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All former Navy SEAL Mason Lawson craves is solitude. Unfortunately, his new neighbor won't allow him the peace he so desperately needs. Between the traffic and the music, Mason is constantly on edge—not exactly what the doctor ordered for someone recovering from a bullet to the leg. However, when he finally has enough and confronts his neighbor, nothing can prepare him for how hot he'd get for the teacher next door.

Piano teacher, Skylar Jernigan, loves everything about the town of Jessamine—from the quaint Main Street shops to the people who own them. Unfortunately, once she's chewed up and spit out by her sexy neighbor, Skylar begins to question her decision to move to a new town. Until, that is, she learns he's suffering from a war wound and refuses to have anything to do with his family.

Now, Skylar is determined to help Mason recover—mentally, physically and socially—until he turns the tables and sets out to seduce Skylar right out of her meddling ways. Only seduction turns into something more and soon, Mason can't stop looking for excuses to be with her. But when the Navy wants Mason to reenlist for a dangerous mission, will Skylar be too irresistible for him to leave?

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Michelle says

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I adore *Love So Irresistible* by Marquita Valentine. In this third installment, we finally get Mason's story and what a sweet and beautiful this story was. Mason Lawson is a former NAVY SEAL and is back home. All he wanted was peace and quiet and to keep to himself, but unfortunately or I like to say luckily for him he has a neighbor who is willing to look after him when she learns that Mason's suffers from PTSD. This story is one of those reads that you can't help but swoon for when you have sweet, funny, charming and lovable characters. I adore Skylar's love and affection for Mason. Seriously, this story is simply irresistible as you watch two people found healing and love with one another!!!

RJ says

Really enjoyed this! Grumpy former Navy SEAL and his next door neighbor who teaches music to children. Mason is dealing with PTSD and isn't the most fun guy to be around but Skylar doesn't give up on him and helps him live his life instead of wallowing in guilt. The heroine did most of the chasing in this, and sometimes I like a heroine who knows what she wants and goes after it but I would've liked seeing Mason give a little chase as well.

I gotta take one star off since this is one of those books where the hero "loves women" but the heroine has had only one lover who could never give her an orgasm. Learned that wayyy into the book but I moved past it. Kinda.

Safety:(view spoiler)

Mary says

Overcoming Inner Struggles

Enjoyed this story of a veteran dealing with the struggles from war, namely, PTSD and the woman who didn't give up on him. The characters were likeable and the story hit close to home.

Lucia says

If you enjoy a romance with a Navy theme, you will definitely enjoy this book!

As always with this series, *Love So Irresistible* is a solid book with an easy writing style that is enjoyable to read. Mason is a Navy SEAL who is dealing with PTSD and likes to be relatively reclusive, even from his family. However, his new neighbour, Skylar, forces him into a situation, unknowingly, that will change both their lives forever. Out of the whole series, this book is probably the heaviest in terms of some of the issues that are talked about but Marquita Valentine manages to still get a good balance of lighter hearted elements that balance the overall story well.

Mason Lawson is dealing with his emotional issues of PTSD by not really dealing with them fully. The only one he will let even get close to him is his dog, Bomber. Skylar has recently moved to Jessamine and has issues of trust after her childhood and is relatively alone. Without realising it, Skylar soon weaves her way into not only his life but his heart, where both might have a chance of happiness in their future together rather than being alone. Skylar's friendship with Lemon added another dimension as did Tristan with Mason with them being twins.

Written from dual points of views, we get a good look at Mason's PTSD throughout the book and its impact on his relationships with not only Skylar but his family too. The fact that Skylar is able to challenge and stand up to Mason shows the strength of her character and why their connection works. It's refreshing to see that while the book might have a HEA, it doesn't necessarily mean that all issues are suddenly fixed; Mason's PTSD isn't something that can suddenly be swept under a mat and miraculously fixed. To me this was a clear indicator of Marquita Valentine's ability to develop believable characters with real emotions. The challenges that are faced by all aren't easy to deal with but the way they are handled is with sensitivity, delicacy and fittingly at times, humour.

