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**Her fiance doesn't want her anymore. Her new neighbor would do anything to have her.**

From the outside, Alyssa has the perfect life. Beautiful apartment. Handsome high school sweetheart. Impending wedding.

Only her fiance doesn't love her anymore. He disappears into work, leaving her alone with her emptiness.

Until Luke. The brooding lawyer needs a beautiful distraction. Soft lips against his chest, hard nails against his back, Alyssa groaning his name.

He doesn't care that she belongs to someone else. He's going to claim her anyway.

## **Come Undone: A Love Triangle Details**

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## **From Reader Review Come Undone: A Love Triangle for online ebook**

### **Brigitte says**

This book isn't so much of a love triangle, rather accepting a marriage proposal out of obligation and fear of going back to the old ways! Emotional blackmail.

Ryan and Alyssa are or were good friends before dating each other. He is always there when needed. He doesn't hesitate to point out this fact to Alyssa whenever he wants to get his way. Taking her on guilty trips. She accepts everything he throws at her as he knows best. He is always right! Is it the right path for a relationship?

Anyway, the night that he proposes, he expects a positive reply and just like that, she is engaged. Instead of celebrating their engagement, he returns to the office after taking an urgent call. Everything is an emergency! This is the first time that Alyssa sets eyes on sexy Luke, his partner. There is an instant spark between them and one thing leads to another. The problem is Alyssa is still engaged and keeps on misleading Luke. Can she or will she ever break away from Ryan and give Luke a chance?

As hard as I tried, I found it hard to take to Alyssa. Granted, she had her problems and Ryan helped her. Now, she is stuck in a loveless relationship and is selfish enough to lead Luke on. Ryan might well love her in his own way, but staying at the office late, seven days a week isn't what a relationship is about. He sees her as arm candy and shows her off whenever the need arises. She goes along with it and more or less does what he demands. Luke who is my favourite character is stuck in the middle. He has all good intentions, but unfortunately cannot and doesn't speak for Alyssa. I can't say that I like Ryan and Alyssa, but thankfully she comes to her senses and does the right thing.

The story itself is well written, but I don't like the storyline. It also touches on the delicate subject of eating disorders which is the reason why Ryan behaves the way he does. All in all, a good read, but not one of my favourites.

I was kindly issued with an eARC and the views expressed are my personal opinion.

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### **Dawn Walsh says**

I received an advanced copy of this manuscript and am voluntarily leaving an honest review. Alyssa is an actress who has been struggling in life, her high school sweetheart has proposed and she should be happy, but she is not. Then she meets Luke, he is her fiance's business partner but she has an instant attraction. Kaswell does an amazing job at telling Alyssa's story and I highly recommend it! I couldn't put it down, I had to know how it was going to end.

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### **Brooke Ridiner says**

**This literally made me “Come Undone”!**

I love all things CK and knew I wanted to read this book no matter what, despite how different it may be from most of her work.

Holy hell, y'all, I could not possibly love this book anymore than I do in this moment.

Luke and Alyssa are purely amazing together.

She's complicated, damaged even, bound by practically emotionless Ryan, and fearful.

He's been dealt a crappy broken heart (how dare someone cause him an ounce of pain!) and is honestly still figuring out how to forgive and love himself. You'll find that they heal each other in the sweetest way. A love the flourishes by just being seen and heard and listened to (oh and all that hot fun stuff lol).

Maybe I'm overly emotional... but I cried when I finished. Yeah, okay, and a couple times throughout the book. They're just so sweet!

I'm notorious for falling in love with the leading man and Luke was no different, thank God.

Ryan, who's Ryan? Forget him.

Learn that guilt, fear, and obligation aren't what makes a relationship.

Feel what it's like to experience kindness, compassion, and pure wholehearted love.

Read "Come Undone" and you'll understand.

And after you've finished, go take a look at the beautiful bad boys we've all come to love thanks to Crystal!

