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Jason Michaels knows second chances are very much a part of “happy ever after.” He’s seen it firsthand, more than once. So when will it be his turn? He has a great group of friends and family to share his life with, but he knows there is one thing still missing. Love isn’t something he’s been avoiding, he just hasn’t found it yet... or has he?

Tori Peterson has made mistakes in her life, but they all pale in comparison to her marriage. Luckily, she’s a woman who quickly learned from her mistakes. Doing everything in her power to escape the man who promised to cherish her, she builds herself a life she can be proud of. Never again will she be fooled into being with a man who she might love. She knows she has too much to lose.

Her hope? That she will recognize real love when she finds it. Her fear? That her past will catch her before she has a chance to find the love she deserves, the love that is required ... So what happens when her hopes and fears catch up to her at the same time?

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## From Reader Review Love Required for online ebook

### Stefanie says

So this was the 3rd book in the Real Love series and by far probably my favorite book. I absolutely fell in love in Jason's character, he was strong, fiercely protective of his girls, loved passionately, attentive and of course was this big teddy bear that you just wanted to hug. I also loved Tori's character, although she had an abusive past she didn't bring her baggage in her relationship with Jason which I must say was pretty freaking awesome. I also loved the fact that this book was solely Jason and Tori's story to find happiness with just a little sprinkling of all the characters I adored from the first 2 books. This series is definitely a must read, you won't be disappointed.

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### Rachel says

[ She is also a very good mom. Little Lexi is just the cutest and sweetest baby and of course Jason was SO awesome with her \*swoons\* (hide spoiler)]

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### Holly Craft says

This is book three in the series and is absolutely my favorite and that's really a hard choice because I LOVED the other two. I loved Jason in the first two and how involved he is in the family. I love how the main character Jason who isn't actually what you classify as a male whore. He lives his life to the fullest with work and being surrounded by friends and family.

Tori is the heroine and I just loved her for Jason. Such a strong woman who comes from a terrible relationship. Put the two together and whoa you have sparks flying!

Couldn't put this book down and read it in one sitting. I would read the first two stories beforehand that way you can get familiar with the rest of the characters and wouldn't be totally lost.

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### Katie says

Once again, Melanie Codina did not disappoint. I loved reading this book, just like I did with the first 2 book in the series. Tori is such a strong woman for all that she has been through, and of course I loved Jason too. He is such a sweet guy and really cares for Tori. I also liked how the previous characters appeared in this book as well. I really hope that Logan gets his own happily ever after, and his own book. I know he messed things up with Gillian, and is the reason their marriage did not work out, but I still hope he finds love again. I look forward to reading more from this author :)

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## **Lisa A says**

Another Amazing Book by Melanie Codina. They keep getting better and better. The cast of characters are exceptional! They will do anything for one another, it is very heart warming!! They fight with one another, they bicker with one another but they always have each other's back, no matter what. When Jason meets the love of his life, Tori and her beautiful baby girl Lexi, the gang accepts her with arms wide open. When Tori's past creeps up with her, The gang will do anything to Help Jason keep her safe. Jason is an unbelievable book boyfriend. The love he gives to not only Tori but to Lexi is beyond words. The epilogue is great, I didn't want the book to end. I hope there is more with these characters, I don't want to let them go!!

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## **Nicla says**

A sweet low angst romance with an amazing hero. Review to come....

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## **Carol says**

Well, what can I say?

First I read Love Realized and was like "wow... I really like this book! The love they feel is almost touchable".

Then I read Love Resisted and I remember thinking that this book is better than the first one. I ALWAYS smile when Treasure is playing on the radio... I wonder why! ;)

Finally, I read Love Required. OH MY GOD!!! Really, somehow Melanie's writing keeps getting better and better!

Jason, in the other books, was like "ok... Jason". But in this book... He is soooo sweet and funny and passionate. I love his I'm-an-alpha-male-softie side. Where do I order one guy like this?

And Tori. Oh My God Tori! I Wanna be just like her when I grow up! She's so strong and still so happy about her life. She's capable of seeing a bright side in everything (despite of what happened to her in the past)... She's not that type of heroine like the ones from other books that sit down, bitch about their life, and wait for a hot man to come around. She's a DOer (is the spelling right?) and she stops for nothing!

It's a must read!!! Just like the other 2 books, you'll fall in love with them...

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I don't know how to put the SPOILER thingie here so, if you haven't read the other books, please don't read this part...

Stealing Allie's line: "I almost peed myself" when I saw that the younger generation is gonna get their books! It's like you read my mind!!! =D

Please, tell me that Zane gets his book too. He's the kind of guy that I would like my daughter to date (well, I don't have one now, but I'm assuming I will someday)

And Melanie?! Please, please, please, please... I know what Logan did is not good and yes, I didn't like him very much throughout the first book and, for me, he didn't deserve happiness. However, I felt so bad for him

in this book... He knows he screwed up, he knows he lost his better part, he knows he can't undo the things he did, but I think he deserves a second chance. He's a good guy and you can see that his heart is in the right place. Please, consider writing his book. Despite what happened, I know that everybody in that family wants his happiness as much as I do...

