen. Liam is talking to her, filling her in on some of what had happened, then SHE comes in. Emma and Jasper come in from playing outside. It is when Emma realizes there is a stranger there that she becomes the shut down and withdrawn little one she has learned to be due to cruelty and hurt. Liam is also very tense. Casey picks up on this but stands her ground, then after some introduction Emma faces Casey full on, and the reason for this little girl's reaction is apparent. Casey is not in the least bothered by this, in fact she is kind and caring. It takes some time but Emma does warm up to Casey, slowly but very much so. As this is unfolding in front of Liam's eyes, it dawns on him that he too is warming up to Casey as well. This feeling hasn't been there is a very long time, and never this strong.

Things between them heat up slightly and Casey shuts them down quickly. Then heats up, shuts down. There is nothing going to stop the chemistry between them from overpowering them, which it really does. A letter to Liam starts putting things that are problematic back in the forefront of this. But not until there is a break through with Emma and Casey and Liam, and even Jasper (as a bystander only.) The little girl afraid to see or talk or be seen by anyone other than her daddy and Jasper, and now Casey, faces an obstacle that has been the hardest hurdle to this point. But she does it, and it is the beginning of a deeper feeling between all of them. Liam opens up and shares what happened, how Emma became the way she is, and the secret he has been hiding for many years now. When Casey doesn't open up and share as well, there is mixed emotions, words exchanged in the heat of the moment, tears, regret, and an important call made.

That call to Aunt Jen made Casey reopen scars she thought she had buried. When that phone call ends, Casey goes back to Liam and finally breaks her silence about her dark secret. Then true feelings are shared. Finalizing decisions made, and another painful event brought to light. This one is between Liam and the grandparents to Emma. Cruel and hurtful but now resolved and relieved he has been able to talk to Casey about this, they face them head on. It is also the point when Casey finalizes her decision and Liam helps her face her secret head on as well. Emma is left with her grandparents (she doesn't like this but knows that Casey is facing things she doesn't like as well) and Liam and Casey face down her demons, the two of them. Aunt Jen meets Liam, Casey's mom is confronted, Casey's dad is confronted, closure happens....a good thing, a long time coming.

Heading back home, there is another problem, the cabin is empty. The grandparents are to blame, on top of that, the can't even do it, they can't keep Emma under their watch. Liam knows where to look, and goes to get his daughter. Casey, Emma, Liam and Jasper all make it to the hotel together, but Liam is now going to face the final chapter of his secret, giving his final "talk" to the grandparents, which he does. Both Casey and Liam, after all they have been tested and put through have ultimately shown mercy but stood firm while facing their demons. These demons faced, and even shown mercy on when there was no reason to lead this little instant family a very happy ever after facing things together.

This is a very emotional book, I will have to say that with all of these layers to get to the root of the dark secrets both Liam and Casey carry and wear in their lives, a huge roller coaster of emotions. There is anger, tears, fear, laughter, love, hurt, learning once again that there are good people in the world, and that despite all the giants and demons we face there is choices. Not one thing these two went through was strong enough for something so much better to happen to them.

Megan M. says

A mountain can remind us that we're insignificant or just as immovable as it is

Life. Sometimes it's wonderful. Sometimes it's the most painful thing you experience. And often we have to face it alone when all we really want and need is for someone to else beside us. Validating us. Valuing us. Loving us. Casey and Liam have both experienced deep pain. For one, the scars are on the outside; for the other, those scars cut deep within. But together they realized that they were stronger together than apart, and that if they did face things together they, too, could be just as immovable as the mountain they called home. This story was like a train wreck that you could see happening, but we're powerless to stop. And the only thing you could do when all the dust settled, was to hope that your heart would continue to beat. And that you could be a little bit better to people out there, especially when they remind you of Emma. I voluntarily reviewed an advanced reader copy of this book, and I borrowed it through the Kindle Unlimited program too.

Lynn44 says

Liam moved himself and his daughter Emma to the mountains to help her deal with the tragic death of her mother. Emma was scarred in the accident, she is withdrawn not comfortable around people and doesn't want to leave the cabin. Casey is a writer, she is heading up the mountain to write her next book in solitude. While driving to her cabin Casey's car breaks down during a severe snowstorm. Deciding to walk to get help she becomes lost and ends up with hypothermia. Fortunately Liam finds Casey and takes her to his cabin. Emma doesn't want her there but Liam explains that they need to help her. I really enjoyed this book. The story is well written and the characters are likeable and well developed. Liam and Casey had great chemistry and I loved the interaction between Emma and Casey. If you're looking for a heartfelt emotional read you will love this book. I voluntarily received an advance arc copy for an honest review.

Elektra | My Trending Books says

I don't want to claim myself as a romantic expert but I read enough books to say that I know what I am talking about.

I was tricked by a newsletter and I bought this book. They tempted me and I couldn't resist. I went thinking it would be a new adult but it was a romance.

Fist of all the burning question did I like it?

Yes.

It was actually good. I did like the way it was set and how the story progressed. It was a slow-burning book for the first half and then picked up the pace, of course, you can't have a romance novel without the drama as well. The drama was there, ladies or gents and it was spicy.

Well, I do recommend this book and for those that are asking did it have spicy scenes?

Just a couple and it was very Kosher so you would get more of a romance novel.

Auntee says

Despite a very slow start for me (this really could've used some editing to move it along), it turned out to be a pretty good read--once it got going.

Both the hero and heroine were dealing with some significant baggage, and the author dealt with it in a sensitive matter.

I liked Liam (best Dad ever and definitely husband material), who was carrying a load of guilt around with him regarding his young daughter and what happened to her mother; and I admired the strength of Casey, who was going through something even more difficult than Liam. I appreciated how these two were able to help each other move on from difficult pasts, and how they worked together to help Liam's young daughter.

I thought the writing and development of the story was quite good (if a little too wordy at times), and the romance was certainly believable. Towards the end of the book I was even tearing up a bit....:)

All in all a pretty solid read.

4 stars