The writing style is serious when dealing with the issues of both characters, yet can naturally turn light hearted and playful at the right moments. The chemistry between the two characters is undeniable from the start and instantly know if their stubbornness can be gotten over, they are perfect for each other. The HEA epilogue is set so far in the future which was unexpected but I loved it. Every book in this series tends to take on a different approach for the epilogue which is refreshing because you never know what you might end up reading.

I found with *Love So Irresistible* that the vivid descriptions in this book, compared to others in this series, seemed to bring things to life better, especially when talking about where the duo live. The 'enchanted forest' thing was one of the standout points for doing so. Everything just felt really easy to imagine as you read along.

Overall, if you enjoy a romance with a Navy theme, you will definitely enjoy this book!

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Lady Heather says

4.5 stars

Really enjoyed Mason and Skylar's story.

Skylar had incredible patience with Mason while he was trying to deal with being home, being wounded, and suffering from PTST.

Now on to the next book in the series.

Jen_C says

3.25 stars.

Good. I was surprised how many little errors there were with punctuation, wrong words etc. There was just something missing from this one for me. Maybe I can come up with a better explanation upon reflection.

What a way to meet!

She began to hum, a song he recognized. The enemy wouldn't sing to him, would she? "My darling, Clementine," she sang to him and he closed his eyes, letting her voice comfort him.

"I hate that song," he finally said when she was done. "The guy in it cheats on Clementine with her sister and forgets all about her. He has no loyalty. None." Sirens blared in the distance. Reason and clarity fired shots into his brain, making the fog dissipate.

"Tell me one you love," the woman said. Her speaking voice was almost as lovely as her singing one. He hadn't heard lovely anything in a very long time.

"Tom Dooley."

"You want me to sing about a guy who murdered his love?"

"I'm perverse like that."

"Tell me your second favorite song."

He stared at her shoulder. "I can't think of any."

As long as she lived, she'd never get the sound of him crying for help, for his momma, for his twin brother Tristan, and finally, for God to have mercy on him out of her head. "Please don't let me take another life," he had whispered as she held him. "I love my country, but I can't." It tore at her heart, ripped it to pieces...so she left it, right there beside him in case he needed the parts to mend his. Not with romantic love—she didn't know him like that.

Mason let out a huff and settled against her. "If this is stupid, I don't want to be smart."

"Is he all right?" Skylar couldn't help but ask.

Preston smirked. "Gave him something for the pain while he was staring at you."

She twisted her lips as Mason's hand crept up the side of her shirt. "Let me guess. Drugs make him a lover and not a fighter."

His large hand cupped her right breast. "Oorah, boys," Mason crowed.

Skylar blushed.

Mason is a really cranky patient.

"Hi, I'm Skylar Jernigan." She extended a hand, and the nurse shook it. "Mr. Lawson and I are neighbors. Is there anything special that needs to be done for him once I get him home?"

Nurse Crabbypants grunted. "Nothing that I could suggest without being fired." She swung her gaze to him. "But for that one, I'm willing to risk it."

"Be nice, be nice," she softly chanted to herself. "He's been in a war, in the hospital with a wound."

"Don't be nice to me just because I'm wounded."

"Oh, I'm not. I'm being respectful to an elder who just so happens to be a wounded SEAL."

"Elder? First old man, and now this. I'm twenty-six years old."

"I'm twenty-five. That makes you my elder."

Skylar's easy acceptance of Mason really gets to him.

The wood flooring squeaked and his t-shirt pulled tight. He realized that she'd been holding onto him. For support. For safety. She expected him to protect her, wounded leg and all. If that wasn't the best damn feeling in the world right now, he didn't know what was.

"I'll keep you safe, Skylar. I promise."

"I know you will," she softly replied, making his chest puff out.

