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Shattered when Raina runs after his marriage proposal, Kas is hell-bent to find her and bring her home, where she belongs. He will bend every law necessary to do so, willing to do anything to protect Raina from her demons and the men who haunt her, going as far as placing his career and life on the line to save hers. Raina will give up everything she has worked so hard to achieve, even flee the country to keep Kas from the wrath and powerful reach of her abusive father.

In the midst of the FBI team closing in on the Ghost, another ghost from Raina's past taunts her, promising that she will be his. Meanwhile, a different trafficking ring is gaining strength in New Jersey. Michael solicits Raina's help, needing her smooth, sultry voice to win the audition for the new singer in the ring leader's swanky night club. Raina knows her life is in jeopardy with the dangers of being undercover, but she is blindsided when she discovers that it's her heart that is threatened with a mortal blow.

Raina tries to heal from the nightmares of her dark past as the grisly bodies of innocent victims surface when the team gets closer to discovering the identity of the man responsible for the infuriatingly clever and powerful slavery ring. When Raina finally comes face to face with the Ghost, he quickly engulfs her in a twisted game of cat and mouse, delivering a veiled threat as he slips through her fingers. As the ghosts of her past and present ensnare her in their deadly web, Raina realizes the danger has just begun.

Disclaimer: Although the Rain Trilogy has milder language and the mature scenes are written more as a form of healing and a psychological parallel, it does include sensitive issues of abuse and human trafficking and is recommended for readers 18+.

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JMV says

ARC**. I receive this book for another honest review and I am so glad I did. Again Raina and Kas live their life while I keep waiting for the other shoe to drop. We get to see how a persons life is always changed by abuse in their youth and how the love ones around them learn to have patience. We cheer for Kas & Raina when they work through the everyday problems that life hands them along with the mental issues of the past. Ms. Stewart again kept me captives to the end with another great cliffhanger! Please hurry with After the Rain!

Kimberly Morris says

Thank you so much Karen-Anne for sending this to me to review. It was fantastic. I think that I enjoyed this one more then I did the first one. It was well written and I didn't come across any typos in this book. I am more use to your style of writing now so it didn't bother me so much this time around the way the characters words are all together instead of separated by each character. It has a "Oh NO" ending that makes you desperate to get to the next book which is always good, well unless you hate cliff hangers! All the things this girl went through and is still going through breaks my heart. I just can't wait for all the bad guys to get theirs so she can finally have her happy ever after. You have really shown how much Kas's love for her has helped her grow and bloom into herself.

Alissa Evanson says

Healing Rain picks up right where Saving Rain ended. Raina has run off to Italy to get away from Kas. Her father's brainwashing techniques have worked and she will not be the cause of any harm to Kas.

Kas doesn't give up that easily. After finding out that Raina's father is more than likely the reason for her running off, he sets out on a mission to find Raina and bring her back home where she belongs. And he's not alone, Chase is along for the ride. He wants to be there for Kas, to help him keep cool and give advice if needed. He is also there for Raina. He loves Raina (don't y'all worry...he loves her like a sister...no love triangle going on... (Well not yet anyway)).

After arriving in Italy, Kas and Chase locate Raina but she has reverted back to her old self and closed herself off. She has shielded herself from emotion because of her father's hateful words. She will do anything to protect Kas...even if it costs her all the happiness she doesn't think she deserves.

With Chase's help, Kas and Raina come to an agreement on their relationship and head back to the states. Kas will do anything and everything to protect Raina from her father but his actions just might end up doing more harm than good. Raina would do anything to protect Kas from her father...even if that means putting herself in the line of his fist again.

I really love Chase. I think he is my favorite after Kas and Raina. The entire group is amazing and they are there for Raina no matter what. Raina has found herself a strong family in her new coworkers and could not love them anymore than she already does. Seeing Raina interact so easily with the guys and their girlfriends, gives Kas a sense of peace that he has needed. He is determined to bring her the peace and love that she deserves....something she has been missing out on her entire life.

