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Navigating the world alone is all Josephine Geroux has ever known. Life altering tragedy struck early on for her. She endured an admirable struggle through her youth and learned the hard way how to adapt and survive. She managed to arrive at adulthood in one piece in spite of it all.

After such chaos, maintaining a life free of complications is a priority for her.

Everything changed when a man with amber eyes came through her door and claimed her heart. She fell hard in more ways than one. The pull between Jo and Damon seemed like fate bringing things full circle.

With another devastating loss looming, Jo fights to hold on to the very thing that brought her to her knees. She finds herself torn between a promising future and clinging to a devastating past. But that's not the most worrisome problem on her hands.

She must convince more than just herself to let the past stay in the past, where it belongs, but on her journey to find closure and resolution, she does the exact opposite. An old wound caused by a heinous act becomes exposed for what it is. The truth is catastrophic and Jo is helpless, watching as the ruins of her fragile world endure more turmoil.

Can something conceived from tragedy and malice end well? Can something so completely poisoned conquer adversity? Jo is left to make a decision; accept the circumstances she finds herself in or fight with unwavering ferocity to restore what has been damaged.

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## From Reader Review Restore Me for online ebook

### Cristin Boykin says

Wow!!! This book seriously had me on edge. I kept praying for Damon to snap out of his own head. Jo really grew up in my eyes in this book and just validated how much of an amazing women she really is. I loved this book my only complaint is it felt a little to short but I am still a fan!!!!

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### Claudine says

**5 AMAZING STARS (x 1,000,000)**

### Read the 5%

### Zombie Damon (What the hell is that mean)

then I realized maybe, he's just ignoring Jo at all

### Poor Jo

### Damon finally acknowledge Jo

**Damon: I want all of you**

*Someday someone will save me..*

### DAMON IS BACK

### The ending

This book just played my freaking emotions.

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**SueBee★bring me an alpha!★ says**

**★★★★ 1/2! Restore Me, part 2 of 3. The unraveling truth behind Jo's insane attraction and connection to enigmatic & determined entrepreneur Damon Cole!**

*"It's not always the most wonderful relationship, but it's mine and I wouldn't give him up for the world."*

These novellas should be read in order:

**Part 1: Wreck Me**

**Part 2: Restore Me**

**Part 3: Accept Me**

*In Wreck me (part 1) Josephine Geroux, Jo was swept off her feet by entrepreneur Damon Cole. Since being orphaned and homeless after her parents' death in a car collision Jo had kept to herself and didn't date nor believe in relationships. But with Damon she felt this insane connection, well beyond the mind-blowing sex they had. The story followed them as they explored each other and their connection.*

**Restore Me** (part 2) opens up to the aftermath of part 1's **shocking and utterly devastating ending**. Damon and Jo have much work ahead trying to **piece together** their past, present and future. **Secrets** are revealed, **lies told** and **sacrifices** made as they **attempt to heal** their fragile bond. It's a mixture angst-filled **rock-bottom lows** and **euphoric highs** sprinkled with everything that is **incredible sex** with a commanding Damon...

For a big part of story **Damon Cole** was a closed off mystery. Seven words to describe **Damon**: **Captivating, secretive, complex, commanding, vulnerable, sexy and relentless.**

**Josephine Geroux**, Jo went through so much in this story. Seven words to describe **Jo: Independent, lonely, strong, broken, determined, frank and endearing.**

**Restore Me** is as title would indicate about rebuilding and **trying to piece together**. Huge **progress** is made only to arrive at another **cliffy hinting a darkness lurking...** Best to just skip on over to part 3, **Accept Me** for the **conclusion** of their story!