"She's not scared. She's dumbstruck at how stupid you are to challenge a SEAL." He turned to Skylar, searching her face and finding nothing but a bit of uncertainty in her gaze. Not fear.

"I was scared, but not for me. I was scared for Tristan," she said with a little wink as she patted Mason's arm. "You're my protector, and I have your back." Jerking her head in his brother's direction, she said, "He didn't have a chance against a team like us."

"Gee, thanks," Tristan mumbled.

Dear God. Someone had to get her out of his house before he did something stupid, like propose marriage.

....."But I did ask Skylar."

"Your neighbor."

"Yes."

"The one who helped you."

"Yes."

"The one whose HVAC you had replaced."

What the hell? "Get to your point, Doc," Mason growled.

"Tell me why you invited her and not anyone else?"

"She's tolerable." *Sexy as hell. Phone voice like a wet dream. He also thought her smile was sweet.*

"Doesn't push me to talk." *Plays beautiful music for me at night.* He knew she did—her music had changed since they talked, like she was playing pieces that wouldn't make him anxious.

Skylar is invited to spend time on Mason's boat and they start sharing dinners, growing closer.

"The Only Easy Day Was Yesterday," she read out loud. "What's that from?"

He ignored the surge of desire for her as she stood and began to inspect every single tattoo on his body.

"SEAL motto."

"And the anchor?"

"Emblem." His clenched his jaw as she slid her hand along his shoulder, tracing the twin skulls. "I got another one on my ass. Wanna feel me up there, too?"

Her hand fell away. "No need to be pissy."

"I'm not pissy. I'm...I'm ready to get in the water."

"Taking a few minutes to tell me what your tattoos mean is going to prevent you from doing that?"

She had a point, but he was this close to stripping off her lifejacket and that tiny green bikini she'd worn.

He eyed her. "Do you even know how to swim?"

"I can float," she said cheerfully. "Plus, you said this life-jacket will keep me floating."

"I did?"

"You did." She got a slightly panicked look on her face. "You said I would be safe. I'm trusting you with my life."

His protective instincts rose at that admission. She'd jumped right into the water that was at least twenty to forty feet deep without knowing how to swim because she trusted his word. Damn, it was humbling. And powerful. "I know, baby. I won't let anything happen to you."

But then comes the conflict - cause you know life is not all smooth sailing.

A heartbeat later, he released her, letting loose a string of curses as he sat up in bed, facing the wall and away from her.

"Mason," she said, scooting closer to him.

"Don't." Her hand hovered over his shoulder for a minute before she let it fall to the bed.

"I'm sorry," he said and then stood, pulling on his jeans.

In any other circumstances, she would have enjoyed the sight of his bare behind and muscular thighs, but not these. "Where are you going?"

"Back to my own place...."

"I don't want you to go."

His jaw flexed. "I don't want to go either, but it's for the best."

"Whose best—yours or mine?"

"Are you effing kidding me? I almost hurt you." He ran a hand over his face. "I could have broken your neck like it was nothing."

"But you didn't, and that says a lot."

He slashed a hand through the air. "It says I noticed you were a woman and gave you the benefit of the doubt. Stupid, since I could have gotten myself killed for hesitating."

"It's stupid to hesitate?"

"In war it is." Giving her a dark look, he said, "We need to stop seeing each other."

Her mouth dropped open, then she snapped it shut and marched up to him.

"No. You are not doing this to me. I refuse to let you turn into some kind of love-them-and-leave-them a-hole because it won't stop with me."

"Keeping you safe, yeah that makes me a real a-hole."

"We can work through this," she insisted. "I bet there's therapy or techniques we can try." "What's this we nonsense?" He tilted his head to one side. "And I already see a therapist, Skylar. I already take enough meds to kill a horse and yet, I can't enjoy one effing night with you in my arms. I can't sleep without nightmares. I can't stop the reflexes that kept my ass alive in places that people around here never dreamed existed."

