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Madison Bailey's friendship with Logan Delaney was complicated. An underlying attraction made it hard to ignore his devastating good looks and easy charm, but Madison was determined to remain strictly platonic. Their history together made it impossible for her to consider anything more.

What she didn't count on was the possibility of losing Logan completely. Opening her heart and taking a chance with him could mean dizzying happiness or shattering regret. And regret was one emotion that Madison knew all too well.

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Shel says

I didn't really like this one, which sucks because I love this author :/

Patricia says

"Nobody is perfect and people make mistakes" must be your constant mantra in order for you to finish this book.

I think it's fair to say that Madison and Logan have an intense connection. I had no doubt that Kolee would deliver when it came the intimate, blush worthy sex scenes. You can skip the sex scenes and dirty talk (as I did in parts) and still walk away knowing that Madison and Logan's chemistry will always be electrifying and hot as a thousand suns. However, this book isn't only about lust, at least that's what I thought until I kept reading.

My issue was my inability to empathize for the character's frustration, sadness and most especially the choices (mistakes) they make. I felt that Kolee didn't create a solid foundation for the protagonist's relationship prior to Chicago. Since there was no backstory, as time went on, the character development of Madison and Logan took a nose dive as the story unfolded, leaving me more convinced that these two will do each other more harm than good.

Giving Madison and Logan a foundation instills us with the understanding we need to keep rooting for them despite their internal conflicts, selfishness and lack of self control. I understand that their bad decisions doesn't make them bad people (just hormonal, conflicted idiots) but without a supporting backstory in addition to an unstable present, characters with no remorse is exactly what they came off to be. Chapter after chapter of tug of war created for a rather predictable and impatient read since neither of the characters changed in the process.

In the end, I hoped that Madison would've been strong enough to accept that they just aren't meant to be. Not only is it a more believable outcome, but it would've showed change (maturity), opening up the possibility that there is a chance for a real future between them.

Nerissa says

Spoilerish:

A decent read. But be warned: the first book i recommend but the second book is not well written and is lacking.

Big gripe is that he doesn't grovel after his behaviour with Ella and on his return. Also, the guy cheated on other women twice... not really boyfriend material. Even though each time he was breaking up with the girlfriend, it still shows a lack of respect and regard for the soon to be ex that he didn't break it up before he

got it on with the h. He will do the same to her if he ever gets to the point of wanting to end things.

His behaviour when she asked for one last chance and then upon his return a year later was abhorrent. Lost all respect for him.

Also, i'm all for dirty talk but I'm not into name calling during sex. Really ruined those other wise hot scenes for me.

seton says

Genre: CR

Is this a serial? Yes, book 2 will be out in Feb 2014.

This book was a mess.

Initially, I thought it was a friends-to-lovers romance, then halfway thru I get the whole messy, complicated backstory between H/h which involved cheating and backstabbing best friends. Unlike most readers, I dont necessarily mind cheating in my angsty reads but when they keep REPEATING the cheating, I realize that they are just selfish assholes and that is when I am DONE.

Except for a minor friend character, nobody was likable in this book. In fact, everyone - except for that friend - could be called crazy or mentally ill. Characters turned on a dime like feral animals. All to serve the plot.

The writing was incredibly heavy-handed. You could hear the Da-da-dum-DUM at the end of each chapter. When I think fucking hair-pulling Thoughtless is a better cheating book, then I know it's dire.

Do I even have to say that I wont be reading the second bk?

Fyrephoenix says

Don't bother

Geri Reads says

2.5 stars

This book was one of my in-between reads. I have to admit though I liked the first part of this book. Hell, I loved the premise of this book especially with what happened with her best friend. But after that, it just started to get annoying. The characters started to get on my nerves and the plot just went nowhere, and this book ended up as one of my most frustrating reads ever.

Madison and Logan's relationship have always been complicated. She likes him and saw him first but instead of dating her, Logan dated her best friend instead. I can understand this since Logan met both of them

separately and while Madison certainly felt some connection with Logan, Logan doesn't seem to give her a second thought.

I can even forgive both of them for what they did especially since they seemed to be torn up about it. But seriously, the whole situation came up again, with different characters this time, and again, and again. It became recycled drama.

The whole we-can't-be-together-because-it-felt-like-I'm-betraying-my-best friend situation got old quickly. And both the MCs reacted the same way over and over again, with immaturity. They never learned the first time or the second time. They went on to repeat the same mistakes over and over again, it became annoying. It wasn't fun to read anymore.

Ann says

2.5 stars, and as custom, rounded up to 3 for the purposes of this review. Too much angst, and bad decisions bringing about bad consequences causing so much unnecessary drama that it took out a lot of the fun of reading the book.

STORY BRIEF: While Madison and Logan are "just friends". Circumstances occur where it is revealed that their friendship is only a charade, but a real relationship seems out the question. When the choice is being true to your feelings or holding on to the past, it seems to Madison that neither choice comes without pain or regret.

