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As the months pass, secrets her husband managed to bury are unearthed and she wonders if she ever truly knew him. As the truth continues to come to light, Derek's business partner and Charlotte's friend, Gregory Swift, steps in to help her deal with the repercussions of her husband's betrayal.

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**4.5 Stars**

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**Don't let it break you.**

**No matter how hard things get, life goes on.**

Incredible wouldn't even come close to describing this story. It had everything, and made you live the lives of the characters; it did for me anyways. It was extraradinary, and had just the best book boyfriend. Greg made me feel, well, safe too

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**.Lili. says**

I don't know.... I think this is a case of me not the book. Not sure why I didn't enjoy it more and actually found myself bored with it towards the end. I feel guilty saying that because the concept of the story is quite sad and touching. It's a story about healing and finding strength within yourself. Even though it didn't work for me I'd still recommend it to other readers. I think my taste is changing and that's why this wasn't a hit for me but I am sure it will be for others.

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**J says**

This is a beautifully written, fairly simple story. Charlotte loses her 3-month old baby to SIDS and is devastated. Her husband doesn't really support her in her grief and she soon finds out why. He's a lying, cheating, heartless bastard. Her world collapses. This story is about two long time friends of her's that help her through these trying times and how she finds love again. There is no insta-anything here. We grieve with her, cry with her, get better with her, and then fall back into depression with her before she finally realizes that life isn't always perfect and you have to grab the happiness while its there. I loved this story a lot.

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**Pamela says**

First off let me just say that this is a sad and depressing story and what Charlotte went thru is something no woman should ever experience.

That being said, I was bored out of my mind with this one. By the half-way mark I didn't know if I could go on. I just kept hoping it would get better. The one thing I couldn't let go of, that really pissed me off was how her two "best friends" knew all along for nine years that Charlie's husband, Derek, had been cheating on her after being married for only one year. Seriously, what kind of fucking "best friends" are they? Her girlfriend

Brandy never liked Derek, and Greg, he never trusted him. To say that they thought Charlotte would not believe them and would stick her head in the sand, give me a break. If you have to, shake the girl, slap her in the face until she wakes up and sees what's going on in front of her. The fact that she's ignorant to what's going on with her husband, seriously, how stupid can one be? Sure, it's possible that you don't know some of what's going on with deceitful, cheating husband, but still, use your head. She mentions that she let Derek change her; him asking her to quit her job, how to dress, and how to be a proper wife, etc. all the while losing her identity. What identity? She didn't even have one at the beginning. If anything, she was deaf, dumb and blind. She always knew there was something not right about Derek and her marriage yet, she believed every word out of Derek's mouth.

Then there's Greg. What business man would say sure, you stole millions of dollars from the company but if you pay it back we'll forget all about it? Even worse, he was going to do the same thing a second time when Derek stole millions. Seriously? Give me a break. He never trusted the man yet he does nothing.

By the way, you would think the FBI would know where Derek took off to had they perhaps, I don't know, tap his mother's phone since she was in contact with him. Instead, they tap only Charlotte's. My eyes are rolling quite a bit.

I have to say that there wasn't one character I liked. Talk about lacklustre characters, absolutely no life to them. The relationship between Greg and Charlotte - boring! Even the sexcapades were a yawn fest. The man has been in love with her for over ten years. He'd been trying for months to clue Charlotte in but she never did. Does he tell her? Hell no. Instead, he introduces her to someone else. How about telling her you moron instead of watching Charlotte and Derek getting closer, especially since you always questioned his character? The theme of stupidity is abundantly clear in this one from beginning to end.

A huge disappointment for me. I was so glad when I got to the end, one which I thought was boring. Like you couldn't see what happened a mile away. Cue more eye rolls.

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**Jointly Reviewed:** <http://totallybookedblog.com/2014/01/...>

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### **Tania says**

For more on this review, please see...

<http://www.scandaliciousbookreviews.c...>

C.C.’s latest release is Seasons of Sorrow. I hope you take my advice and not let the subject matter deter you. Although the death of a child is a harrowing thought for any parent, the event is not the focal point of the story. The passing of Charlotte Fallon’s precious son is handled quickly and thoughtfully and again, if this is a reason you might be on the fence about reading this book, don’t let it hold you back. I was going to continue on by saying that Seasons of Sorrow is not so much about the death of a child but about surviving the grief and learning to live again, but this story is about so much more than that. Not only is Charlotte grieving but she is dealt an immediate and continual shitstorm of betrayal by her (think of the worst possible

string of profane words and insert here) husband. Derek is an asshole of astronomical proportions whose cruelty knows no bounds. Charlotte's sanity and support come from her two best friends Greg and Brandy who have been an integral part of Charlotte's life since college. By the end of the first chapter I already had a love for Greg. The man who should be supporting Charlotte is her selfish S.O.B. husband but it's Greg that comforts Charlotte through her darkest moments. It's Greg who carries Charlotte when she collapses, holds her while she sobs and pulls her hair back when she's ill. I don't need to tell you that Greg is a gorgeous specimen of a man from his beautiful grey eyes and amazingly sculpted body because Greg's actions speak for themselves.