**Angst-filled and nerve-wrecking plot! Strong and determined heroine! Mind-blowing sex with an enigmatic Damon Cole!**

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Hero rating: 4.5 stars  
Heroine rating: 4.5 stars  
Sexual tension rating: 4.5 stars  
Sex scenes rating: 5 stars  
Sex scenes frequency: 4 stars  
Plot rating: 5 stars  
Dialogue rating: 4.5 stars  
Storytelling rating: 4.5 stars  
Story ending rating: N/A  
Book editing rating (5 = no edits spotted): 4.5 stars

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**Overall rating: 4.5 stars**

**Would I recommend this series: Yes.**

**Would I re-read this series: Maybe later.**

**Would I read future books by this author: Yes.**

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**Deanna says**

If Damon dies I won't be able to read the rest of the story! Update..... This book was good but to short!

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**Jessica's Book Review says**

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Restore Me (Wrecked #2) by J.L. Mac is the second book in the Wrecked Series. It starts up exactly where Wrecked Me (Wrecked #1) leaves off.

**So, don't continue reading if you have not read Wrecked Me yet.**

There that's your warning.

Jo finds out that Damon was in the car that killed her parents when she was just 10 leaving her an orphan and a homeless teenager. Jo leaves Damon not knowing the facts of the car accident and makes assumptions. Such as why he is with her, who was driving, and why he is helping her out financially. Damon is totally devastated and gets in an accident leaving him in the hospital. Jo doesn't know if he will come through or not. This is when Restore Me picks up.

Restore Me is SHORT! Like I read in it a little over an hour, 90 minutes top. Just like Wreck Me, it leaves off on a bit of a cliff hanger- not nearly as bad as Wreck Me was so don't stress too much girls. The epilogue is the introduction for the third book in the series and it will leave you wanting more.

Jo and Damon are struggling with their relationship and for Jo & Damon to forgive each other. Damon is now the cold one really upset at Jo for leaving him without letting him explain. Jo is trying to make it work again with him and being there for after his recovery. Sometimes the two would be fighting, have hot sex, then go back to fighting so don't worry ladies; the erotica is still in there! Just not as much and I am glad for that actually.

What I liked better about *Restore Me* over *Wreck Me* is there is more of a storyline/plot! Jo's accident doesn't come up as much in *Restore Me* but more of Damon's past with his father and the mother he never knew. Damon's upbringing is a major plot that will continue in book three. My heart broke for Damon and how he was raised and abused.

Hands down favorite thing about *Restore Me* is Grams. She is a hoot! I love her! She was really there for Jo during this hard time trying to figure out her relationship with Damon. I really love her and want a Gram in my life! She is definitely my favorite character in the series.

I became a bigger fan of the series after reading *Restore Me* and I am very much looking forward to reading *Accept Me* (*Wrecked #3*) when it is released. Damon's family history is all kinds of messed up and his father is a real piece of work... he is up to no good at all.

I give *Restore Me* (*Wrecked #2*) 3.5 Stars.

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### **Vikki ~ \*squee\* lite ~ says**

Well, I was one of probably 10 people who didn't really like the first book in the series, so take all of this with a grain of salt.

The first half of the book was an interesting concept that I felt like didn't live up to its potential. Some of that, I know, is that I never connected with Damien in the first book, so it wasn't pulling at my heart strings the way it was intended. However, I felt like a lot could have been gained by getting Damien's POV during his "shutdown". I know we got an explanation, but I never really felt like I understood what was going on - and then it felt like it up was all the sudden \*poof\* resolved, and it was never addressed again.

The last 20% was really engaging. I was genuinely shocked by some if the revelations (view spoiler) And I was certainly intrigued by some of the nuggets that were dropped at the very end. Intrigued enough that I'll have to pick up book three.

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### **J says**

I don't know....

This reminds me the 1st time I ever went overseas. I was so excited heading to NEW YORK CITY, This girl from down under with these crazy expectations of what Im going to see, who I'm going to meet, people would hear my accent and would be like WOW you're from Australia and we would make friends and just be amazed...

Yeah no.... Hahaha that's not how it went down.

People didn't talk to you. I got so sick for 2 days in bed, I had such high expectations that while I was there I was just so disappointed.