Raina is quickly drawn back into the human trafficking case and as much as Kas hates it he understands that it may be the only way to finally figure out who the ringleader is and put a stop to it. Paired up with a sexy guitarist, Raina gets a job at a swanky club singing to try to gain information on the case. Raina and Brent become very close with having to live and work together. Confusion sets in, feelings start to get jumbled and eventually it leads to a kiss. Can Kas overcome the visual of seeing his girl kiss another man? Will Raina be honest with Kas about her feelings and what happened with Brent?

Lies, secret missions, new admirers, threatening anonymous calls, a psycho-obsessed ex-boyfriend, and Raina going head to head with who they think is the ringleader of the trafficking. All these things play a huge part in Raina and Kas's life. Will they be able to protect each other and trust each other enough to get past everything or is it all just too much?

Honestly, even though I struggled with the first book's writing style this series has a lot of good to it. It is a good storyline and has well developed characters. I just like to be more "in" the story then having it explained to me. Things are glossed over a lot and there is a lot of the characters remembering certain events rather than being in the moment of said event. That is just a personal preference of mine but it does affect my rating so I thought I would mention it.

This is almost like two books in one. You have the side of the book that deals with Raina trying to overcome her abuse and self-doubt. And then you have the human trafficking side of it. They do integrate a little bit but at times it felt like I was reading two different books.

Raina's journey to recovery is very good. It really shows how a person has to deal with the aftermath of living a life like she had. A lot of times in books, when you read about abuse it seems like it is almost a quick fix. The character will struggle but finally when they "fall in love" it's like they are almost magically healed. This story is completely the opposite. Raina has Kas but her struggles are still very much a part of her life. Every time she takes two steps in the right directions something pushes her a step back. One of my favorite things about this book is how strong Raina is. She is so determined and has such a good heart and would literally do anything for anyone. She puts everyone before herself and Kas can't stand that. He loves that she is so selfless but he wishes she would put more concern into her own well-being.

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The trafficking side of the story got better for me in this book. There was a lot more to it then in Saving Rain. A lot of details were glossed over in it though. Kas would set out on a mission to recover girls or investigate murders but we never really heard a lot about that. He would go and then in the next paragraph he would be returning....and sometimes later on he would remember what happened when he was gone. It was just kind of annoying for me.

The book ends with a really good but major cliffhanger... and it was a bit confusing. Did Kas betray her? Was he set up? Was she set up? Were they both set up? I just don't know and I can't wait to find out in the next book *After The Rain*.

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★★? 4 Stars ?★★

Dianne says

Help Karen-Anne Stewart fight Human trafficking!

Karen-Anne Stewart has done it again, creating a story so emotionally gut-clenching, and yet so filled with hope and love, I actually had to sit back and mentally recap all that I read while I caught my breath after having held it through much of **Healing Rain**. Raina struggles to believe she is worthy of Kas' love, while Kas tries to fight her demons without scaring her off or wounding her more. With a break in collaring those involved in the human trafficking ring, Raina finds the strength and determination she needs to help save the victims of this horrendous crime, but one well-intentioned visit to face her monster of a father could undo all the growth that Raina has experienced and send her spiraling back into the abyss of her tortured self-esteem, if she survives.

Tackling difficult topics with an amazingly delicate hand, Karen-Anne Stewart still delivers a story that is filled with hope and the power of love as Raina's emotional scars are ripped open, once again and Kas is there as a pillar of strength, determined to protect and heal her.

Ms. Stewart's creative genius is amazing as she shares each character's POV, straight from the heart with an unmistakable clarity that, no matter if you agree with what is happening, you understand why. The depth of emotion as each scene plays out kept me completely in the moment through each incredible page. She's created wonderful moments of tenderness, stark moments of pain and sweet moments of light-hearted caring and banter, and you will feel every second of them, and that's what good writing should do, make you forget you are reading and make you feel the life in each powerful word.

I was fortunate to receive a review copy from Ms. Stewart in exchange for my honest review.

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Vânia Nunes says

Again Karen - Anne Stewart knew bring the suspense, drama and romance in the right measure in history . If you remember how well finished book # 1 , Raina received a wonderful proposal but thought it best to say no , and fled .