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### **Andrea says**

Come Undone, by Crystal Kaswell, is described as a love triangle. I see it as a love quadrangle. Ryan and Luke want Alyssa, but there are two Alyssas. The Alyssa with little self-esteem, little or no love left in her relationship and the fear that it's never going to change. The Alyssa who flirts, finds enjoyment in literature and movies, is proud to be an actress and has desires. Which incarnation will become the real Alyssa! Each of us has a Ryan in our lives. That cold, dark, lonely place our mind goes when self-doubt creeps in. When our choices feel wrong and we look to someone else to make decisions. And then, it becomes so much more than decisions this person desires to control. That black place where only the light of a Luke can find us and bring us back into our life as it was meant to be. From the beginning, this book is a long, slow, serious seduction set against that place in hell that Alyssa has lived for years. Her high school boyfriend, Ryan, was with her as she fell into the throes of bulimia and "saved her life." She tells herself this is true because HE tells her that it's true. Ryan has usurped all of her personal responsibility and decision-making. He lives to control her by not allowing her to live. What to eat, when to eat, how to dress, how to serve as his arm candy, orders to stay away from all fats and foods "not good for you" and, worse, to keep you from your future. He made me seethe with anger and little hope for redemption. Luke is that person I want in my life. A friend, confidante, cheerleader and lover who thinks I'm beautiful just the way I am. More importantly, I make him happy and he makes me feel alive! Alyssa just about lost it all when she starts to become what she hates. She hurts Luke and can't admit the truth of her own inability to confront Ryan. Just how much of her essence has Ryan stolen from her! With little time before Luke walks out of her life for good, it's now or never for Alyssa to come to terms with her mind and her heart. A brilliant ending brings reality full circle and it's such a thrill to see everyone get what they deserve! This is an automatic re-read for me!

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### **freddiemercurysdaughter1987 says**

Goodness this book took me on a journey...

There were times I couldn't put it down and then times I had to step away for personal reasons. I loved that all the characters were real and honest and flawed. Your "hero" wasn't perfect and he wasn't her knight in shining armor because the heroine wouldn't let him be her scapegoat and I really appreciated that.

I don't usually enjoy love triangles because I'm really against cheating obviously, bc personally I'm one of those people when I'm done I'm done and I just end it. I feel like if you know in your brain that you're not attracted or in love with your SO anymore and want to explore other options just be fair and end it don't drag it on. Of course in this story that wasn't an option because our heroine had other circumstances in her life that made her want to stay and work it out with the person she had been with. And the way Crystal went about writing that and explaining her recovery and struggles made you really understand why she felt this undying loyalty. I also appreciated that it was obvious from the get go that the two had been basically living as roommates for quite a long time. I was also grateful that Alyssa never actually has sex with Ryan after she started sleeping with Luke. I believe that made me route for Alyssa and Luke even more.

It was also amazing to see that once Alyssa decided she was on the fence she moved out to put space between her and Ryan, I don't like it when a character stays in the same house even though they "need space" it marks the journey for me.

All in all this was amazing and way outside the spectrum we've seen from Crystal but it did not disappoint.

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### **Kathryn Manzella says**

A fantastic story of a girl stuck between two men. The one who seemed to always be there but may not be the best for her after all, and the new one that sparks new life in her and makes her feel alive again.

I love Alyssa and Luke - they have that steam level on high but also have a bond that is sweet and meaningful. This story is well written, entertaining and satisfying.

I received an advanced reader's copy of the book and I am voluntarily leaving my honest review and recommendation.

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### **Cat says**

Even though I really did love this story, it was a very difficult one for me to read, as I related so much with Alyssa's demons, her battle with an eating disorder is one I have fought all my life. So I was actually afraid to open the book and find out what it had in store, but I pushed my fears aside because I love Crystal's writing and knew she would do it justice.

I am really glad I did, because although it was very emotional I found it helpful.

This is a Love triangle, and usually I find them incredibly frustrating and hate the cheating element. But it

was so clear in my mind who I wanted Alyssa to spend the rest of her life with.