But the thing is, while we continued on to the rest of the trip, New York always stayed with me. And it wasn't till we were back home that I really started to miss it and wish I could go back.

I guess I just had high expectations for Restore Me.

Wreck me took me by such surprise, I fell in love with it.

Restore me was my most anticipated book for this year. After the crazy cliffhanger in Wreck me, I just NEEDED to know what was going to happen!!!

I wasn't prepared for what happened. I'm like WTF Damon

I personally couldn't relate to Damon in this one, he upset me so much that I just felt sick.

Still can't believe how things went down. Maybe it's just me... but I'm like super pissed at him.

Don't get me wrong, I know he had his issues but for me I just couldn't feel bad for him.

I think I just needed to be in his head.

I have this thing when I read a male and he is mean I'm like no no no no no no hell no.

You don't gotta be like that.

When I hear it in the males POV I'm not as bad. But if there is no grovelling or even retribution, then I can't let it go.

*Hahahaha Yes My poor husband married a woman who knows how to hold a grudge!!!!*

I really loved Jo in this one. My heart hurt for her.

But she was still her spunky self and Loved her for it.

"He fucking hired some stupid Twat he slept with to decorate my store?  
My store?

Oh.

Hell.

No..."

I still loved Grams hahah that lady is a freaking HOOT!!!!!!!  
And Noni, I just knew it, I swear I knew it!!!!

In the end, even though I have problems with Damon, it doesn't take away that I still love them.  
I love their story and the more I think about it, the more I need the next one. I want to go back.  
I'm really looking forward to the next one.  
I need my old Damon back.  
I need them to have the complete HEA.

For now I'm sitting on 4 stars.

Buy it.  
Read it.  
Love it.

hahahaha this was me after I sat around all day waiting for the release of Restore me.....

OHMYGOD !!!!!!!!  
I JUST FOUND OUT IT'S NOT BEING RELEASED FOR ANOTHER 2 WEEKS!!!!

THIS IS WORSE THAN THE CLIFFHANGER IN IN WRECK ME!

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### **Marisa Corvisiero says**

Amazing doesn't describe this twist riddled roller coaster of emotions, pure hotness, and just plain awesome writing. This book isn't out yet, so I don't want to ruin the conclusion of the Wrecked Series, but OMG put it in your shopping cart now! ...and be ready for the ride of your life!

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### **~ Becs ~ says**

When you were mine, you made everything better. You made my life better. You made me better. You have been my medicine. You made the hurt disappear. My past is one that I can

never escape, I know this now.

Holy crap!! After that kickass cliffhanger in Wreck Me, we pick up right where we left off and the quote above is in a letter that Damon has left for Josephine. I read the first few chapters with bated breath not really knowing quite what was going on, fearing the worst.

I really didn't expect the story to take the course it did for at least the first half of Restore Me. I love it when an author can surprise me. Damon is making things extremely difficult for Jo – he's being completely cold towards her. Jo, despite her extreme misery at the way he is treating her, is determined to stand by her man through thick and thin, She loves him she knows he loves her and is determined to restore that once happy and easy relationship they once shared.

I do so love it when the author heaps the misery on the characters and, of course, us the readers. It makes the happy so much more enjoyable when it finally comes along. I am probably never happier than when my book characters are suffering and there seems to be no light at the end of tunnel. Call me an evil sadist if you will but I really love to ride all that angst with them and feel their pain – it makes the beautiful happy ending all the more sweet when it finally comes around.

And we do get a much happier ending in this one than we did in Wreck Me although the epilogue sets up the final instalment, Accept Me, beautifully.

I really enjoyed the writing style although I felt this story was too short – I read it in just a couple of hours and was surprised to find myself at 100% on my Kindle. J.L. Mac writes fantastic characters. Not only do I completely love Damon and Jo, I love all the secondary characters too - Brian, Damon's long suffering assistant, Grams who is an absolute scene stealer, the ornery old Captain who still appears in dreams and Noni the barista that Jo goes to for coffee every day. They all contribute to a fantastic reading experience.

