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Crash.....a crash ended it all and started it all. Dina Fowler is attending college with her long time best friend Maggie Lawson. Life is good and carefree. Until the crash that changed it all. Her freshman year ends with the loss of her parents in a car accident, spiraling Dina into a deep depression. Secluding herself as she picks up the pieces to her life, slowly she finds the only person she has left is Maggie.

Chance encounters sometimes make the most incredible moments, other times they crash and burn. A chance encounter brings Michael barreling into a lost and vulnerable Dina's life. Playing on every weakness she has, he weasels his way into her heart. Slow build up to the hell that was soon to become Dina's daily nightmare. Her parents are gone. She wants out but has no idea how to escape her new reality.

Can she find her way out? Or will she be lost completely burning in her own personal hell?

Dear Reader,

Broken. Battered. Not defeated. This is not a pretty story, wrapped in a nice package. This is a real story. Parts of this story are my very own. Defeated by the hands and words of a man, I am no more. This is a story of how easily the warning signs are overlooked. An outsider can easily say, "How do women stay in abusive relationships?" They don't understand, it starts in little ways, a slow build up, by the time you are aware, it can be too late.

This is a story centered around an abusive relationship and the fight to get out. If you don't like real situations (this happens every day to more women than you realize) then skip this book and move on to *Restore My Heart* and the others, which are not like this story. This is real and its raw so this is your warning before you buy and read.

## Crash and Burn Details

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## From Reader Review Crash and Burn for online ebook

### **Lisa Survillas says**

This isn't for the faint of heart. The backstory to this series is full of emotion. It is a great lead into a series that has so much promise! Can't wait to read more!

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### **Liz Stephenson says**

Crash and Burn  
By Chelsea Camaron

4/5

I picked this book because I liked the cover; I didn't read any blurb, just jumped straight in. This is a prequel story for a series of books, so I thought yeah I'm starting at the right point, however I was not prepared for what I was about to read.

Dina is young at college an only child, and when her parents are killed in an accident, she has no family left, her best friend Maggie and her brothers and parents are as close to a family as she has got, she is totally devastated by this traumatic event, and closes downs and shuts everyone out, even when Maggie gets a steady boyfriend and she wants her to meet him and his room mate, she still shy's away.

Then she literally bumps in Michael, who seem just too good to be true, Michael has a very evil side that he has kept hidden.

Dina does not pick up on any warning signs, in what Michaels not only says to her but in the way he gradually exerts control over her, its only when she decides to meet up with Maggie and her boyfriend and not tell Michael, that his true side comes out.

This book truly had me shouting at it, wanting to smash my kindle in frustration, I wanted to take a baseball bat to Michael (2 wrongs don't make a right I know but it would have felt good) I also wanted to give Dina a good hard shake and tell her to wake up, this is not love, however as with life, you can't help anyone until they want to help them self's.

I found this book emotional to read , I've known women in Dinas situation, I was only going to start it but read until the end, Dinas mental processes of rationalization were frustrating to say the least, this is not a hearts and flowers story,

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### **Breezy \*Lover of all things Alpha Male\* says**

Honest to God, this story ripped my heart out. It is very short but it gives you the back story of Dina & Ryder. It is told through Dina's POV and it is completely heartbreakingly.

Dina has suffered a devastating loss when she loses her parents in a car accident at the end of her freshman year. Now with only Maggie, her best friend, and Maggie's family in her life, Dina is reeling. She is incredibly depressed and vulnerable. And when you are your weakest is when a man like Michael will show up. Michael does everything right, he makes Dina feel safe and wanted and loved. He then preys on her

weakness and chips away at her relationship with Maggie so she has no one but him to lean on.

Michael is a monster. No joke. The whole time he abuses her and disrespects her I want to kill him. I keep wanting to shake the hell out of Dina and scream "Get the FUCK out of there!" But like with anyone in a relationship like that, you have to let them come to terms with it on their own. Enter Ryder. Ryder is young and brash, even does the most unlikeable thing I have seen him do in the beginning of the story, but the way he stands up for Dina and protects her in the end, made me adore him even more. He is a great guy, the kind of guy Dina should have been with from day one.

This story is hard to read, and with it being a novella it is a powerful punch. But it shows us that there is a way out, there is always hope.

I give this 5 lipsticks!

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### **Tpagirl says**

Crash and Burn is the first book in the Love and Repair series. It's a prequel to Restore my Heart. For my safe book friends, don't read any further as there may be triggers.

Crash and Burn was created to provide the back story for Dina and Ryder. It's not an HEA but creates the backdrop for the HEA in a later book. It was disturbing but was most likely a very realistic perspective for the evolution of an abuser/abused relationship. It started out very happy then slowly turned into a nightmare. It demonstrated how an abuser targeted someone vulnerable and then slyly stripped her of all remaining confidence, independence, sound decisions and dignity. Then his evilness bares its soul.

"I won't survive another loss. If it means my every waking moment is spent with Michael, about Michael or for Michael, then so be it."

