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After a motorcycle accident and subsequent alcohol abuse, Jeremy Engel has managed to claw his way back from the dark depths of personal hell. He's now a successful comic book author and working on his second book, and when the woman he met while on a rare getaway—the one he hasn't been able to forget—opens a shop in his neck of the woods, he thinks he's even learned to trust and hope again.

Elizabeth Desmond may have been born with a silver spoon in her mouth, but she's determined to make a success of her shop in the Adirondack tourist town of Lake Placid. And just when she thinks it can't get any better, the mysterious stranger she kissed on a moonlit resort beach walks back into her life.

But when Jeremy's old demons return, it's up to Elizabeth to show him they're not so different after all...

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# From Reader Review His Kiss for online ebook

## Angela Auten says

This book was adorable. Ahh...I love the fluffiness of this book! Review to come eventually. :)

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## Wendy'sThoughts says

### 3.5 Learning to Cope Truthfully Stars

**\* \* \* 1/2 Spoiler Free**

**This is the second installment of another series, Summer in New York. The subjects covered are extremely worthwhile in this romance.**

You have the male character recovering and working the AA program for the last three years. Although it is never specifically named, he does carry 3 coins in his pocket and I felt it was implied. The man experienced pain and heartache which pushed him over the edge resulting in a motorcycle accident. Instead of using the medication to fight the pain, he substituted booze. This started his issues. It took a family intervention to set him straight and now he is on a very solid path.

He has become an hit best selling author and has figured out what works for him. He is living that "one day at a time" and has no room for any distractions.

However, distraction does present itself in the form of a beautiful woman who is in a similar place. She comes from wealth and a fiercely competitive family. She grew up loved and cared for; hit all of her targets in school and went off to Harvard. There she encountered life like nothing she had experienced...and she developed an eating disorder. It took therapy and understanding the whys of what she did... but she too, has turned things around.

These two meet, connect and then have the romance they always had hoped for....We wait and see them struggle with talking about their issues...for addiction isn't the only thing which could cause them pain....

This romance had its ups and downs but over all it was strong showing the need for honesty to others and yourself. Commendable.

A gifted copy was provided by author/publisher for an honest review.

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## Danielle says

I really wanted to like this book and get drawn into it but it had its moments when I questioned why I was reading it to begin with. So Jeremy and Elizabeth both have issues not only in their pasts but it effects their

future. They meet on a beach, share a kiss and go their separate ways.

They meet again in the same town? How weird right. So Elizabeth agrees to see him and take it slow because she knows Jeremy is hiding something but sometimes Jeremy acted like a real asshole and she took it. Just gave him passes and said she would rush him. Sorry Elizabeth but at times you should have been a bit stronger and called him out on the things he said and acted. At times I felt bad for both of them but it wasn't enough to make me route for them to make it work.

Both families I loved but you could already see what was going to happen before it happened and their wasn't any mystery to it. I guess I just wanted more of a love connection then the whole drama with her past, his past and let's not forget what drama unfolds in the future before they get to the happily ever after. This book was not what I expected at all.

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### **Nicola says**

Book two in the *Summer in New York* brings us a sweet passionate couple who have both fought addictions and bring out the best in one another.

*"It's unrealistic to expect the man of your dreams to walk through your front door and whisk you away."*

Following a nasty break-up with his gold-digging fiancé, author Jeremy Engel has fought alcoholism and has become somewhat of a recluse. Until he meets Elizabeth Desmond, a lady with a heart of gold who has moved to the Adirondacks to open her business and has fought her own addiction. And with an instant chemistry, it doesn't take long for Jeremy to realise Elizabeth is working his way into his heart.

Considering the heavier subject matter covered, Jolyse Barnett has brought her reader an easy-read, fairly steamy romance with loveable characters. I have to confess I expected a little more given to the struggles Elizabeth was still facing, but I loved her quiet temerity, strength and understanding of Jeremy's own struggle and would love to see more from her family in the future.

Whilst easily a standalone read, it is linked to *A Light in the Window*, the third in the *Christmas in New York* series. Granted having read it made it easy for me to relate to all the secondary characters, but for readers who haven't, Jolyse Barnett does a superb job of filling the reader in.

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### **Clarie Giselle Mercado says**

**Meh....Good but missing something!!!**

The plot was good and true potential but author seemed to jump confused the reader. She went from Jeremy not planning on not rushing to him introducing her to the family in only 6 weeks. A lot of time jumped and not explained. Slow down a bit please. Some proofreading required. With that said it could have been better if the author organized story.

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## **Irene says**

4 heartfelt stars

His Kiss was a very good read.

The story will pull on your heartstrings and you find yourself totally immersed in the lives of Elizabeth and Jeremy.

It was an emotional and heartfelt love story, loved seeing them fall in love and put the pain from their pasts behind them.

Thank you Tule Publishing via Netgalley for the advance copy.

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## **Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews says**

Kitty's review posted at Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews

Wow ... powerful and interesting .... watching Jeremy and Elizabeth fight the demons from the past was a fun and wild ride. Not without some bumps in the road, though.