It's not as steamy as the first book but, eventually, it's very romantic when Damon snaps out of his catatonic state. He still adores Josephine and Josephine still adores him.

Everything. I'd be lost without you. Josephine, you save me a thousand times a day in a thousand different ways and you don't even know it. I remember thinking that I wanted to be your person that day at the accident. Even back then I wanted to be there for you.

I'm looking forward to what promises to be a thrilling and action-packed final instalment to this trilogy in Accept Me when the past is about to come roaring right back to complicate the fragile happiness that Damon & Jo now share.

4 stars

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**Hollie says**

**I love this story!**

*My heart resides with you*

*"See why you're my favorite flavor?" He whispers*

*Okay, first off, when I started this book and was 15% in within 15 minutes maybe... I felt like I Could. Not. Breathe.*

*"I fell to my knees, the pain of the pavement beneath them not even a blip on the radar compared to the ache in my chest."*

*Once I caught on to what was happening I was so sad and frustrated for Jo. Because I absolutely love her. She is one of my favorite characters ever. She is such a funny kick ass girl. Her inner monologue before she actually tells someone off is my favorite! Her interactions with Grams (who also is kick-ass) and Brian are also my favorite. So many funnies.*

*"He is a textbook gay man who's very out of the closet. Actually, he may never have been in the closet at all."*

*"I'm so frustrated I could ninja kick a stranger in the head right about now"*

*"Yeah, it's not bad I guess. It could be worse. I could be named Beatrice or something fucking awful like that."*

*I devoured this book after not reading anything for a whole month :-o ...I know! I got burnt out from nothing exciting and this book was so it for me. I'll be honest, I kind of wish I had just waited for all parts to be out because that's how much I love this and Wreck Me.*

*"It's like being swept out to sea and having to choose between battling in vain against the current or letting it take you under. I'll let it take me under, but I damn sure hope that I surface at some point with a breath of life still in me."*

*This book had me tearing up in the beginning to laughing out loud and then cheesy grinning. All my favorites for a good story. Another TBC but that's okay I guess since I love it ;)*

*J.L. Mac is definitely one of my new favorite authors- please continue writing great things :-)*

*This is my Jo:*

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### **Michelle says**

First things first. Shame on you J.L. Mac. That was not very nice. I felt like the floor fell out from underneath me all over again. I thought, could she? would she? Surely she can't do that to us...I mean who does that?

The story sort of starts off right where Wreck Me left off. But you get a memory recall moment of Grams showing up and you have to read that note all over again, and you have to read about her finding him all over again. And yes you will have to cry all over again. And it doesn't stop there. You will have your stomach in a knot until about 16% into the story.

Jo's whole life shattered when a truck crashed into her car. Her parents were taken from her. A boy saved her. A boy she blamed for taking her parents from her. Damon is drawn to her from the moment he saw her. But once he realized why he was drawn to her he could not live with the guilt of the accident. An accident that he blamed himself for, even though it was not his fault. But sometimes great things can come from horrible things. Sometimes in order to bring two souls together something has to be torn apart. Him saving her that day - him giving her something she thought she would never have, years later. He was saving her in order for her to save him.

Restore Me will test your limits. Although not left with a cliffhanger there is unfinished business lingering out there...

Damon is broken. Years of abuse and abandonment has left him damaged. No one knows the secrets he holds but one girl. A girl who pushes him to the edge, trying to prove that she won't leave that she can be counted on. Damon and Jo's relationship is not easy - there is tangled past that links them together in a way that can strangle them or set them free. But that road is not easy. Jo can give up and go on with her life the way it was, lacking something, lacking attachment or she can fight.

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I love this series and her style of writing. My first experience of her work was Seven Years of Bad Luck and I was sold. Then with the Wreck Me Series I was a goner. This was a great follow up to the first book and I can't wait to see how things unfold in Accept Me.