MY THOUGHTS: I wanted to enjoy this book- I really enjoyed 'Fated' by the same author, and was naturally looking forward to this one.

However, the characters turned out to be more dislikeable than likable, with both the hero and heroine making choices to preserve their pride, then turning around and regretting them without thinking deeply about the consequences in the first place. At that point, their other choices just made it worse, going from rash, to ethically and morally questionable, to downright cruel.

(view spoiler)

To me, one of the most interesting parts of the story is left in the sequel, which surprises me, and also disappoints me, as if the author had included the subplot in, the story might have taken a better direction and been much more enjoyable and fulfilling. Instead it's melodrama.

There were certain steps where Madison made an attempt to talk to Logan and communicate her problems with him which I liked. The times they didn't talk, and the one where Logan went off in a big huff, to put in mildly made me scratch my head, as it seemed inconsistent with his earlier actions and statements.

IN CONCLUSION: I wanted to like this, but the decisions and actions made by both characters to preserve their pride, just soured the experience for me. If you can handle (view spoiler), you may like the book.

I'm undecided as to whether I'll be picking up the sequel- as long as the series isn't extended beyond one more book, I'm hoping that the series redeems itself as a whole.

Lacie says

I don't like the feeling in stomach after reading this. Book 2 now please.

Zeinab Dh says

I chose to read and review this book I found that it was a nice ok story about a lot of issues that some of us face in real life and a lot of lessons that some of us need to learn and be better in certain areas of our lives. I like the main and second characters their ways of interacting but felt like could have been better. I felt like Madison and Logan could have done better than what was said felt like too much of one thing that could have been said one time and bye bye still enjoyable

Quinn says

I really love S.H. Kolee and the way she writes, but I hated the characters in this book. The characters had no moral values, and they will only get together when they are in relationships with someone else. Makes no sense. Sequel? Please, no. The sequel should be for Love Left Behind. That was a really good book with lovable characters.

Whine says

Depressing

buzy_reading says

I do not like how Madison feels she is betraying Cassie. I do not like how Madison does not feel worthy or good enough. It's depressing to read how insecure and unstable Madison is. I can't get emotionally attached to a character like this.

I feel bad for Logan being trapped in this deceptive life that Cassie's family created and the trapped life Madison created. Let your fears go and give into the happiness you deserve. I want to scream this to Madison.

I'm not a fan of weak minded people. This story is repeating itself. The same situation that occurred in the past is reoccurring again. It's tiring re-reading the same guilt and betrayal Madison has. Move forward already. What about Cassie's betrayal to Madison. She never disclosed to her why she was depressed nor did she inform her that Logan tried to break up with her and that she would not allow it.

Come on Madison don't flatter yourself. Don't put Cassie's issues onto your guilty conscience. The truth is out there. This story is not progressing. As long as the past keeps Madison carrying a guilty conscience she is unable to move forward. At this point I'm skimming through the story. Shut up Madison. You overthink everything. Just enjoy the moment.

Madison needs to seek therapy. Everything Logan says is true and she is still hiding behind her fears. Truer words have never been written when Madison says, "it's painful how much I love you". It's actually just as painful to read. Their guilt for cheating and wrongfully hurting innocent people while claiming to form a loving relationship is exhausting. Too much guilt in this relationship. At this point they both need therapy. I really no longer care what happens to them. They deserve each other.

Diana's says

Gahhh how did I not know this had a sequel?

And that it ends somewhat abruptly?

Now the waiting begins!!!

Ashley says

This was an angsty read. Not always in a good way.

Both of our main characters make immature, stupid decisions repeatedly. They alternate between being insanely in love with each other and hurting each other. Sometimes they hurt each other on purpose.

To be honest, I thought their relationship was pretty unhealthy and dysfunctional. They each would have probably been better off moving on from each other for good. Then they may have been able to have healthy, sustainable relationships with other people.

This definitely isn't my favorite book of S.H. Kolee's. But it did provide the emotional roller coaster that I've come to expect from her work.

DeAnna says

I have read all of S.H. Kolee's other books and enjoyed all of them, so I was really excited when I came across this one. I didn't even know about it beforehand, so it was like a surprise treat. Unfortunately, I could only bring myself to give it two stars. I really wanted to like it and I did read the whole book, hoping it would redeem itself at some point. The first half was ok...but once I got to the middle I was just so irritated with the main characters that I almost wanted to just stop and walk away. There was nothing endearing about any of these characters that made you root for them or helped you even understand why they make all the stupid decisions they make. I just felt frustrated and kept thinking, "come on, really?" I did drudge through the rest and was just left feeling, "meh" about the whole thing. To me, it felt like the whole story was very forced. The sex towards the end of the book was terrible and almost made me uncomfortable to read (and trust me, I don't have a problem with sexy scenes). It actually felt demeaning by the constant "I'm your slut" mantra. There was nothing sexy about it. I really do like all of this authors other books but I highly doubt I will read the rest of this series. I will check out any other new books/series by this author.