"I know I'm not perfect but I never realized how flawed I am until Michael."

"She's going to leave your ass and then you'll be crying to me. You have no family. You have nothing. No one cares about you but me."

Those are some of the tamer quotes. Unfortunately the relationship gets worse before Dina gets better. Know what you are getting into prior to reading this story and it's important to understand, it's a prequel. It serves the purpose well.

And although the picture that was painted was a horrifying one, it was well written and set the stage perfectly for Dina and Ryder in Restore My Heart. I'm looking forward to a happy ending for Dina, she deserves it.

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### **~ Stephanie Lynn ~ says**

\*\*\*\*\* 5 STARS \*\*\*\*\*

I love the back story that Chelsea Camaron gave us on Dina and Ryder in this book. Just **WOW!**

I should of read this book first before Restore My Heart. But that is my fault. But I am glad I read it because it does answer so much for me.

The first chapter is Ryder's POV. But the rest of the story is told through Dina's POV and it is completely **HEARTBREAKING**. I mean this book just **GUTTED ME**.

We were taken on Dina's journey of surviving the loss of her parents, and living through the domestic violence from her boyfriend (at the time).

You really felt Dina's abuse and the **HELL** she went through being with Michael.

The story is very quick and short but it gave me the unanswered question I had when I read Restore My Heart.

I am loving this series and although it was a very emotional read I am really glad this book gave us as readers the understanding of life and the tragedy of abuse and the effects that it had on Dina. Chelsea could not of written it any better.

Some people have a hard time opening their eyes around the ones they love and this story makes you realize there is so much abuse out there and so many women just stay and take the abuse and **HELL**. Unless some one steps in and helps it only gets worse.

It had me crying, laughing and angry at times and when a book can make me have so many feeling they get **5 Stars!!!**

This is a truly amazing story. I recommend this read but do not do like I did read this one first!!

Quick note in the introduction if you read it you will see that "**This is a real story**" some of the events actually happened in Chelsea life so to me that was very interesting.

Now on to the next one.

**Great Job Chelsea Camaron!!**

**Oh and can I just say look at the muscles on the guy on the cover!! God love those arms. Only thing missing is tattoos..\*Signs\* You all know I have a thing for those tats..lol**

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**Suzanne says**

This novella is very different from Chelsea's other books.

It is the prequel to The Daddy's Girls Series. It gives us the story of Michael and Dina. It was very difficult to read, but so good at the same time. It gives you insight to where Dina's mindset is at the beginning of Restore My Heart. Grab your tissues.

Oh.... you also get a bonus scene from Ryder too ;)

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### **Ariana \*mommy's late night book-up\* says**

5 emotional, gut wrenching stars!

Crash and Burn is the Prequel novella to the Daddy's Girls Series (Which was AWESOME might I add). The other books in the series are fun and uplifting, but Crash and Burn shows a darker, more emotional part of the story, and of Chelsea's writing. Being that the rest of the books had been written and published first, Chelsea had many people asking for more of a backstory into Dina's life and relationship before Ryder came into the picture. We asked, and Chelsea delivered above and beyond what any of us could have ever wanted. In Beyond Repair (book #1), you got a small glimpse into what Dina had went through while dating Michael, which left you yearning to find out more about what happened, and how she had found herself in that situation. Chelsea really poured her heart and soul into Crash and Burn, and you can feel all her emotions coming alive on the pages as you read. The first half Michael seemed so sweet and loving. I almost didn't believe that he could turn out to be the a-hole that he was. This book gripped me, and tore away at my heart. It was so completely raw, and real. How anyone could treat another human being the way that Michael ended up treating Dina is far beyond me. Unfortunately way too many women find themselves in a similar situation to Dina, and not all are able to find a way out. Chelsea opened up and shared a part of herself blended in with that of the characters, and for that we are all so grateful. As hard as it can be to read about to some, this prequel was just what was needed to tie the story together.

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### **Anny hernandez says**

O.M.F.G. Chelsea did it again I am speechless don't know what to say. I have read the entire series of Daddy's Girl and I love the books, when I first read restore my heart I was wondering about Dina life with her ex Michael and finally in this book we get to know the hell she went through with Michael. and it was not a good one at that, while reading this story it gave me goose bump I cried I felt the emotion and the hurt that Dina was going through. in this book you get to see the dark side of the life that she had before she could find her happiness. I still have to say that I still love Ryder and the way he is I still love Maggie love it how she was always by Dina side and never left her that's what you call a best friend and I love Harrison and how is always checking up on her I read this book in one day and I love it Chelsea Camaron girl you rock I love the way you have with words and I love all your books thank you forgiving me the chance to read another amazing story :) to the readers I hope you really enjoy and love this book as much as I did.