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### **Kim says**

4.5 stars

*Painfully perfect. It makes me abundantly aware that loving him can be painful as hell, but being without him is a hellish agony.*

I have to preface this review by saying that I am a big fan of Jaimi Mac, I chat with her often, and I adore

her. But while reading this book I wanted to grab her by her little red head and shake her for putting me through this! Just kidding...kind of....lol. You really do have to read book one: Wreck Me before reading Restore Me or else you will be missing out on too much of the back story. And Jaimi literally did wreck me at the end of Wreck Me and left me gasping and cursing her then. And now I have waited all this time to find out Damon's fate. The beginning of Restore Me is very emotional, heart wrenching, and totally had me on edge. I did not know what to think or how it was going to turn out. There were unexpected situations that never crossed my mind when thinking about where this book would go....but Jaimi went there. Of course she went there. She found ways to rip my heart out, throw it down and step on it. She frustrated me and made me mad on a few occasions. She made me giggle especially at Gram's antics. She my heart happy in few parts and made me tear up in others. And then made me wonder and go hhhmmmm about some things. All of this makes for an interesting read.

*Familiar hopelessness swallows me up and I let it. F\*\*\* it. There's no running from this, so I might as well not fight it. It's better to embrace the hurt than to struggle against it. I know this better than anyone. It's like being swept out to sea and having to choose between battling in vain against the current or letting it take you under. I'll let it take me under, but I damn sure hope that I surface at some point with a breath of life still in me.*

I felt so bad for Jo. She has had such a hard traumatic life and just when she got a glimmer of happiness, the bottom fell out of her world. And now she is guilty, angry, frustrated, and sad. But Jo is tough and has some good support with Damon's assistant Brian, her friend Noni, and the hilarious frisky Grams. We even are introduced to some new eye candy in the form of Andy the Handy Man. I love Jo's kick ass attitude especially when she gets all empowered, determined, and starts cursing. She has a lot of challenges to face both in the present and in facing the past. We also learn more about Damon's past and what shaped him and caused his hidden emotional scars. These two people were so broken that I guess it should not have come as a surprise that they were not going to get the easy happy fairytale. Their whole lives they dealt with struggles and trauma.

*I'm so f\*\*\*ing tired of getting the short end of the stick. I'm pissed off that I can't be one of those lucky b\*\*ches cruising through life with a stupid grin on my face and a pleasant little life to show for it.*

There were interesting story lines, twists, secrets, questions, and little subplots going on in this book. And it leads right into the 3rd installment Accept Me. I was totally not ready for this one to end. And now I wait for more...I always seem to be bugging Jaimi to give me more!

If you loved Wreck Me then you will enjoy Restore Me. I love Jaimi's writing style and her characters. She mixes up humor, romance, heartbreak, and mystery and just captures your attention so you have to keep going. Then leaves you wanting more. She makes it so you will never think of some things the same way again...for example strawberries and zombies. Her humor and just the way she puts it all out there just makes me devour her books.

Thanks to JL Mac for providing me with an ARC in exchange for an honest review. Will be posted at Reviews by Tammy and Kim

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**Bookhooking (Tanya Childress) says**

Five Fantastic Follow Up Stars to Wreck Me but J. L. Mac isn't done yet!! I loved it and I want more!!

Restore Me picks up where Wreck Me left off, so be sure to read that one first because this is not a stand alone. That being said I will not spoil anything for you cuz I don't like to play that way! I WANT YOU TO READ THIS SERIES!

Something tragic happened to Josephine Gereaux when she was younger but when she grew up she fell in love with Damon Cole, and when you read this you will fall in love with him too. They share a connection and their relationship is HOT. Damon is one of my favorite characters and in Restore Me he won my heart over even more.

**When you were mine, you made everything better. You made my life better. You made me better. You have been my medicine. You made the hurt disappear.**

I ached for him and his past, what he endured, how he coped and how much he truly loves Jo. I also love Jo and I felt for her just as much. She is strong and determined. These two are a favorite couple of mine and the passion/love they share for one another is amazing. The need and desire they have speaks volumes.