Kas Pierce , our gorgeous hero, did not give up and he knew that the denial of Rain contained something more than a "do not love you" and went after her . And it was worth it .

In this book , the subject of trafficking in women, and the various types of abuse suffered, are still strong , but the author has given special attention to the protagonists's romance. Rain finally begins to get a taste of feeling loved .

At the same time , she continues to help in the capture of major drug kingpins of women , called GHOST . Decoding computer programs , and interpreter (translation) and singing with her beautiful voice , Rain becomes a key to get to the victims of this heinous crime .

Kas does everything to help Rain to win her own ghosts .

It is interesting - and sad - to note that, while we have physical violence towards women abused (and Rain suffers a pretty fierce in this story) , there is also psychological violence . While they are beaten, the victim heard all sorts of lies accusations. But these lies become truth for the victims and they begin to believe that they are not worthy of being happy. Rain goes through this whole process and needs the help of friends to overcome this torment .

But everything is made of a lightweight, open the reader's mind to a reality that it might not be familiar . And the role of Kas is important . He is always assuring her the love he feels and that she should not believe the lies spoken by her father and by her ex -boyfriend Chris, who for now, is in jail.

As I already knew all the characters , the connection with them was fast .

The pace of the story is good, no hurry, or too slowly .

Positive point : the case of trafficking and violence against women is shown in a direct way, but without shocking the reader. Much leading the reader to action if it knows some real-life case of women being abused .

Negative point : I find it interesting to note how negative a point that actually becomes positive when it was the intention of the author ...

First is about the many ups and downs so Rain passes. Now, it is obvious that with all her history beating and rape, she can not trust men spend the overnight. But I confess that sometimes I felt frustrated with her for having so many doubts about the actions of Kas or other guys who work with them .

The other point is about the end of the book How so leave me distraught that way? How can I wait for months to see the outcome of that scene? Aff .. I hate cliffhanger ! ! LOL

If I'll read the next book ? But of course ! ! I'm counting the days...

5 STARS !!!

KathyAnne says

I started this trilogy a few months ago... decided to just make time to stop and finish it before I forgot everything that happened in book one! :) These books are not stand alones with book one having left us on a big cliffy... this installment picks up right where book one left off.

This is an engaging story that handles the horrific nature of human trafficking in a very delicate way. Nothing is explicitly described but we get enough information for us to get the point. Rain, Kas and the team are still actively pursuing the location of the Ghost and trying to bring down a trafficking ring. They are getting closer...

Rain continues to struggle with the damage caused to her emotionally from having been so emotionally and physically abused by her father as a child and later almost beaten to death by an abusive boyfriend. I love how everyone surrounds her with support and love to help her heal.

There is a lot of ugliness in this one... Rain pulls a really stupid stunt and earns herself a trip to the hospital. Things come full circle with dear ole' dad and it seems the ex-boyfriend is not quite done pursuing Rain and finds ways to stalk her from prison. This triggers the over-protective bossy side of Kas because he worries that she doesn't think enough of herself to think before she acts. I didn't like Kas and the way he bossed her around but I did understand why he did it. He is constantly worried about her safety.

I feel the need to pipe in a little too because I saw some negative feedback that there wasn't enough sex in the book or that the sex was boring. I thought the blooming romance was handled nicely. Not every book needs to be heavy on the sex scenes... unless you are reading erotica where it is expected. IMO... This is a story where it is more important to focus on the emotional impact of the characters and not so much their sexual encounters.

Book two leaves us with another big cliffy... so I'll be heading on to book three soon so I can see how it all ends. I know there are a lot of cliffy haters out there so just bear in mind that this is an on-going story and you will need to read the entire trilogy to get full closure. But, they are all out so at least you don't have to wait to get the next one!

Thanks so much to the author for the ARC!