My four star rating is not based on our usual Scandalicious standard of rating because that would mean I was classifying this story as "Excellent, full of swoon" which I think is not appropriate for the subject at hand. My rating is based on a number of things. I really applaud C.C. for the subject matter she took on because as horrific as the circumstances are which start this book off, it is not a depressing read. I don't want to say that I love the storyline because that just feels all kinds of wrong to say it like that, I do love that C.C. took a chance on something outside the box within this genre. Another element I thought was clever is that the story is broken up by season. The story starts in the winter and makes one complete rotation ending back in the winter of the following year. Each new season starts out with a quote which I think sets the tone of Charlotte's recovery. I am not going to get all touchy feely and try to tell you something deep and insightful like as the seasons change, so do we and life goes on. All of a sudden I am hearing 'sands through the hourglass, so are the Days of Our Lives' and I haven't watched that show since Marlena levitated so God only knows where that came from! What you do have is a story that takes you through the grief and healing process of a woman who has lost a baby, endured startling revelations about her husband but finds strength in her newfound independence as she slowly puts the pieces of her life back together. And finally, I think C.C. does a beautiful job with the development of the love story. It plays out slowly and realistically because I think it would have been a horrible disservice to the story for Charlotte to have jumped straight into the arms of another man as a way to deal with her grief. That is not Charlotte. Her only focus is on her loss with little consideration to her own well being or happiness. Fortunately for her, the man who loves her unconditionally is all kinds of patient, ten years in the waiting kind of patient and eventually Charlotte realizes that although there will always be a piece of her that aches for her loss, the darkness that has consumed her for so long is no more.

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer." - Albert Camus

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## **Desiree Gorman - A Love Affair With Books says**

I'm not going to give you a recap about this book because the synopsis is great and anything else would be full of spoilers. So, the best way for me to hopefully convince you why you must read this 5+++ masterpiece is to explain the emotion.

Sorrow.  
Hopeful.  
Loving.  
Deceit.  
Friendship.  
Depression.  
Heartache.

Hope.

Laughter.

Grief.

I could go on and on with all the emotions that CC Wood has written into "Season of Sorrow." Needless to say, this book touched me from the very first page and didn't let go until the last word was read.

To read the rest of my review, please visit the blog at [A Love Affair With Books](#).

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### **Lady Heather says**

**BRILLIANT!!**

This book was an emotional roller-coaster ride, but what a wonderful journey!

*\*\*yes I got up early this morning(before my family) so I could finish the story.*

*You see, I had to put the book down at 2:15 this morning because my eyes were crossing, and it was calling me at 6 am to finish it.*

*I just hit the epilogue when my house began to stir.*

*Now I'm in desperate need of coffee, and have to get ready to go snowshoeing with my husband. It's actually warm(er) today (only -10\*c and sunny).*

...so, a review will be posted soon.

Have a great day everyone! :)

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### **Raine says**

#### **My least favorite of C.C. Wood books**

I didn't really like this one. The heroine was kind of a whiney bitch who let her ex-husband walk all over her. I have no idea why Greg, the H in this story, liked her.

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### **Jena says**

Where to even begin? I LOVED this book! Seriously. This has got to be one of C.C. Wood's best books yet.

Book blub: *Just a few short months after her son's birth, Charlotte Fallon faces a parent's worst nightmare. In her darkest hour, she finds herself abandoned by her husband, Derek, left to deal with her heartbreak*

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*\*This 77,000 word novel discusses the loss of a child to SIDS and is suitable for readers age 18+.*

So based on the blurb, you can get an idea of what the story is about. Such a heartbreakin story. I'm not a mother so I couldn't connect with the deep emotional connection that Charlotte had with her baby but I would be lying if I didn't say that I was emotional when it came to reading what happened. Her loss, her sorrow was deep. And that her husband Derek was such an asshole just made you feel even more for Charlotte. It was like she was a single parent dealing with the loss by herself instead of a married woman and husband sharing the grief. And Derek - what a d-bag. I didn't like him in the beginning and I certainly didn't like him as the story progressed. When you read the book you'll see why.