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### **Emma-jayne Roberts says**

As with the other two books, loved this one just as much, if not more.  
I think I need a Jason.

It's nice to see a close knit group of friends and family there for each other through the past.

Epilogue confused me a bit, was Jason talking to Lexi or a new baby? As something Tori said about 3 girls, and wanting to get a nurse?

Is this going to be explained in another book.

Looking forward to Johnathan's next.

Though is this going to be written as a YA or as adult. As I have enjoyed the adult nature of this series.

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### **Toni Plunk says**

OK where to begin, I fell in love with Melanie's writing in Love Realized with Jake and Gillian. Got deeper involved with Mike and Allie in Love Resisted. But with this one I have to say WOW! Melanie's writing is fabulous. You fall in love with her characters and wish they were a part of your life. Everyone needs an Allie or maybe a Tessa they keep you in stitches most of the time. And who can resist a big old Alpha male softie, all the guys have this quality but Jason is the winner of the top prize.

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### **Kelli says**

#### **Really love this series**

Jason is the alpha male I love. He is strong and domineering but loving and protective at the same time. The strength of Tori's character is tested and then revealed with each horror she faces. The group has grown in numbers and strength over this series. I hate cheaters but there is something about Logan that I wish he could get a HEA in his future.

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### **Andrea Gallimore says**

Melanie you did it again. Jason & Tori's story is fantastic. Each book in the series just gets better & better. I absolutely love this group of friends & family and love how their stories continue in each book. Tori's past is heart wrenching and Jason is the perfect man helping Tori to see that she can be truly loved & not just a possession. Hoping Logan gets his HEA. I bet Tessa could handle him. She reminds me of his sister, Allie!

Thanks Melanie for giving us a look into friendship and love and how the two can give you so much happiness.

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### **Karen says**

As in the other two books of this series, Melanie Codina grabbed my attention from the very first page! An intense prologue sets the plot behind this emotional book. I loved Jason and Tori's story so much!!! I will admit when I began reading I figured the author would deal more on the heroines insecurities but she didn't. It was a nice change of pace to see the heroine just fall in love and not let her fears stop her.

Jason was a bit more alpha than I was expecting too so that was an added treat!

An fantastic read that you are sure to enjoy!!! I LOVED it!!!

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### **Janie says**

This was a well written book with a very lovable H and h with a sweet baby thrown in. Add to that an awesome group of friends and it's everything I like in my romance books. My only negative is that it could've been shorter. I loved that it wasn't riddled with relationship angst. These two fought everything together and showed such respect and admiration for each other that was beautiful to read.

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### **Barbara? says**

**\*\*4.5 Stars\*\***

I really enjoyed this. It was very low angst relationship wise. They get together and stay together. They actually **COMMUNICATE**. Huh...imagine that. No unnecessary drama or miscommunication between the two and it was still good.

Jason was absolutely amazing. While he wasn't OTT alpha that I normally eat right up, he was very swoon-worthy.

“You’re the first thought I have when I wake and the last thought I have when I fall asleep. Because when something happens during my day, you’re the first person I want to share it with. Because I know without a doubt, that if you were to walk away from me, I wouldn’t survive it. I choose you, Tori.”

He did everything right in my book. And him with Lexi? Ovaries exploding everywhere.

I loved Tori. She was a great heroine. It was nice to read about a heroine who, while abused by her ex, it wasn't years before she got out of the situation and she came out stronger and independent. She also wasn't scared of Jason or having a relationship with him.

Now I have to say, I didn't read the first two books. I wasn't lost when reading this one but was definitely

curious as to how the others came to be. This is one weird quasi dysfunctional group. I'm not sure if I'm scared to read their stories or intrigued. But they work so it's all good.

I did take off half a star because I do think this could have benefited from being a wee bit shorter....I know, I usually wish books were longer. But the first 75% or so is just them getting together and establishing their relationship. I liked it but did find myself skimming just a bit because I knew something big was going to happen. The last 25% picked up and we get some suspense and a bit of nail biting. But Jason and Tori are true and there's absolutely nothing separating these two. I loved that.

I would definitely recommend this for romance lovers who like low angst relationships and swoon-worthy heroes.

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### **Megan Decker says**

I don't even know where to begin. Wow, just wow. I really enjoyed the first two books in this series, so I knew I had to read Jason's story right away. So glad that I didn't wait another minute! So, good ... so amazingly, good! Love Required was HOT, sexy, angsty and emotional ... I'm talking big UGLY tears! And so beautifully written. I'm serious, this book was better than the warmest, gooiest chocolate chip cookie! I have so much more to say, but I won't because I don't want to include any spoilers ... just go read it for yourself ... Like, right now!!! If I could, this would be a 6 star read ... Thank you, Melanie Codina ... Really, thank you!

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