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Austen believed she had found the perfect beachside town for a quiet, anonymous life free from the horrors of her past. What she didn't anticipate was Casey Jameson, with his dark eyes and seemingly relentless desire to make Austen smile. The soulful lines of a single song and the mysterious tattoo on her hip conceal her darkest secrets; secrets Casey steadfastly tries to draw from Austen as his love for her grows. After hiding for so long Austen is faced with the exact opposite opponent of the one she thought she had escaped. Before accepting the love growing in her own heart and the dream of a future with Casey, Austen must find a way to defeat her past when he inevitably finds her once more...

## **Tender Thorn Details**

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## **From Reader Review Tender Thorn for online ebook**

### **Angie Hardy says**

This book was a nice quick read with the right amount of tension, suspense, and romance. I am looking forward to reading more by this author.

I received a free copy of this book through FirstReads.

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### **Elly says**

Engaging story with well developed characters, page-turning conflict, and just the right amount of steam. Started it Friday after work and couldn't go to bed until I finished it!!!

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### **Michelle Padilla says**

Won this book through Goodreads Giveaways. I really enjoyed it from beginning to end. A quick read romance story with a mystery in the background. If you love a good romance this is the right book for you. Austen is not looking to find romance if anything she is hiding from a past she doesn't want catching up to her. Casey is a singer in a band and a construction worker by day. Austen catches his eye and he can't seem to let her slip away. Can these two find love with each other or will Austen pick up and run from her past???

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### **Laura says**

To be completely transparent, this book was written by my dear friend, so I'm certainly biased. However, this was a great read. I took it out during a flight from Seattle to New York and never had an urge to put it down. In fact, I've caught myself thinking about it a few times since I read it, which is definitely a sign that this is totally worthwhile.

I was particularly impressed by Julie's well crafted and clever dialogue. It was fun and kept the story moving along. The characters were fairly well developed, and you were cheering for them at the end.

This is the perfect summer beach read. You should pick it up.

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### **Jennifer Cornet says**

I'm really sorry to say, this book just didn't do it for me. There was potential there, but I felt like the good parts of the story line were over shadowed by a lot of Austen crying and Casey saying he loved her so much. For how crazy the back story is (and I'm not going to give it away), the rest of the book felt a little flat.

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## Elise says

Won this in a contest on goodreads.

I give this book a 3.5. I had some issues with it but for the most part really enjoyed it.

First issue! The story in places was really choppy. It would just randomly skip which made the story not flow well and even caused confusion in some places. I figured out what happened in the choppy places through context later in the book.

Another issue I had was in the beginning Austen's character did some things that confused me. And also gave no indication or reaction on why she made those decisions. This happened a few times. The biggest one of these was when she switched tables with the guys. They were being mostly respectful and hadn't done anything to warrant that reaction even if the woman was abused. The author should have made one belligerent or something also Austen didn't react or anything all of a sudden in the next chapter she'd switched tables with no indication as to why. That confused me a bit. Besides these two problems I loved this book.

I loved how Casey was willing to literally do anything to keep her and he treated so wonderful and was clearly in love with her. He's a gorgeous man willing to give up his band, boys, and everything else for her. \*swoon\*. Also I loved that after everything Austen had been through she didn't let it change her inherent love and kindness. I'm so happy she got her happily ever after.

Overall good story. Plot a little cliché and predictable but the author resolved the drama well and you couldn't help but love the characters.

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## Whitney Cannavina says

Review by Whitney at The Club

Casey was a man with feeling restless trying to find a woman he felt could settle him. Being repeatedly turned down by Austen but still becoming close he realized he finally found the woman that he couldn't live without. But she had secrets. Secrets she wouldn't divulge to him.

Austen had been running from a dark and dangerous past and just when she found a place she thought she could stay and live safely she realizes no matter what she will always have to run. But Casey made it hard to leave.

I loved the story line and the way the characters were friends first gaining trust even with Austen's servers. I was somewhat confused though with some of Austen's past. Even in the end I never fully understood all that happened. There could have been more exploration of the why and how.

I give this a 3 star

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## **Deena says**

This is a quick read with witty dialogue and likable characters that you find yourself rooting for. The suspenseful plot will keep you turning the pages! Definitely an enjoyable read.

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## **Dawn says**

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This is a quick, engaging read. Austen's back story is painful to read but was needed to explain her fear and the eventual conclusion of her past. Aside from the back story, I really enjoyed this book and it's satisfying ending.

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## **Melissa says**

I really enjoyed the book. Some parts of the book were predictable but that goes for most stories. There are always them parts where you just know what's gonna happen. The story is about a young woman named Austen that has a haunting past and really just wants to be invisible. But Casey is the lead singer of a band and just wants her to open up to him. They become great friends but then that one thing happens that changes the course of their relationship. Out of nowhere her past finds her and she is as good as dead. I will leave it at that because I hate reading review where you have the feeling that you no longer need to read the book because now you know the entire story just from the review.

Now for the author, the only part I didn't like about the book is how most of the time in books when time has passed it starts a new chapter? Well I noticed that time passes a lot from one paragraph to another. Or it just seemed like I missed something. It felt like I would jump from one thought to another, if that makes any sense. But overall I really enjoyed the book and I am so glad I had the chance to read it so thank you. I can't wait to read more books from you.

I always forget to add that I won this through Goodreads giveaway.

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