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Honey Warren says

I just thought I felt things reading saving rain. Healing rain was more. More sadness, gut wrenching make you ugly cry sadness. Sweet, sweet love. The kind that makes you feel warm and fuzzy. Kas is a dream. He is perfect. His love is my favorite part of this whole story. It was awesome watching Raina's character evolve. I found myself rooting for her over and over. Out loud:) The topic of human trafficking is fascinating to me, and I feel like Karen-Anne captured the horror of it all very well. I felt like i was there with them every step of the way. I was dying to know how the book ended when it started. I just had to know if it was going to leave me hanging like the first one. Oh yeah it was brutal!! It was one of those endings where you are at the last sentence and you don't realize it's almost over and you scream nooooooooooooo!! I did, I screamed noooooo!:) I of course will be anxiously awaiting the third book. I need closure (and maybe some therapy!) and the wait will be agonizing! I hope every single one of my friends adds this book to their TBR list. You will not be disappointed.

Sheri says

Healing Rain picks up right where Saving Rain left off. In the second story of this series we get a lot more of Raina and Kas, which is definitely a good thing. Raina is a good strong female lead. She is not perfect. She comes from a dark past but is doing her best to overcome that. She makes mistakes, but she is learning as she goes and is slowly learning to trust again. Raina shows that you don't always have to be "fine," that sometimes it's okay to cry. Kas is a pretty amazing guy. He stands by Raina through everything and does his best to show her how loved she is. I loved watching their relationship evolve over the course of the two books to where it is right now. I also love Kas's FBI team. The guys are just awesome, and their characters add so much fun to the story.

This book gets more into the human trafficking aspect of things, which can be a really hard subject to read about (and I'm sure write about), but it is handled very lightly and the story comes across as sincere and legitimate. There are no gory details, but you still get the feelings through the characters to make it seem real.

Oh, and I just have to mention the ending. Lucky for me, I have the next book (After the Rain) already loaded onto my Kindle just waiting for me to finish writing this review so I can go pick up where the story left off...otherwise I might go crazy waiting to find out what happens!

I had some trouble with the lack of transition in changing of points of view in the first book, but in Healing Rain those issues had resolved; though the same writing voice was used, I thought this book was a bit smoother, the transitions more distinct, and I very much enjoyed the story. Thank you to the author for providing me with a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

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★★★★★Healing Rain by Karen-Anne Stewart (Rain Trilogy #2)

I was given this ARC in exchange for my honest review.

After reading Saving Rain, there was NO WAY I was missing book 2.

I don't even know where to begin with this one.

She was like...

Then he was like...

Then I was like...

Then...

But then...

And...

And my final thoughts...

Please...

Thanks to the author for the whiplash my emotions are giving me. I can't hardly contain myself waiting on book 3.

If I had to put it to words...

She was swooning all over the place.

Then he was panting at the sight of her.

Then I was fanning myself.

Only to start bawling my eyes out.

Oh no she did not just go there.

As I got to the end, my mouth was just hanging open

And my final thoughts, NO, NO, NO!

Please make it stop.

It's so unfair.

Flavs is Mrs David Gandy♥~♥' says

I received this book from the author for an honest review

This book was a continuation of the previous book

We ended Bk1 where Raina's father ran into her at the University and kind of beat her up again! She went home to Kas where he had a romantic evening planned for her and he proposed and she just had a run in with her father and he made all her fears come to life again!

So instead of telling him what happened and she thought she was protecting him and she ran!

Kas devastated as he thought they were progressing so nice in their relationship and then he found out that her father got to her and as we expect from our Hero he went after her and didn't take no for an answer.

For me this was an awesome story as this is what I expect happens after 'they lived happily ever after' Because in Bk2 Karen-Anne goes through how Kas and Raina handles their relationship (after they get married in a romantic Italy) and most importantly how Raina learns to depend on other people and to lend other people into her life to help her with what she went through in her childhood.

To me what was the climax of this story was when Raina finally had her 'meltdown/breakdown'. What I loved about Kas in this whole book was the fact that he never gave up on her and just showed you how much he loves her and how far he will go to make her happy not just physically happy but emotionally happy! And the fact that He never gave up on her.