Torn between her Fiance Ryan and his business partner Luke, as you can imagine things get messy. Alyssa is an Actress who has been in treatment and away from her acting career for a long time. This is a story of her taking back control of her life and getting her independence back, and falling in Love properly with someone who wants her and supports her. Instead of controlling her.

I actually enjoyed this book it was intelligently written Beautiful and Raw.. I wish I had a Luke in my life.. A very compelling read. I highly recommend it

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### **Justine Schauer (Book Catharsis) says**

#### **Happiness is the best medicine**

I don't even know if this qualifies as a love triangle. More like a distraction triangle. Alyssa is facing the loss of her fiancé, but also her best friend since high school, her security and her expected future. Struggling with an eating disorder had already cost her a job, her friends and her family. Now a huge, sexy, tattooed complication is added to the fray. You can actually feel her confusion, her panic and her desperation. She thinks she's weak for having problems, but she doesn't realize she's strong for getting through them. I was so proud of her when she took that back from Ryan and didn't let him claim all of the credit for her recovery. He may have been there, but she was the one actually doing it. Ryan was honestly probably holding her back from a full recovery by setting unhealthy expectations and degrading her as a person. I'm so happy she found someone who would truly support her instead of control her and love her instead of use her. Happiness will be the best medicine for her. They both deserve it!

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### **Sheila Schoenauer says**

I have to be honest, this book wasn't easy for me. I've never been a fan of love triangles, especially when it comes to cheating. Though I do appreciate the fact that Alyssa did admit that nothing happened between her and Luke until Ryan and her took a break. I DID NOT like Ryan. He was controlling and manipulative. All he seemed to want was a beautiful woman on his arms who would do and say what he wanted so he could get more clients. He never really seemed to care about what Alyssa wanted or felt. He never even listened to her! I liked Luke. He wanted Alyssa to be happy and to enjoy life. I felt so bad for him and how she kept stringing him along, especially after hearing his story. I had mixed feelings about Alyssa. I wanted her to be stronger, to have a backbone. While I truly enjoy this authors wrote it wasn't my favorite. I love her brooding bad boys and these two just didn't do it for me. They worked together while hating each other. They just seemed to use each other, and while I'm sure there are plenty of companies out there like that, I didn't really care to read about it. This won't stop me from reading more by this author though. \*I voluntarily read an advanced copy of this book for my honest and unbiased review.\*

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### **Valeen Robertson (Live Thru Books Blog) says**

Alyssa's just received a proposal from her best friend, the man she loves. But, is she in love with him? Does he truly make her happy? Is he truly good for her? Or is she just holding on to what he was once for her, to

her? That same night of the proposal, he rushes her out of the restaurant to his law firm - yet another emergency. He can't even spend the time to celebrate their engagement. But that's OK because he's not the romantic type, right? And then she meets his partner, Luke. Hot, tattooed Luke, to whom she's immediately attracted. And you can probably see the writing on the wall just from that sentence. I could, but it didn't stop me from being entertained by *Come Undone*.

I have to say that *Come Undone* is a departure from Crystal Kaswell's usual writing. It's still excellent, angsty, and sexy, but Luke isn't really her usual type of hero and Alyssa definitely is not her usual heroine. Alyssa is really the main reason why I couldn't give this 5 stars. She drove me bonkers with her wishy washy attitude, stringing Luke along. The cheating part didn't really bother me, as it was kind of a Ross & Rachel situation and her fiancé was a complete and total douchebag who deserved everything bad that came his way. Not that cheating is OK, though I get where Alyssa was coming from in that situation. BUT, she should have just left him completely before she ever started anything with Luke. Then she wouldn't have been stringing Luke along and her fiancé wouldn't have had any reason to come down on her about anything. Anyway...as much as Alyssa irritated me, I loved the rest of this story, especially Luke. What can I say? Tall, tattooed up men with hearts of gold are my jam!