**“If you tell me that you’ll give yourself to me, I’ll be taking you completely. I’ll have you in every way a man can take a woman. I’ll put you on that bed, or anywhere, for that matter, and I’ll fuck you until you beg me to stop. I’ll take everything you have and then some. You asked me what I need and this is it. I need you. All of you.”**

**A moan flies out of my mouth before I can stop it. It shows just how desperate I am for him. I’m desperate and needy for his touch; for his lips on my skin; for my Damon.**

They have endured some ugly pasts and it is my hope that they will have a beautiful future together.

I felt all kinds of emotions reading this book and there was even some laughter with Grams, Damon's grandmother. She was a hoot!

**“You got that right, honey. Instead of The Young and The Restless, we got The Old and The Worthless!”**

I really can't say much more and Jaimi did an excellent job writing these two, keeping my eyes glued to the pages, mystified as to what was going to happen next and falling in love with the story telling of Damon and Jo. I cannot praise this series enough. Go get Wreck Me read it, then on Tuesday you can get Restore Me and then we will all have to wait patiently for the last one, Accept Me, and I have no doubt this will be just as good as the first two!! Now what are you waiting for gooooooooooooooo

Another favorite quote, and I had many, I will leave you with

**“You deserve every bit of it. You’re my reason.” “For what?” “Everything. I’d be lost without you. Josephine, you save me a thousand times a day in a thousand different ways and you don’t even know it.**

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## **J.L. Mac says**

“He’s not perfect. You aren’t either, and the two of you will never be perfect. But if he can make you laugh at least once, causes you to think twice, and if he admits to being human and making mistakes, hold onto him and give him the most you can. He isn’t going to quote poetry, he’s not thinking about you every moment, but he will give you a part of him that he knows you could break. Don’t hurt him, don’t change him, and don’t expect for more than he can give. Don’t analyze. Smile when he makes you happy, yell when he makes you mad, and miss him when he’s not there. Love hard when there is love to be had. Because perfect guys don’t exist, but there’s always one guy that is perfect for you.”

? Bob Marley

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## **Jacqueline's Reads says**

### **5 Stars**

*Even the screwed up, damaged people in the world need someone to love and rely on.*

## **J.L. Mac freaking did it again! Thank GOD!**

I am a big fan of *Wreck Me* and was crushed by the cliff-hanger ending, so I did not hesitate to pick up *Restore Me* and I am happy to say that all of my expectations were met.

I’m one happy gal right now.

Disclaimer – There is a cliff-hanger ending, HOWEVER, I would describe this cliff-hanger as closed, as opposed to *Wreck Me*’s open one. So, if you haven’t pick up the series... stop what you are doing and do it now! This is the perfect time.

*Restore me* picks up right where *Wreck Me* leaves off. Jo is a big ball of mess and you just feel super sorry for the girl. Damon is a complete arse and I can’t help but say **I LOVE IT**. Usually I hate cold men, but this just adds to the delicious writing.

*It makes me abundantly aware that loving him can be painful as hell, but being without him is hellish agony.*

I feel for you girl!

So Jo and Damon are having major issues. Jo is dealing with a cold Damon and Damon is dealing with guilt and personal issues. I feel like *Wreck Me* mostly dealt with Jo’s problems and *Restore Me* focuses more on Damon’s struggles. I really enjoyed this. The tension coming off of Damon is brilliant. Jo tries really hard to be there for Damon and I like it. You feel for Jo.

*The need to save Damon from his personal hell is a self-preservation in its purest form.*

Oh the side characters are just hilarious. I simply adore GRAMs and we are introduced to Andy. I feel like we will be seeing more of him in book 3. There were a few steamy scenes, but mostly I would say this was a Damon-finding-himself book. The last chapter kind of leads you into the next book and I just can't wait for Accept Me

My only rant, this was a VERY short read. Le sigh.

***It's not always the most wonderful relationship, but it's mine and I wouldn't give him up for the world.***

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