I guess for people that have been abused it is hard to let people close to you cause you will always have that doubt about what will happen if they get angry or how they will cope with situations and deal with it. It's hard for you on the outside to understand what someone is going through who has been abused, so reading this book was a look into how to deal with someone who has been abused and how to make them feel happy in the life that they are living and to actually live the life that they are meant to live.

And in the midst of all these things that Raina is going through in the background we had the psychotic ex living in a delusional world that he can get her back...

I can't wait to read the 3rd book as the second one ends on a cliffhanger...

Katie says

****Please note there will be spoilers for Saving Rain in this review****

I was apprehensive to read Healing Rain after finishing Saving Rain. I am so invested into Raina and Kas, but couldn't think what would happen to her in book two. But of course curiosity got the better of me and I needed to know where Raina went and what Kas does to find her. Another fabulously written book by Ms Stewart and I will have to read After the Rain to find out more; I was left needing more.

Raina Kapture is on the run. Attempting to keep Kas safe from her father, she does the only thing she knows and tries to disappear. Safely on the plane, Raina gives in to her emotions and breaks down. She has never cried so much in her life, her heart is thoroughly broken.

Kas is broken also, but determined to find Raina and discover the real reason she won't accept his proposal. Using all his contacts with the FBI, he locates her in a beautiful picturesque country a long way from home. With the help from Chase (Kas' BFF) they try to convince Raina that she is worth more than her father's threats. Will she return home with Kas? Will she agree to marry him?

Raina has started to receive anonymous phone calls and they are beginning to take their toll on her life. With final exams for college coming up, she needs to concentrate, the only problem is there are too many issues going on around her. Kas is travelling for work and trying to find the ring leader of the trafficking ring. Will they trust each other enough to share their burdens?

When Raina confronts her Father she knows there is only one solution and without Kas knowing what she has planned, trouble is imminent. Will Raina survive?

Chris Sutton is Raina's ex and currently behind bars for attacking her, but with his release coming up this just adds another level of stress to her life. Will Chris stay away?

I actually enjoyed Healing Rain more than Saving Rain. There seemed to be more intensity and more love; plus the fantastic writing style of Ms Stewart. The ending.....oh dear, I am certainly left needing to read book three, After the Rain. It was fantastic to see Raina grow in confidence and resolve, her determined love for Kas was admirable. I highly recommend this thrilling series to all new adult readers.

Tracy says

After reading book 1 'Saving Rain' I was so excited to start on book 2, and I wasn't disappointed. This book started straight from where the last one finished with Raina running away from her problems.....

Raina - 'Just let me go, I can't be who you want, who you need. I'm not good for you'

Raina was even more broken at first in this book, thinking she will ruin everything! I loved that she was finally starting to build her confidence in book 1, but then it all crashed and she was back to square one, although 'crying' was her breakthrough, I felt the tears myself (surprised I didn't bawl like a baby!). Slowly again Kas came to the rescue :-). She really showed us what she was made of though!

Kas, oh my, can he get any more perfect?!? He went after her like a knight in shining armor!! He is such a protective, strong man, he really suits Raina and he is definitely what she needs to move on with her life. He did upset me a bit in this book simply because he saw something that was something else (I really don't want to reveal what it was), but all was revealed :-)

Kas - "whatever hurts you, hurts me"

I found it really hard to put this book down, I was literally tearing myself away when life needed me lol. I didn't think it was possible to feel so attached to characters, I feel all of Raina's and Kas's emotions while reading, and I am still thinking about them when I'm not reading. I really like all the members of Kas's team, especially because they all treat Raina like their kid sister, Chase still holds that place in my heart ;-). I'm glad we got to see what was going on with Chris too, and how that was dealt with along with the continuing chase of the elusive 'ghost'. You might want to grab the tissues for this book too, at times it's heart wrenching :-(. So after that mean cliffhanger I am so looking forward to October when 'After The Rain' comes out!

I was sent this book by Karen-Anne Stewart (Author) in exchange for my honest review.