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### **Amy Cox says**

A prequel of the Daddy's girls' series. You really never know what someone goes through in a relationship. If you read the other books in the series this is a must read. You get the dynamic of Ryder and Brayden's pre-love days. You understand the pain Dina went through losing her parents and then her relationship with not only Maggie but Michael. It was emotional and dark. There were the heated moments, the love, the emotion but there were the aspects that you don't see in the usual story line and I loved that Chelsea put it out there. She went to a place most won't go. She opened it up so that you can feel what Dina feels and you are really in Maggie's shoes wanting to shake D and tell her to quit letting Michael get to her. Even though I had read

the other books and I know the outcome. I was laughing at Ryder's cockiness. I laughed at Maggie's protective big sister routine and I LOVED that so much! Then you get hit with the struggle of the abuse with Michael but the inner struggle she wages within herself to justify every thing he does got me. I loved it so much and I know that besides it being simply brilliant as everything Chelsea has written it is something that will pull at the heart strings and touch every reader in places that most books don't. I highly VERY HIGHLY recommend this book recommend isn't even a good enough word. This story shows that this kind of relationship happens and when it does the emotional scars left behind can out weigh the physical ones. Sometimes it is so so much worse. This story makes you root for Dina and you see more indepth of the way Ryder comes into her life.

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### **Savanna says**

Ok so for anybody that read the daddy's girls series will know this is a prequel novella to restore my heart. An inside peek on what Dina suffered before Ryder. Those of you that haven't read the series yet. This will be your starter book. I must tell you now that after you read this you must know that it's very dark and different than the rest of the books in the series but this PRE story needed to be told as dark as it may be. This literally broke my heart to see what Dina went through and suffered through and her mind set in this whole thing. I won't say more cause I don't wanna ruin it for any of you that haven't met the amazing men of the DGS yet. But I will say this is a story that you can feel the emotion and the angst. This is a story from the heart. This is a story of a 'broken' mess getting worse before getting better. This is a story of overcoming and survival and that it IS indeed possible. And you never know what the future holds..... Hearts that you think can never be healed. Trust that you think will never be found. And love that you feel has run out to never be heard of again. For those that have read restore my heart know the outcome but for those that haven't I highly recommend you read this series. Chelsea is a powerhouse when it comes to making you FEEL her books. I love the whole series.

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### **Renee says**

Nervous as I was when I heard the book was "dark", any fan of the series needed to get Dina's backstory. We knew from book 1 someone hurt her and it was physical. This book tells the emotional tale of that sort of abuse. The elements of abuse are present as well as the love. I know Dina loved Michael and she rationalized his behavior on many occasions. Just read it and get her pov. The next time you hear about Dina and Ryder the story will explode to another level.

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### **Carol says**

I have read the entire Daddy's Girls series, and it is one of my all time favorites. Crash and Burn is the prequel to Dina and Ryder's story, Restore My Heart. Crash and Burn is unfortunately real life, happening everyday. It's not an easy read, as there is a lot of pain involved. Sometimes you have to trudge through that pain and ugliness to come out on the other side.

This story is not like the others in the series, but sheds so much light in to Dina. Great job Chelsea!! You bring words to life! <3

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### **Kristin Campbell says**

So sad.

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### **Monika Adams says**

Oh Wow...What can I say? I wanted to read this book before I read the second book Return My Heart, and let me tell you! I am so glad it was short! Having lived thru the same type of hell Dina does made it a rough read.

"What would he think of Michael? Would he approves? My Dad was very perceptive. Are there things I'm missing?"

This just warned me of what was to come, and it hurt my heart. No woman should have to experience that kind of hell. "They just don't understand him like I do" . How many women said those same words...

Don't read this book by itself. You have to read the second book just to see how she deals with the decisions she have to make..

Quick read. Well written. Ready to read book two (=

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### **Jackie says**

"Hell. Hell is the place you are supposed to fear. Live your life in the right way so you don't burn in hell. What happens when your hell is lived daily on Earth?

I am in hell. I'm worthless, I'm broken, and I don't even know the woman staring back at me in the mirror." Dina "Crash and Burn"

I just finished reading "Crash and Burn" by Chelsea Cameron, I'm wrecked! Not having read, "Restore My Heart" or the other books in the "Daddy's Girls " series, I was not prepared. It is not an easy read, several times I had to put it down and walk away. I could see the signs, and I knew what was coming, the tension at times was unbearable. This was very personal to me, it is an issue close to my heart. Violence against women is an everyday reality. Chelsea Cameron has written powerful, heartbreakin story.

The writing is brilliant, direct, strong, clear and concise. You see the abuse, creep into the relationship, one subtle word at a time, one tenuous argument at time, until it explodes into brutal, physical violence and shame. We see Michael chip away at Dina's self-worth and independence. We see Dina's isolation. I cried for Dina's spirit, for every cruel word Michael aimed at her. I raged against every slap, punch and kick, feeling her body and spirit breaking. That Dina survives her last beating from Michael is a miracle. That she's determined to move on with her life is a testament to the Human Spirit.

"This will not define me. I will pick myself up. I will be restored, I will not crash and burn at the hands of this man." Dina "Crash and Burn"

I am looking forward to starting this series. I just purchased "Restore My Heart" I'm not ready to let Dina go.