"I know," she said, trying to comfort him.

"You do not know."

"I know I don't know." She winced. "I'm trying to be supportive."

"I get that, sweetheart, I do, but this isn't going to work."

"Why?"

"You were my attempt at living, and I effed up by almost killing you."

"Your attempt? Like an experiment?" she asked.

He nodded once. She could see the pain on his face, the deep grooves that had been put there by what

had just happened and everything he'd been through in the past few years. But his words still cut deep.

So she stepped out of his way and let him go.

Now can Mason fix it? Can Skylar get past her fear of never being good enough & always being left behind and forgive him?

Danielle says

So far in this series this book has to be my favorite! I loved Mason and Skylar! This couple is not only funny but they have this spark about them.

Skylar is a music teacher and is new to the town. She lives next door to Mason who is a navy seal that is recovering from an injury. Skylar brings out a side of Mason that he never knew he had which I absolutely loved!

Since Mason has been back he has been staying away from his big family but little by little he is letting them back in because of Skylar.

This story had some emotional parts but I thought Valentine did an excellent job in bringing in some humor to balance it out.

One of my favorite parts is when Mason was drugged up and unhooks Skylar's bra when thinking she is a pillow. Lol

This is definitely a cute read and I wish this was a full length book. I can't wait to see more of this couple in future books!

Kimberly (Kimmy Loves to Read) says

I received an ARC of this book in exchange for an honest review.

It's Mason's turn. He is back from the war and recovering from some serious injuries. Unfortunately for him he has a noisy neighbor. Well Skylar isn't noisy but her instrumental students definitely are. Mason finally has enough and goes over to talk to her, the drums cause him to have a flashback. He falls to the ground, aggravates his injuries and Skylar comes to his rescue. Before she knows it, she is his kind of nursemaid and the two of them are spending a lot of time together.

Here is what I really liked about this story: Mason had basically shut out his family. They know he is hurting, physically and mentally, but he won't talk to them about what happened. He begins to trust Skylar because she isn't out to heal him. She doesn't need him to talk about his past, but she is willing to listen if he does.

It was clear from the moment they met (which actually turned out to be quite funny) that these two had a connection and it just grew the closer they got. They were comfortable with each and just REALLY CUTE.

"Go Team Maylar."

"No."

"Skyson?"

"Really?"

"Works for celebrities."

"We're not celebrities."

"You might not be," she said all ridiculously haughty. "But once upon a time, I was famous."

"Do tell."

"On the Carnie circuit, I was way famous," she said with a grin.

"Dancing bears and bearded ladies stood in line for hours just to hear me play."

"I bet they did."

"You didn't laugh."

"On the inside I was dying." Actually, on the inside he had been dying until she came into his life.

Awwwwwww. The also had great chemistry. There's this scene where Skylar is playing the piano and Mason...well you should just buy the book and read it. Because it is HOT.

I just LOVE this series. Lemon is back doing her fairy godmother things and Tristan finally breaks through the wall that Mason has built. They have a nice brotherly moment which kind of sets up the next book. We get Tristan and Lemon's and I CANNOT WAIT to read it. There is a great story there and I need to know what it is!

FicCentral says

Skylar has spent her entire life moving from town to town, following the circuses and fairs at which her father worked. But now that he's passed on, she's on her own, and putting down roots seems like the next logical step. Her attempt at stable living finds her in a little house on an out-of-the-way property, right next door to a man who can't seem to stand her. He won't say hello, complains about the noise from her music students, and seems bound and determined to keep her out of his life. If only he didn't need someone just like her.

The Verdict: Oh, how I love these Lawson brothers! Unlike other series I've read, the guys in these books

have some rather serious flaws. There was the one who went to prison for fraud — of which he was absolutely guilty — and now we meet Mason, the wounded veteran suffering from PTSD, overwhelming guilt, and enough anger to scare away everyone who tries to love him.