Karla McCaffrey says

I received a copy of Healing Rain in exchange of an honest review

First and foremost I'd like to thank Karen-Anne Stewart for allowing me to read this book. I was fortunate enough to win a copy of Saving Rain (Book 1) and was completely surprised by the cliffhanger. Now, after reading Healing Rain, I have to say that Mrs. Stewart has done it again. Just when I thought things were going better....BOOM! The book ends on a MAJOR CLIFFHANGER! Mrs. Stewart seems to be good at this. :)

I was very happy to find out that book 2 picks up right where book 1 ended. Kas' love for Raina is visible from the very beginning of this book as well. It's obvious he will go through any measures to make sure his girl is safe. Even if he has to do things he doesn't like. I love that we get to see Kas' inner struggles when it comes to dealing with Rain. He is determined to save his "darlin" and show her that she IS worth it.

Rain's demons are just as bad (maybe even worse) in Healing Rain. Chapter 25 was not only one of the hardest chapters for me to read, but ironically enough it is also my favorite. Through out the whole book I held my breath and waited....and waited....and waited for the breakdown. I know someone who has been through as much as Rain has is bound to break down sooner or later. I was finally able to breathe when it happened. Just like Kas said, I hate that it happened but I'm glad it did. This chapter was beautifully put together.

One last thing I want to mention is the unexpected reappearance of one of the characters in Saving Rain I thought we saw the end of Chris when he was arrested. I was really surprised to read several sections from his POV as well. I liked it. It shows just how sick and demented he truly is. I can't wait to read what happens next.

Really....I can't. What am I going to do? I need to know how this trilogy ends! Sooner rather than later!

Poet Gentleness says

Again, Karen-Anne gifts us with an Alpha-macho that is not a brute, but a sweet hero: **KAS** has it all and something more!!

After the huge cliffhanging of Saving Rain, Healing Rain picks up exactly where the 1st stopped.

In the same way of the first book of the trilogy, Karen-Anne treats touchy subjects as children's abuse and human trafficking with carefulness and generosity, not shocking the reader with unnecessary graphic details or descriptions, but giving us the needy information to keep turning the pages as the night passes away and morning light finds us awake, rooting for Kas and Raina.

Although some may have issues with the subjects treated in this book, which I don't, as a lawyer, who have worked many years with abused women and children, **I can fairly say that this emotional roller-coaster romance is worth reading and thinking about.**

I'll not repeat the plot as there are already many reviews that did it, **but I have to make a point in saying that Chris's POV shows how an abuser is pervert and sick; It is not nice to have a stalker and a beater near you; There is no fun for a woman to be humiliated, and it's not a turn-on as many think.**

A JOB WELL DONE!

I'll be picking the next book asap! I need to know how this story ends!

Linda says

I received this book in exchange for an honest review.

This is the second book in the Rain series. I love these books! They have a fabulous plot, well developed characters and the way the subject matter is handled is very sensitive to the subject matter.

The book begins where the first, Saving Rain, left off right after Raina has left Kas because she felt she would ruin him like her father said. Raina has fled to Italy to try to escape the pain of leaving Kas. However

Kas knows that he loves her and wants to fight for her, especially after finding out about her father finding her. After they find their way back to each other they return home to continue working to bring down the human trafficking ring. They are still trying to track down Prizak, the ghost, who is the mastermind of the trafficking ring. Unfortunately Chris, Raina's abusive ex-boyfriend who is in jail for attacking her, has continued to obsess over her and taunt her from prison. Raina's father also makes an unfortunate reappearance, but necessary to the story, in this book. Throughout the book Raina continues her long road to healing herself with the help of Kas and his love.

This book has excellent plot twists and turns. The relationship between Raina and Kas continues to evolve and strengthen even through the many ups and downs that they face. Raina is such a dynamic and strong character who continues to battle her past demons to grow into herself. Kas is a truly amazing character who has so much love and devotion for Raina.

Sometimes series books don't always live up the first book but Healing Rain is not one of those. The second book grips you from the first page and doesn't let go until the end. This book is suspenseful, heart breaking at times, romantic, and even has a steamy scene or two.

I can't wait to read the final book, After the Rain, and see what happens. I would and have recommended this series to anyone over 18.