Brandy and Greg are Charlotte's best friends and her rocks of support. Greg - loved him immediately. They really do help Charlotte, or Charlie as they call her, try to get her life back. You can see why they are such great friends and for so long. I was totally Team Greg from the beginning.

I highly recommend this book. I could not put it down once I got started - unless I had to go to sleep because I had work the next day.

Beautiful story about a mother's love for her son even after so many months and her finding her voice and self again after everything she has to go through.

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### **Ailee says**

Seasons of Sorrow is an amazing read! C.C. wood takes you on an unimaginable journey. Reading about Charlotte's story after that tragic story was so emotional. For Derek to desert her after the tragedy was wrong of him; and he later deserved everything that happens to him. I give his book 4 stars and hope to read more from C.C. wood

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### **♦\*Arianna♦\* says**

**“We are healed of a suffering only by experiencing it to the full.” - Marcel Proust**

The loss of a child is the most devastating experience a parent can face.

Even though the subject matter is heart breaking, Seasons of sorrow by C.C. Wood is a beautiful and emotionally story. It's a story about love , lose, self discovery, acceptance, healing and findind peace. I really

like how the story is structured around the seasons as Charlotte finds peace and begins to return to life.

The story is about Charlotte who loses her three month old baby boy to SIDS and learn to cope without her husband who abandon her in the most difficult moment of her live.

**“Her entire being was focused on the scream welling within the very depths of her soul, a primitive wail saturated with grief and rage.”**

She try to move on. After some time she is better but she feels guilty that she is planning her life while her baby is gone. In the final, she understands that whether she liked it or not, her life was going on.

**“Grief isn’t a step-by-step process. Every person grieves differently and every person heals on their own time. Don’t put limitations on yourself because you think that’s the way it should be. Only you can decide when you’re ready to move forward with your life or fall in love again. “ – Greg**

I love Charlotte, such a strong woman...She is lucky to have such amazing friends in Brandy and Greg. I love how supportive , caring , protective was Greg and how the relation between Charlotte and Greg evolvs. He is so patient and loving with her in everything he does , in everything he says.

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I’m so happy that Charlotte finds happiness in the final with a real man who loves her and their baby. She deserves it.

**“There’s something in the air between us. It’s so thick and strong that I can practically see it. It’s almost tangible.”**

One way to cope with the lose of a child is to write about him/ her or to read similar stories. For those who experienced this kind of lose this story will help you find peace...

**“...she understood that she would always carry him in her heart, but that life was meant to be lived. Because she had learned the hard way that life was a precious gift and precious things should never be wasted.“**

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### **Michele McMullen says**

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Five stars

I must begin by saying that I have read several of C.C. books and have enjoyed them all. I knew by the title that I was certainly in for a much different experience than in her previous work.

It was a beautiful but heartbreaking story about one woman faced with loss, tragedy and betrayal who gradually learns to live and love again. Thriving through it all because of undying friendship and unconditional love.

Charlotte or Charlie as she is called by her fiends is a 30 year old married woman with a 3 month old son. When the unthinkable happens she must try to heal and make her way through the grief and sorrow. She is at one of the lowest points in her life when she falls victim to her husband Derek and his ultimate betrayal and deceit.

Charlie is blessed with two of the most beautiful and loving friends that anyone could have ever asked for. Brandy and Greg have been friends with Charlie since college. They have always loved and supported Charlie each in their own way. They realize that she is an extremely shy and sensitive person and have always taken the steps necessary to protect her. They have now been left with a friend who is a shattered shell of her former self and have taken it upon themselves to help her put her life back together.

Their journey helping Charlie back to normalcy is amazing. Greg is such a strong , beautiful man. He also has been betrayed by Derek a man he thought was a friend and his business partner. Derek had taken everything from him including the woman he had always loved. Brandy becomes her rock and begins to help her sort through the legal system and criminal investigation. I felt like each time Charlie was climbing her way back up she was yet again beaten down. I couldn't imagine how much more one person could take.

This was an en extraordinary story of rising from the ashes and learning to strengthen, heal, trust, rebuild and love with all your heart again. A beautiful Story. ~~Michele~~

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### **Tara says**

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I just finished an ARC read of this book and I am blown away. Season's of Sorrow is a beautiful story that will take you on an emotional journey. Even though the subject matter is heart breaking, C.C. does an amazing job weaving humor, hope and passion throughout the book to lessen the pain. This is definitely going on my "favorites" shelf.

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