Skylar isn't your typical romance novel heroine, either. She's led a somewhat free-spirited life, and while there are some family issues in her past, they don't really seem to define her. She did move to Jessamine to be nearer to Holland Springs, where her mother's people are from, but aside from idle curiosity and maybe a certain sense of belonging in that area, she's not on some mission to reconnect or right the wrongs of the past. She's simply trying to settle herself somewhere, make an honest living sharing her passion for music with children who want to learn, and then maybe see where life takes her. Her last long-term relationship fell apart when the man she was with was more interested in achieving the highest financial and societal success with music, never really understanding why Skylar, extremely talented and educated at Julliard, would choose to spend her time as a small-town music teacher.

Mason's got all the issues you'd expect for a wounded vet. He was the only one from his group to survive the attack that permanently disabled him, and he's consumed with guilt and anger. He's also not sure what to do with himself now, since being a SEAL absolutely defined him, and now he's lost that path. He's angry with everyone, incapable of being around crowds or loud noises, plagued by nightmares and constant pain, and tired of the pity he sees in everyone's eyes when they look at him. And being even halfway civil to the pretty music teacher next door is next to impossible, especially since it's the noise coming from her practicing students that has him cringing.

The moment Mason and Skyler really meet for the first time is sweet, sad, and funny all at once. But as unreasonable as he may be, she doesn't have it in her to turn her back on someone who so desperately needs understanding and kindness. The way she shrugs off his rudeness and doesn't let it show when his comments get to her is just enough to make her stand out to him, even if that's not exactly what she was going for. As coincidence combined with a little effort on her part brings them together more often, Mason begins to let go of the darkness that's been holding him back and let himself enjoy spending time with the woman he can't help but be attracted to. Things quickly heat up between them, and before too long, they're stepping into relationship waters.

While the plot itself is pretty standard, the characters are not, and the emotion jumps right off the pages as they navigate a relationship that neither of them were necessarily looking for. Skyler is patient and giving for as long as she can be, and Mason navigates the hurdles in his own heart as best he can. His "grand gesture" late in the book is both sweet and heartbreaking, knowing just how difficult it was for him to even attempt such a simple thing.

Of course, my favorite moment in the book was his deal with Tristan there toward the end. Sure, it didn't have a whole lot to do with Mason and Skyler, other than making him get off his butt and chase down what he wanted, but it just goes to show how invested I am now in the Lawson clan! I simply can't wait to get the next story and see Lemon get the happily ever after she so deserves!

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Sybil aka Lala says

All Mason Lawson wants is to be left alone. Recovering from a leg wound after his last tour as a SEAL and

suffering from PTSD he just wants peace and quiet and to simmer in his own guilt and orneriness. That means staying away from his friends and meddling family and living on a dead end street that nobody ever drives down. But his peace and quiet is about to be dumped into his own personal hell when a sassy music teacher moves in next door and the host of brats she attempts to teach music to couldn't play a harmonious note if their annoying little lives depended on it.

Skylar is perfectly OK with ignoring her curmudgeonly new neighbor and even takes some pleasure in annoying him. When Mason has a public PTSD attack she comes to his rescue she sees so much pain and vulnerability in him, and she sets out on a new mission to help him heal both physically and mentally.

This was my favorite book in the series and by favorite Lawson Brother to date. I just love a broken hero and they don't come much more heroic than a Navy Seal. The interactions between Skylar and Mason were sometimes hilarious as he tries to set boundaries and Skylar runs circles around his grunted declarations and manages his grumpiness with her cheerfulness and the patience of a saint. She calls him out on his BS and soon Mason is hopelessly addicted to the smart-mouthed teacher next door.

I just loved this entire series set in a quaint little southern town with it's quirky characters and sassy women. The plot lines are a little predictable but the books are ridiculously addictive. Just like with a box of chocolates where you can never have just one, these short little books are a guilty pleasure that leaves you wanting more. If you're looking for a short and sweet read, I definitely recommend picking up one of the Lawson Brothers.