I adored watching Jeremy and Elizabeth become the people that they knew that they could be. Both of them fighting addictions caused by past loves and keeping themselves ahead of the game was just amazing. And, when the past comes back to haunt them, it's, surprisingly, Elizabeth that stands her ground and shows everyone just what true love is all about.

Jeremy was wonderful. He knew what he had to do to keep ahead of his alcoholism and was doing it just fine until Elizabeth. She showed him how to live life again, how to let people back in and how to trust again. His family could not have been happier. And, Elizabeth knew just about everything there was to know about him exact the truth about why he fell into the bottle. When she finds out everything, will it be the end?

As for Elizabeth, she knew enough about addictions that she could stand beside Jeremy and support him no matter what. But, will he accept the part her family had in bringing hardship to his family? And, there's a part of him that he's holding back from her .... will she ever be able to get through to him enough to get him to realize that money, her family, nothing, will stop her from loving him?

I just fell in love with both of these characters enough that, since Jolyse Barnett is a new-to-me author, I went and bought more of her books. I was thrilled with her style of writing, with how her characters may have had flaws but pushed through to become whole again and just the way she gave me the HEA that I was waiting for. She incorporates family and friends ... she shows you the bad with the good ... she wrote characters that we all could relate to in one way or another. I love strong woman and the men who stand

beside them. And, even though she wrote Elizabeth with a few flaws, she shows her strength in the end and had me smiling and cheering her on. In fact, I was cheering for both Jeremy and Elizabeth for overcoming the past, their addictions and finding love with just one kiss.

Review copy provided for an honest review.

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## **? Jeri's Book Attic ? the Romance Bibliophile ? says**

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### **Sara Jo says**

The climax was rushed and kind of fell apart, but an okay story.

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### **Christa says**

Jeremy Engel had some tough years, but he is winning his battle with alcoholism and has built a new life and great career for himself. Elizabeth Desmond has had her own past struggles, and she has overcome them and opened an athletic store. When the two meet, they are strongly attracted to one another. After their first meeting ends on a not so great note, they don't expect to see one another again. A surprise encounter has them deciding to get to know one another and explore the attraction. They are both leery of letting someone close to them, and feel that their pasts may be too much for a romantic partner to deal with. As they open up and honestly share their histories, they both start to hope for more together. There are still things they don't know about one another, and as those aspects of their lives start to come into the open, they have to decide if they will continue to move forward together.

This was a good contemporary romance. I liked the storyline and enjoyed the characters. Jeremy and Elizabeth had both overcome much, and they both dealt well with their struggles on a daily basis. I liked the two of them together and thought that they were stronger as a couple. I'm looking forward to reading more by the author. Thanks to the publisher and NetGalley for providing a copy of this book in return for an honest review.

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### **Cynthia says**

#### **New Starts**

This is the 2nd in the series but a wonderful read. Its great the stories are connected both in this series but also series if each author. Looking forward to book 3.

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## Janine says

It's hard to write a romance story about two damaged people and have it remain romantic. But in this story the author does it in a way that works out really well.

They were from very different backgrounds and they had more in common than they didn't.

Elizabeth Desmond and Jeremy Engel both battle addictions. Jeremy is a recovering alcoholic and Elizabeth battles an eating disorder. Both are total opposites. She is rich and he grew up struggling for everything he had.

When Elizabeth met Jeremy at the hotel where her grandparents celebrated their anniversary, she knew he was something special. But she was afraid of getting involved with someone after her last relationship. She wanted more than just someone to merge bank accounts with. Elizabeth dreamed of a relationship like her parents had; romantic, exciting and fun.

Jeremy had no idea the woman he found on the beach staring up at the stars would change his life. Prior to meeting her, he was pretty much a recluse. He didn't socialize very often and never had anyone come to his house. Would she be the one to finally help him get over the girl who broke his heart?

He was her missing piece. All she had to do was convince him he deserved her, not just for the summer or a year, but for a lifetime of love.

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## Joan says

Early morning read (at about 2.30 am)

dnf at page 9 when the 'hero' (who has already gone on and on and on about the fact that he is a writer!!) says in response to the woman's comment that she owns an online athletic retail shop :

"I'd ask you its name but I don't shop online or surf the internet much, **takes away too much energy from my creativity.**"

WTF???

Gag.... sounds of vomiting..... ye gods, what a stuck-up self-centred, smug arsehole. I dread to think what sort of books he writes.

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## Bette Hansen says

A good story of two people drawn to each other but wary due to past experiences and issues in their lives. Both grew up in the same town but different financial statues kept them from knowing each other. Now as adults, other, bigger issues may be too much for them to overcome and have a relationship.

The overall story was great although I didn't think the writing flowed well. I had a hard time connecting with the characters also so for me this one was just an ok read.

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## **Lorena Tucholke says**

### **Quick read**

Nice quick read. Bad boy -rich girl theme. Jeremy is an author with lots of trouble in his past but he's sweet and doing really well now. Elizabeth is a rich girl with body issues I'm her past too but between the two of them they are fighting to stay good forever.

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