*ARC via author for an honest review.*

Full review posted on *Live Through Books Blog*.

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### **Jenn Allen says**

Wow!! I was biting my nails the entire read! Alyssa has struggles, she's strong in some ways and weak in others but is working to change that. I felt for her, loved the bits of pain and struggle she had. The push and pull, ups and downs with both Ryan and Luke kept me completely on edge and I loved every second of it. A great read, characters that I really enjoyed and a story that grabbed hold of me.

I received a copy of this book and am voluntarily leaving an honest review.

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### **Anna Aurora says**

It was very different than I expected. First of all, I love the book cover. The story was written in much darker tones and I don't always like it (you need to be in the "mood to read stuff like that), but this was written so well. I enjoyed the story and how things were unfolding. Alyssa's life and love life is worth reading. If you like not sugar-coated stories, but raw and real ones then you will love this one!

Disclaimer-It does talk about toxic relationship and an eating disorder. If you are triggered by things like this, better skip this one.

4/5 stars

I received an advanced copy of this manuscript and am voluntarily leaving an honest review.

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## **Argie says**

### **Not my favorite**

I wanted to love it like I do with Crystal's other books, but this one just didn't do it for me, granted I am not a fan of cheating whether IRL or in book. I couldn't connect with Alyssa. I understand the self image issues and lack of self confidence because of her body dysmorphia that lead to her bulimia. But at a certain point I couldn't understand how she chose to stay with her fiance with his controlling, manipulative ways. I understand loving someone because of history and being with you through hard times but when a relationship no longer works and when you are aware there are issues why would you say yes to the proposal to begin with then to cheat instead of ending the relationship just doesn't make sense to me. But humans are flawed and Crystal showed that with all of the characters in this book. As always, the chemistry between characters is always off the charts so Crystal did not disappoint with that. Overall a decent book not my favorite, Alyssa and Ryan aggravated me. If this is your first Crystal Kaswell book I would pass and start with one of her other books

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## **Anna says**

Crystal says this isn't like her other books but to me it is everything I expect from a book she writes. There's angst, passion, conflicting desires...it is exactly what I am looking for in a book with her name on it. I will reinforce the trigger warnings of this book. The heroine has an eating disorder and that plays a large part of her thought processes. She also is not happy with the man she sees as her rescuer. Ryan is not the hero. Alyssa finds herself engaged but not enthused about it at the beginning of the book. And then she meets Luke, Ryan's law partner. Little did she expect he would start a fire inside her. She is trying to find herself again. She is struggling to not let her disorder destroy her future or her life. She has known Ryan since high school. He has saved her repeatedly. But they, not just her, aren't happy. Luke has his own issues. It is a heart-wrenching journey to a happier place. I love the angst. I love the passion. I simply loved it! I received a review copy. I am voluntarily leaving an honest review.

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## **Melissa Sagastume says**

If you've read any of Crystal's books in the past, you'll know this one is a bit different than her normal books. While the book may be different, it still carries the touch of Crystal's writing. You still have that heartfelt feel and she still tackles tough subjects. I love when authors tackle tough subject but she's my favorite author who does it so well. Yes, this book is a bit different but in a way, we get to see a whole new side to her style. It makes me appreciate her writing so much more. Onto my review, Alyssa life is a bit of a mess. She's coming out of recovery, she's engaged to her high school sweetheart but something is off with her. She's tired of Ryan controlling her life and not really caring. She's not sure if she's in love with because he's been with her through all of her downfalls and feels that she owes him or because she really cares. There's no passion with them two and he's a jerk. I wanted to punch him several times in the book. Luke is Ryan's business partner and Alyssa's new love interest. From the moment they met, she's instantly attracted to him. There's something about him that's alluring. He encourages her, challenges her, makes her reevaluate things. The story is well written and a great read. I couldn't give this book a full five stars simply because

there was something Alyssa that kept throwing me off. Overall a great book. I give this book 4.25 stars. It's really great.

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