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Kelly says

Mason Lawson is an extremely broken man with a huge side of PTSD! He is the lone man standing from his Navy Seal unit. His leg is still healing. His mind hasn't even begun to heal. He feels guilt. He is always angry and he has nightmares. Mason can't handle being in crowds, and that means being around his very large family. He has a service dog, Bomber, to help him. And he most definitely can't handle his only neighbor's music coming from the kids his neighbor is teaching how to play instruments.

So Mason just lets his neighbor, Skylar, have it. She apologizes and says she will try to make things better with her music selections for them and more. She also tells him she can't afford to fix her air conditioner so her windows need to be open. When he has an accident on his front lawn with all the music going on, he lapses into trouble. His leg is bleeding and he thinks he is in a war zone. Skylar comes to his aide and from there she sees he needs help. He won't even see his family. It didn't help that he might have been very handsome to her either. She now understands more about his trouble with noise and crowds. Skylar volunteers to take him home after his hospital stay. He takes her up on it. He wants very little attention.

Skylar is attracted to him and wants more with him. Mason is attracted to her as well. They both push a little bit. Skylar meets Lemon who helps her wind over Mason. Skylar also plays her piano nightly. Mason had always thought it was the radio she played at night. It was always very soothing to him and he enjoyed it.

A few minutes later, he heard the first notes of her song. They wound around him, seeping into his soul. Tonight her song was playful yet soothing, as if she was replaying their dinner with

her music. Skylar was truly talented, that he knew, but to give up what could have been a famous career, or famous by Jessamine standards type of career, to teach little kids gave him a glimpse into her soul. The music soared. As did his heart. Suddenly, the men who had died came to the forefront of his mind. But instead of their lifeless eyes and bloody corpses, he saw them as they were before- healthy and whole. Laughing, joking...fighting and arguing. Kicking his ass and getting theirs kicked in return. He saw every wedding and every child being proudly shown off. For once he didn't feel guilty. For once he enjoyed what the music offered. The melody softened. Tears pricked at his eyes. What a beautiful soul Skylar was.

But Mason is difficult and makes it hard for the two of them to move forward. Well Skylar isn't having it and pushes him to move forward. She has snark. He has attitude. I loved it!

I felt bad at seeing someone so broken physically and mentally. But Skylar is exactly what he needed. I loved their interactions. But what I really liked was that their cat and mouse game lasted a long while before the two had tangled legs and arms, if you know what I mean! So many books just jump right into bed. I like to feel the relationship move and see the doubts and get to know each other first. And Mason is definitely someone to understand first. It was so sweet to see how Bomber helped Mason relax too.

I also love stories with big families. I get to learn more on each member and watch their family get bigger and bigger. I need to go back and read the other two now.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mJ08...>

Heather andrews says

Mason on a sedative is funny, "she twisted her lips as Mason's hand crept up the side of her shirt. "Let me guess. Drugs make him a lover and not a fighter." His large hand cupped her right breast." Mason he sometimes asks stupid questions I mean no one can resist a sexy Lawsons body, "anything else you can't resist?" he asked and she jerked up her gaze, blushing hotly at being caught ogling him." Mason is a tad bit touchy when it comes to his tattoo, "emblem." His clenched his jaw as she slid her hand along his shoulder, tracing the twin skulls. "I got another one on my a**". Wanna feel me up there, too?" When he started to loosen up I fell in love with him so much more, "no. Sex isn't a laughing matter. Little Big Mason would never come out again." I'm hoping Tristan's book is next I love this series

Sheryl says

LOVED IT!!!! And now I CAN'T WAIT for Tristan and Lemon's story!!!!

Eleanore June says

It was too easy. This book could have been a 4 star, but it was all just too easy, too fast, the emotions

felt...phoney.
I liked Mason, but we only saw the surface of him.
It was a fine story, but it lacked depth and was a little rushed.

Layla says

3 Stars!!
